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SECTION 6 LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6-1 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Contractor shall be familiar and comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations which in any manner affect the Work, those engaged or employed in the Work or the material or equipment used in or upon the Work, or in any way affect the conduct of the Work. No pleas of misunderstanding of such laws, ordinances, codes, or regulations or of ignorance of the same on the part of the Contractor shall modify the provisions of the Contract. The Contractor and the Contractor's surety shall indemnify and save harmless the Agency and the Agency's officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, members, affiliates and their duly authorized representatives against any claim for liability arising from, or based upon, the violation of any such law, ordinance, regulation, decree, or order, whether by the Contractor or by the Contractor's employees.

The attention of the Contractor is directed to certain laws that affect the Contract. The listing of these laws in this Section is not to be construed as a listing of all applicable laws. The Contractor is solely responsible for familiarity and compliance with all applicable laws. Particular attention is called to the following:

6-1.01 Hours of Labor

Eight (8) hours of labor shall constitute a legal day's work and the Contractor or any Subcontractor under the Contractor, in the execution of the Contract, shall not require more than eight (8) hours of labor in any Calendar Day, and forty (40) hours of labor in any calendar week, from any person employed by the Contractor in the performance of the Work under the Contract, except as permitted under the provisions of Labor Code Sections 1810 to 1815 of the Labor Code of the State of California. The Contractor shall forfeit, as penalty to the Agency, twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each worker employed by the Contractor or any Subcontractor under the Contractor in the execution of the Contract for each Calendar Day during which any worker is required or permitted to labor more than eight (8) hours and for each calendar week during which any worker is required or permitted to labor more than forty (40) hours, in violation of the provisions of such Labor Code.

Overtime and shift work may be established by the Contractor with reasonable notice and the written permission of the Agency. No work other than overtime and shift work shall be done between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except such work as is necessary for the proper care and protection of work already performed or except in case of an emergency. Failure of the Contractor to perform the Work in accordance with this policy shall be cause for termination under Section 5-22, "Termination of Contract", of these Specifications.

6-1.02 Prevailing Wage

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770, the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages, including, but not limited to, overtime, Saturday, Sunday, and holiday work, travel and subsistence, as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773. Copies of such prevailing rate of per diem wages are available upon request at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Suite 2450, 700 'H' Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

The wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations refer to expiration dates. Prevailing wage determinations with a single asterisk (*) after the expiration date that are in effect on the date of Notice to Contractors remain in effect for the duration of the project. Prevailing wage determinations with double asterisks (**) after

the expiration date indicate that the basic hourly wage rate, overtime and holiday wage rates, and employer payments to be paid for work performed after this date have been determined. If work extends past this date, the new rate shall be paid and should be incorporated in contracts entered. The Contractor should contact the Department of Industrial Relations as indicated in the prevailing wage determinations to obtain predetermined wage changes. All determinations that do not have double asterisks (**) after the expiration date remain in effect for the duration of the project.

The Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall forfeit, as penalty to the Agency, not more than fifty dollars (\$50) per Calendar Day or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing wage rates for any work done under the Contract by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Labor Code Section 1775. In addition to said penalty, the Contractor or Subcontractor shall pay each worker the difference between the prevailing wage and the amount paid for every hour the worker was paid less than the prevailing wage.

6-1.03 Payroll Records

Contractor shall comply with Labor Code Section 1776. Regulations implementing Section 1776 are located in Section 16000 and Sections 16401 through 16403 of Title 8, California Code of Regulations. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by the Contractor's Subcontractors.

The Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall keep accurate payroll records, showing the name, address, Social Security number, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed in connection with the Work. Such records shall be certified and available for inspection at all reasonable hours at the principal offices of the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors in a manner set forth in Labor Code Section 1776. The Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall file a certified copy of the records enumerated above with the Agency within ten (10) Calendar Days after receipt of a written request. The Contractor shall be held responsible for all Subcontractors' compliance with this requirement.

The non-compliance penalties specified in subdivision (g) of Labor Code Section 1776 may be deducted from progress payments to the Contractor.

6-1.04 Nondiscrimination

Attention is directed to Labor Code Section 1735, which prohibits discrimination in the employment of persons upon public works because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, or sex of such persons, and provides for penalties.

6-1.05 Apprentices

The Contractor shall comply with Labor Code Section 1777.5, concerning the employment of apprentices. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by all Subcontractors.

6-1.06 Workers' Compensation

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1860, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, the Contractor is required to secure the payment of compensation to his employees.

6-1.07 Fair Labor Standards

The Contractor shall comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 as amended (29 U.S.C. 3201 et seq.) as applicable.

6-1.08 Contractors License

The Contractor shall comply with Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business & Professions Code.

