SECTION 32 13 18 - CEMENT AND CONCRETE FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

A. Materials for portland cement concrete

B. Aggregate and aggregate grading for portland cement concrete

C. Water for portland cement concrete

D. Admixtures for portland cement concrete

E. Proportioning for portland cement concrete

F. Mixing and transporting portland cement concrete

G. Formwork for cast in place portland cement concrete

H. Embedded materials for portland cement concrete

I. Steel reinforcement for portland cement concrete

J. Placing and finishing portland cement concrete

K. Curing portland cement concrete

L. Protecting portland cement concrete

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

A. Section 32 12 16, Asphalt Paving

B. Section 32 13 13, Concrete Pavement

1.3 RELATED DOCUMENTS

A. ASTM Standards
   1. A615, Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
   2. A1064, Standard Specification for Carbon-Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete
   3. C94, Standard Specification for Ready-mixed Concrete
   4. C150, Standard Specification for Portland Cement
   5. C260, Standard Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
   6. C309, Standard Specification for Liquid Membrane-Forming Compounds for Curing Concrete
   7. C494, Standard Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete.

8. C618, Standard Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for use in Portland Cement
9. C1017, Standard Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete
10. D1557, Standard Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort
11. D1751, Standard Specification for Preformed Expansion Joint Filler for Concrete Paving and Structural Construction (Nonextruding and Resilient Bituminous Types)

B. Caltrans Standard Specifications, 2018
1. Section 51: Concrete Structures
2. Section 73: Concrete Curbs and Sidewalks
3. Section 90: Concrete

1.4 DEFINITIONS

A. ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials

1.5 SUBMITTALS

A. Concrete Mix Design: Have all concrete mixes designed by a testing laboratory and approved by the Consulting Engineer. Conform all mixes to the applicable building code requirement, regardless of other minimum requirements listed herein or on the Plans. Submit mix designs for review before use. Show proportions and specific gravities of cement, fine and coarse aggregate, and water and gradation of combined aggregates.

B. Reinforcing Steel Shop-Drawings

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Concrete shall be subject to quality assurance in accordance with Section 90 of the Caltrans Standard Specifications.
1. Slump tests: Have available, at job site, equipment required to perform slump tests. Make one slump test for each cylinder sample, from same concrete batch. Allowable maximum slump shall be 4 inches for walls and 3 inches for slabs on grade and other work.

B. Certifications:
1. Provide Owner's Representative at the time of delivery with certificates of compliance signed by both Contractor and Supplier containing the following statements:
a. Materials contained comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents in all respects.
b. Proportions and mixing comply with the design mix approved by the Consulting Engineer. Design mix shall have been field tested in accordance

with the herein requirements of the Caltrans Standard Specifications and produces the required compressive strength under like conditions.

c. Statement of type and amount of any admixtures.

2. Provide Owner's Representative, at time of delivery, with certified delivery ticket stating volume of concrete delivered and time of mixing, or time of load-out in case of transit mixers.

1.7 DESIGNATION

A. General: Whenever the 28 day compressive strength is designated herein or on the Plans is 3,600 psi or greater, the concrete shall considered to be designated by compressive strength. The 28 day compressive strength shown herein or on the plans which are less than 3,600 psi are shown for design information only and are not considered a requirement for acceptance of the concrete. Whenever the concrete is designated by class or as minor concrete herein or on the Plans, the concrete shall contain the cement per cubic yard shown in Section 90-2 of the Caltrans Standard Specifications.

B. Unless specified otherwise herein or on the Plans, portland cement concrete for curbs, gutters, sidewalks and their appurtenances such as island paving, curb ramps and driveways, shall be minor concrete as specified in Section 90-2 of the Caltrans Standard Specifications.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PORTLAND CEMENT

A. General: Type II or Type V cement conforming to the requirements of ASTM C150. Contractor may substitute pozzolan for portland cement in amounts up to 15% of the required mix unless high early strength concrete is specified. Pozzolan shall consist of Class F Fly Ash meeting the requirements of ASTM C618.

B. Color: Provide a coloring equivalent to ¼ pound of lampblack per cubic yard. Add to the concrete at the central mixing plant.

2.2 AGGREGATE AND AGGREGATE GRADATION

A. General: Fine and coarse aggregates shall be ¾ inch maximum size; clean and crushed aggregate free of materials which may cause staining. Aggregates shall conform to the requirements of section 90-1.02C of the Caltrans Standard Specifications.

B. Aggregate Size and Gradation: Conform to the requirements of section 90-1.02C(4)(d) of the Caltrans Standard Specifications for 1 inch maximum combined aggregate.

2.3 WATER

A. General: Water shall be clean, free from injurious amounts of oil, alkali, organic matter, or other deleterious material, and not detrimental to concrete per ASTM C94. Water shall conform to the requirements of section 90-1.02D of the Caltrans Standard

Specifications, for mixing and curing portland cement concrete and for washing aggregates.

2.4 CHEMICAL ADMIXTURES

A. Provide admixtures certified by manufacturer to be compatible with other admixtures and to contain no more than 0.1 percent water-soluble chloride ions by mass of cementitious material. Admixtures shall conform to the requirements of section 90-1.02E of the Caltrans Standard Specifications and as noted herein or on the Plans.
   1. Air-Entraining Admixture: ASTM C260/C260M
   2. Water-Reducing Admixture: ASTM C494/C494M, Type A
   3. Retarding Admixture: ASTM C494/C494M, Type B
   4. Water-Reducing and Retarding Admixture: ASTM C494/C494M, Type D
   5. High-Range, Water-Reducing Admixture: ASTM C494/C494M, Type F
   6. High-Range, Water-Reducing and Retarding Admixture: ASTM C494/C494M, Type G
   7. Plasticizing and Retarding Admixture: ASTM C1017/C1017M, Type II

2.5 CLASSIFICATION OF PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

A. Unless specified otherwise herein or on the Plans, portland cement concrete for the following items shall be designated as follows:
   1. Curbs, Gutters, and Sidewalks: Minor concrete.
   2. Cast in Place Concrete Pipe: The concrete shall consist of a minimum of 564 pounds of portland cement per cubic yard of concrete.
   3. Thrust Blocks: The concrete shall have a minimum compressive strength of 3,000 psi.
   4. Sign and Fence Footings: The concrete shall consist of a minimum of 376 pounds of portland cement per cubic yard of concrete.
   5. Water, Storm, and Sanitary Structures: The concrete shall consist of a minimum of 564 pounds of portland cement per cubic yard of concrete.

2.6 EXPANSION JOINT MATERIAL

A. Material for expansion joints in portland cement concrete improvements shall be premolded expansion joint fillers conforming to the requirements of ASTM D1751. Expansion joint material shall be shaped to fit the cross section of the concrete prior to being placed. Suppliers certificates showing conformance with this specification shall be delivered with each shipment of materials delivered to the job site. Unless specified otherwise herein or on the Plans, expansion joint thickness shall be as follows:
   1. Concrete Slope Protection, Gutter Lining, Ditch Lining and Channel Lining: ½ inch
   2. Structures: As indicated

2.7 REINFORCEMENT AND DOWELS

A. Bar reinforcement for concrete improvements shall be deformed steel bars of the size or sizes called for on the plans conforming to the requirements of ASTM A615 for Grade 60 bars. Size and shape for bar reinforcement shall conform to the details shown or called for on the Plans. Substitution of wire mesh reinforcement for reinforcing bars will not be allowed.

B. Slip dowels, where noted or called for on the Plans or detail drawings shall be smooth billet-steel bars as designated and conforming to the requirements of ASTM A615 for Grade 60 bars. Ends of bars inserted in new work shall be covered with a cardboard tube sealed with cork; no grease or oil shall be used.

C. Mesh for reinforcement for concrete improvements shall be cold drawn steel wire mesh of the size and spacing called for on the plans conforming to the requirements of ASTM A1064. Size and extent of mesh reinforcement shall conform to the details shown or called for on the plans.

D. Tie wire for reinforcement shall be eighteen (18) gauge or heavier, black, annealed conforming to the requirements of ASTM A1064.

E. Suppliers certificates showing conformance with this specification shall be delivered with each shipment of materials delivered to the job site.

2.8 COLOR AND PATTERN FOR DECORATIVE SURFACES

A. Colors for decorative surfacing shall be CHROMIX admixtures as manufactured by the L. M. Scofield Company, Schedule A-312.05 or approved equal. The specific color shall be as designated or called for on the Plans.

B. Patterns for decorative surfacing shall be standard "Bomanite" patterns as copyrighted by the Bomanite Corporation of Palo Alto, California or equal. The specific pattern shall be as designated or called for on the Plans.