6-1.09 Use of Pesticides

The Contractor shall comply with all rules and regulations that govern the use of pesticides required in the performance of the Work, including any certifications that may be required for purchase, use, storage or application.

Pesticides include, but are not limited to, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, germicides, nematocides, bactericides, inhibitors, fumigants, defoliant, desiccants, soil sterilants, and repellants.

Any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, repelling, mitigating, or destroying weeds, insects, diseases, rodents, or nematodes and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant shall be considered a pesticide.

6-1.10 Reporting Requirements and Sanctions

Failure to provide specific information, records, reports, certifications, or any other documents required for compliance with the Contract will be considered noncompliance. At a minimum, documents required include:

1. Form SCLC-0001 - List Of Subcontractors

Form SCLC-001 is required from the Contractor and each Subcontractor with a lower tier Subcontractor. This form is due within ten (10) Calendar Days after the date of the preconstruction conference or within ten (10) Calendar Days after the date of award of the subcontract. The later of the two dates will apply.

2. Certified Payroll Reports

Certified Payroll Reports are required from the Contractor and each Subcontractor, regardless of the subcontract amount or the type of procurement, for every payroll period in which work is performed. These reports are due within ten (10) Working Days of the ending date of the payroll period.

3. Fringe Benefit Statement

A Fringe Benefit Statement is required from the Contractor and each Subcontractor if fringe benefits are paid to an approved plan, fund, or program. The statement is due with first certified payroll report and any time the fringe benefit amounts change. The statement is not required if the fringe benefits are paid in cash to the employees.

4. Other Documentation

Other reporting documentation may be required depending on the source of funding for the project. If the Contractor fails to comply with the provisions of this Section, the Contractor will be advised of the specific deficiencies and requested to make immediate corrections. The Contractor will also be advised that monetary deductions will be made for failure to effect corrections or delinquencies.

If the Contractor fails to correct a deficiency in the reporting requirements within fifteen (15) Calendar Days after notification, a deduction may be made. In such cases, the deduction will be ten percent (10%) of the estimated value of the work done during the month, except that the deduction will not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), nor be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and will be deducted from the next progress payment.

Deductions for non-compliance will be in addition to all other deductions provided for in the Contract and will apply irrespective of the number of instances of noncompliance. Deductions will be made separately and cumulate for each estimate period in which a new deficiency appears. When all deficiencies for a period have been corrected, the deduction covering that period will be released on the next progress payment. Otherwise, the deduction will be retained.

6-1.11 Subcontracting

The Contractor must comply with Section 4101 to Section 4113, inclusive, of the Public Contract Code.

6-1.12 Occupational Safety and Health

The Contractor must comply with all applicable provisions of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act (Labor Code Sections 6300 et seq.). The foregoing includes, but is not limited to, all applicable Title 8 Safety Orders issued by the State of California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA). Failure of the Agency to suspend the work or notify the Contractor of the inadequacy of the safety precautions or non-compliance with existing laws and regulations shall not relieve the Contractor of this responsibility.

6-1.13 Sacramento County Residents

Pursuant to Article V, Section 15 (i), of the Charter of the County of Sacramento, preference shall be given in the employment of labor to citizens who shall have resided in Sacramento County for at least six (6) months.

6-2 INDEMNIFICATION

6-2.01 Contractor's Performance

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Agency, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, or damages, demands and actions including payment of reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the performance of this Agreement, caused in whole or in part by any negligent or willful act or omission of the Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents, or anyone directly or indirectly acting on behalf of the Contractor, regardless of whether caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

6-2.02 No Limitation of Liability for Indemnification

The indemnities set forth in this Section shall not be limited by the insurance requirements set forth in the Contract.

6-3 CONTRACTOR'S LEGAL ADDRESS

Both the address given in the Bid and the Contractor's office in the vicinity of the Work are designated as places that samples, notices, letters, or other articles or communications to the Contractor may be mailed or delivered. The delivery to either of these places shall be deemed sufficient service to the Contractor and the date of such service shall be the date of delivery. The address named in the Bid may be changed at any time by written notice from the Contractor to the Agency. Nothing herein shall be deemed to preclude or render inoperative the service of any drawing, sample, notice, letter or other article or communication to the Contractor.

6-4 CONTRACTOR NOT AN AGENT OF AGENCY

The Contractor shall be an independent contractor and not an employee, agent, or other representative of the Agency. Nothing in the Contract shall be construed to create any relationship of joint venture, partnership or any other association of any nature whatsoever between the Agency and the Contractor other than that of owner and independent contractor. The Agency shall have the right to direct the Contractor as provided in the Contract. The aforementioned right of supervision shall not reduce or abrogate the Contractor's liability of all damage or injury to persons, public property, or private property that may arise directly or indirectly from the Contractor's execution of the Work.

6-5 SUBSTITUTION OF SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall not, without the written consent of the Agency: (a) substitute any party as Subcontractor in place of the Subcontractor designated in the original bid; (b) permit any such subcontract to be assigned or transferred; or (c) allow the subcontracted work to be performed by anyone other than the original Subcontractor listed on the bid. Consent for substitution or subletting shall only be given:

1. when the Subcontractor listed in the bid, after having reasonable opportunity to do so, fails or refuses to execute a written contract that is based upon the Plans and Specifications for the project or the terms of such Subcontractor's written bid and is presented to the Subcontractor by the Contractor; or
2. when the listed Subcontractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent; or
3. when the listed Subcontractor fails or refuses to perform the subcontract; or
4. when the listed Subcontractor fails or refuses to meet the bond requirements of the Contractor as set forth in California Public Contract Code Section 4108; or
5. when the Contractor demonstrates to the Agency, subject to the further provisions set forth in California Public Contract Code Section 4107.5, that the name of the Subcontractor was listed as a result of an inadvertent clerical error; or
6. when the listed Subcontractor is not licensed pursuant to the Contractor License Law as set forth in the Business and Professions Code; or
7. when the Agency determines that the work performed by the listed Subcontractor is substantially unsatisfactory and not in substantial accordance with the Contract, or that the Subcontractor is substantially delaying or disrupting the progress of the work; or
8. when the listed Subcontractor is ineligible to work on a public works project pursuant to Section 1777.1 and 1777.7 of the Labor Code.

In the event of such substitution, the Agency will give at least five (5) Working Days notice in writing to the listed Subcontractor, unless they have advised the Agency in writing that they have knowledge of the Contractor's request for the substitution.

6-6 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

The Contract or the performance of the Contract may be assigned by the Contractor, but only upon written consent of the Agency and the Contractor's surety, unless the surety has waived its right of notice of assignment. No such assignment or subcontracting shall be permitted that would relieve the Contractor or the Contractor's surety of their responsibilities under the Contract.

6-7 ASSIGNMENT OF MONIES

The Contractor may assign monies due the Contractor under the Contract, and such assignment will be recognized by the Agency, if given proper notice, to the extent permitted by law. Any assignment of monies shall be subject to all deductions provided for in the Contract. All money withheld may be used by the Agency for the completion of the Work if the Contractor defaults.

6-8 PROTECTION OF AGENCY AGAINST PATENT CLAIMS

The Contractor shall assume all costs arising from the use of patented materials, equipment, devices, and processes on or incorporated in the Work and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the Agency's officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, members, affiliates and their duly authorized representatives from all actions for, or on account of, the use of any patented materials, equipment, devices, or processes in the construction of, or subsequent operation of, the Work. Before final payment, if requested by the Agency, the

Contractor shall furnish acceptable proof of a proper release from all costs or claims arising from the use of patented materials, equipment, devices, or processes used on or incorporated in the Work.

6-9 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for, and have control over, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, and coordination of all portions of the Work under the Contract, unless otherwise provided in the Contract.

The Work shall be under the Contractor's responsible care and charge until completion and final acceptance, and the Contractor shall bear the entire risk of injury, loss, or damage to any part by any cause. The Contractor shall rebuild, repair, restore, and make good all injuries, losses or damage to any portion of the Work or the materials occasioned by any cause, and shall bear the entire expense.

In no case shall the Contractor's use of Subcontractors in any way alter the position of the Contractor or the Contractor's sureties with relation to the Contract. When a Subcontractor is used, the responsibility for every portion of the Work shall remain with the Contractor. No Subcontractor will be recognized as having a direct contractual relationship with the Agency. All persons engaged in the Work under the Contract will be considered as employees of the Contractor and their work shall be subject to all the provisions of the Contract. The Agency will deal only with the Contractor who is responsible for the proper execution of the Work. The Contractor shall pay when due all valid claims of Subcontractors, suppliers, and workmen with respect to the Work.

The mention herein of any specific duty or responsibility imposed upon the Contractor shall not be construed as a limitation or restriction of any other responsibility or duty imposed upon the Contractor by the Contract, said reference being made herein merely for the purpose of explaining the specific duty or responsibility.

The Contractor shall do all of the work and furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and appliances, except as otherwise herein expressly stipulated, necessary or proper for performing and completing the Work herein required, including any change order work or disputed work directed by the Agency in conformity with the true meaning and intent of the Contract drawings, Specifications, and all provisions of the Contract, within the time specified.