2.9 CURING AND SEALING MATERIALS

A. Curing Compounds:
   1. Concrete surface repellent-vertical and/or flatwork: Repello surface treatment, invisible chemical treatment barrier system.
   2. Curing and sealing-exterior: Colorcure concrete cureseal manufactured by L.M. Scofield Company or approved equal. Color-matched, water-based curing and sealing compound that complies with ASTM C309. =

2.10 FORMS

A. Conform to the requirements of Section 73-1.03C and Section 90-1.03B(5) of the Caltrans Standard Specifications.

B. Tolerance: Not to deviate more than ¼ inch in 10 feet in grade and alignment.

2.11 PRECAST CONCRETE STRUCTURES

A. Conform to the following Sections of Caltrans Standard Specifications:
   1. 51-7, Minor Structures
   2. 70-5.02, Flared End Sections

2.12 CONCRETE VEHICULAR PAVEMENT

A. General: See Section 32 13 13, Concrete Pavement.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 STRUCTURAL EXCAVATION

A. Structural excavation may be either by hand, or by machine and shall be neat to the line and dimension shown or called for on the plans. Excavation shall be sufficient width to provide adequate space for working therein, and comply with CAL-OSHA requirements.

B. Where an excavation has been constructed below the design grade, refill the excavation to the bottom of the excavation grade with approved material and compact in place to 95% of the maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D1557.

C. Remove surplus excavation material remaining upon completion of the work from the job site, or condition it to optimum moisture content and compact it as fill or backfill on the site.

3.2 BRACING AND SHORING

A. Conform to California and Federal OSHA requirements.

B. Place and maintain such bracing and shoring as may be required to support the sides of the excavations for the proper protection of workmen; to facilitate the work; to prevent damage to the facility being constructed; and to prevent damage to adjacent structures or facilities. Remove all bracing and shoring upon completion of the work.

C. Be solely responsible for all bracing and shoring and, if requested by the Owner’s Representative, submit details and calculations to the Owner’s Representative. The Owner’s Representative may forward the submittal to the Consulting Engineer for their review. The Contractor's submittal shall include the basic design, assumed soils conditions and estimation of forces to be resisted, together with plans and specifications of the materials and methods to be used, and shall be prepared by a civil engineer or structural engineer registered in California. No excavations related to the proposed facility shall precede a response to the submittal by the Owner’s Representative.

D. Be solely responsible for installing and extracting the sheathing in a manner which will not disturb the position or operation of the facility being constructed or adjacent utilities and facilities.

3.3 PLACING CONCRETE FORMS

A. Form concrete improvements with a smooth and true upper edge. Side of the form with a smooth finish shall be placed next to concrete. Construct forms rigid enough to withstand the pressure of the fresh concrete to be placed without any distortion.

B. Thoroughly clean all forms prior to placement and coat forms with an approved form oil in sufficient quantity to prevent adherence of concrete prior to placing concrete.

C. Carefully set forms to the alignment and grade established and conform to the required dimensions. Rigidly hold forms in place by stakes set at satisfactory intervals. Provide sufficient clamps, spreaders and braces to insure the rigidity of the forms.

D. Provide forms for back and face of curbs, lip of gutters and edge of walks, valley gutters or other surface slabs that are equal to the full depth of the concrete as shown, noted or called for on the Plans. On curves and curb returns provide composite forms made from benders or thin planks of sufficient ply to ensure rigidity of the form.

3.4 PLACING STEEL REINFORCEMENT

A. Bars shall be free of mortar, oil, dirt, excessive mill scale and scabby rust and other coatings of any character that would destroy or reduce the bond. All bending shall be done cold, to the shapes shown on the plans. The length of lapped splices shall be as follows:
   1. Reinforcing bars No. 8, or smaller, shall be lapped at least 45 bar diameters of the smaller bar joined, and reinforced bars Nos. 9, 10, and 11 shall be lapped at least 60 bar diameters of the smaller bars joined, except when otherwise shown on the plans.
   2. Splice locations shall be made as indicated on the plans.

B. Accurately place reinforcement as shown on the plans and hold firmly and securely in position by wiring at intersections and splices, and by providing precast mortar blocks or ferrous metal chairs, spacers, metal hangers, supporting wires, and other approved devices of sufficient strength to resist crushing under applied loads. Provide supports and ties of such strength and density to permit walking on reinforcing without undue displacement.

C. Place reinforcing to provide the following minimum concrete cover:
   1. Surfaces exposed to water: 4 inches.
   2. Surfaces poured against earth: 3 inches.
   3. Formed surfaces exposed to earth or weather: 2 inches.
   4. Slabs, walls, not exposed to weather or earth: 1 inch.

D. Minimum spacing, center of parallel bars shall be two and one half (2 ½) times the diameter of the larger sized bar. Accurately tie reinforcing securely in place prior to pouring concrete. Placing of dowels or other reinforcing in the wet concrete is not permitted.

3.5 MIXING AND TRANSPORTING PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

A. Transit mix concrete in accordance with the requirements of ASTM Designation C94. Transit mix for not less than ten (10) minutes total, not less than three (3) minutes of which shall be on the site just prior to pouring. Mix continuous with no interruptions from the time the truck is filled until the time it is emptied. Place concrete within one hour of the time water is first added unless authorized otherwise by the Owner's Representative.

B. Do not hand mix concrete for use in concrete structures.

3.6 PLACING PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

A. Thoroughly wet subgrade when concrete is placed directly on soil. Remove all standing water prior to placing concrete.

B. Do not place concrete until the subgrade and the forms have been approved.

C. Convey concrete from mixer to final location as rapidly as possible by methods that prevent separation of the ingredients. Deposit concrete as nearly as possible in final position to avoid re-handling.

D. Place and solidify concrete in forms without segregation by means of mechanical vibration or by other means as approved by the Owner's Representative. Continue vibration until the material is sufficiently consolidated and absent of all voids without causing segregation of material. The use of vibrators for extensive shifting of fresh concrete will not be permitted.

E. Concrete in certain locations may be pumped into place upon prior approval by the Owner's Representative. When this procedure requires redesign of the mix, such redesign shall be submitted for approval in the same manner as herein specified for approval of design mixes.

3.7 PLACING ACCESSORY MATERIALS

A. Place water stops and other items required to be embedded in of portland cement concrete structures at locations shown or required in accordance with Section 51-2.04 of the Caltrans Standard Specifications unless otherwise specifically noted or called for on the Plans.

B. Curing Compounds:
   1. Regular Portland Cement Concrete: Apply uniformly in continuous operation by power spray or roller according to manufacturer's written instructions. Recoat areas subjected to heavy rainfall within three hours after initial application. Maintain continuity of coating and repair damage during curing period.

3.8 FORM REMOVAL

A. Remove forms without damage to the concrete. Remove all shores and braces below the ground surface, before backfilling.

B. Do not backfill against concrete until the concrete has developed sufficient strength to prevent damage.

C. Leave forms for cast-in-place walls in place at least 72 hours after pouring.

D. Leave edge forms in place at least 24 hours after pouring.

3.9 DECORATIVE SURFACING CONSTRUCTION [REMOVE AND/OR MODIFY AS RELATED TO THE PROJECT AND AGENCY REQUIREMENTS]

A. Decorative surfacing concrete walks, concrete median islands or other installations shall be formed and placed as a concrete slab conforming to the details shown or noted on the Plans.

3.10 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Finish subgrade for concrete improvements shall be subject to approval prior to placement of forms.

B. No concrete shall be placed prior to approval of forms.

C. Concrete improvements constructed shall not contain "bird baths" or pond water and shall be smooth and ridge free.

D. Conform the finish grade and cross section of concrete improvements to the design grades and cross sections.

E. Variation of concrete improvements from design grade and cross section as shown or called for on the plans shall not exceed the tolerances ACI 117 and as follows:
   1. Elevation: ¼ inch.
   2. Thickness: Plus 3/8 inch, minus 1/4 inch.
   3. Surface: Gap below 10 foot long, unleveled straightedge not to exceed 1/4 inch.
   4. Lateral Alignment and Spacing of Tie Bars and Dowels: 1 inch.
   5. Vertical Alignment of Tie Bars and Dowels: 1/4 inch.
   6. Alignment of Tie-Bar End Relative to Line Perpendicular to Pavement Edge: 1/2 inch.
   7. Alignment of Dowel-Bar End Relative to Line Perpendicular to Pavement Edge: Length of dowel 1/4 inch per 12 inches.
   8. Joint Spacing: 3 inches, unless otherwise indicated.
   9. Contraction Joint Depth: Plus 1/4 inch, no minus.
   10. Joint Width: Plus 1/8 inch, no minus.

3.11 RESTORATION OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS

A. Replace in kind all pavement or other improvements removed or damaged due to the installation of concrete improvements.

B. Remove, landscaping or plantings damaged or disturbed due to the installation of concrete improvements. Replace in kind.

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