If the Contractor discovers any discrepancies during the course of the Work between the Contract drawings and conditions in the field, or any errors or omissions in the Contract drawings and conditions in the field, or any errors or omissions in the Contract drawings, the Specifications, or in the layout given by stakes, points, or instructions, it shall be the Contractor's duty to inform the Agency immediately, and the Agency shall promptly verify the same. Any work done after such discovery until authorized by the Agency, will be done at the Contractor's risk.

6-10 PERMITS AND LICENSES

The Contractor shall, at the Contractor's sole expense, obtain all necessary permits and licenses for the construction of the Work, give all necessary notices, pay all fees required by law, and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relating to the Work and to the preservation of the public health and safety. The Contractor shall also procure all permits and licenses necessary for the normal conduct of the Contractor's business and construction operations.

Unless otherwise noted in the Special Provisions, building, plumbing, heating, electrical, and similar permits that the Contractor is required to obtain from the County Building Inspection Division for County-owned projects are fee exempt and will be obtained by the Agency.

The California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) may be applicable to permits, licenses, and other authorizations that the Contractor shall obtain from local agencies in connection with performing the Work. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of CEQA in obtaining such permits, licenses, and other authorizations, which will be obtained in time to prevent delays to the Work.

The Contractor shall comply with permits, licenses, or other authorizations applicable to the Work obtained by the Agency in conformance with the requirements in CEQA.

6-11 GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

6-11.01 Compliance With Safety & Health Regulations

Safety is a prime consideration in all Agency contracts. The Contractor shall conform to all applicable occupational safety and health standards, rules, regulations, and orders established by the State of California or Federal Government. The Contractor shall, upon request, submit to the Agency a copy of their Injury Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) (including Site Safety Plan and Code of Safe Work Practices) for review. The Contractor is required to fulfill the requirements of these programs during the prosecution of the Work. No work shall be started unless otherwise authorized by the Agency until the Agency has completed its review of all required safety documents.

6-11.02 24-Hour Contact Information

The Contractor shall have on record with the Agency the following twenty-four (24) hour emergency contact numbers:

- Traffic control device supplier: Supplier of barricades, steel plates, delineators, channelizers, construction signs, and other traffic control equipment to be used during construction.
- Contractor representative: An employee of the Contractor having the authority to make decisions and the ability to respond to an emergency on the project at any time.
- Safety representative: The Contractor's Safety Representative shall have the authority to make decisions regarding safety and health concerns on the project and to direct the Contractor's personnel to abate any hazard identified by the Agency.

6-11.03 Work During Hours of Darkness

Working areas utilized by the Contractor during the hours of darkness shall be illuminated to conform to the minimum illumination intensities established by California Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Construction Safety Orders and the Traffic Control Plans (TCP).

6-12 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY

6-12.01 Public Convenience

All work within public streets and/or roadway rights-of-way shall be done in an expeditious manner and cause as little inconvenience to the traveling public as possible. Vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians must be allowed to pass at all times except during an emergency closure. See Section 7-8, "Peak Hours, Hours of Darkness, Holidays and Weekends", of these Specifications for time limitations.

6-12.02 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access

The Contractor shall not block the movement of pedestrian or bicycle traffic. The Contractor shall provide for pedestrian and bicycle traffic by phasing construction operations or by providing alternative pedestrian and bicyclist access through or adjacent to construction areas. Proper advance notice signage with reasonable detours shall be installed and maintained

through all phases of construction. Access to pedestrian and bicycle devices at traffic signals shall be maintained at all times. At no time shall pedestrians be diverted into a portion of the street used for vehicular traffic or on to private property unless adequate lane closure signage is in place. Pedestrian and bicycle access shall consist of four-foot (4') wide bridges across trenches and four-foot (4') wide passageways through construction areas. Hand railings for pedestrians shall be provided when required by Cal/OSHA Regulations or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on each side of each bridge or passageway to protect pedestrians from hazards caused by construction operations or adjacent vehicular traffic.

Railings or barricades, which border passageways located in roadway areas, shall be reflectorized on the side facing oncoming traffic.

6-12.03 Written Notification To Residences and Businesses

The Contractor shall notify, in writing, residents and business establishments along the route of the Work at least ten (10) Working Days prior to road closures and at least three (3) Working Days prior to disruption of ingress and egress. The notice provided to the residences or businesses shall include, at a minimum, schedule of closures with estimated closure times, closure location, alternate route or detour, and name and twenty-four (24) hour phone number of a contact person employed by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall notify, in writing, residents and business establishments along the route of the Work at least three (3) Working Days prior to placing parking restrictions within the County right-of-way. The notice provided to the residences or businesses shall include, at a minimum, schedule of parking restrictions with estimated times, location, and a name and twenty-four (24) hour phone number of a contact person employed by the Contractor.

6-12.04 Access To Driveways, Houses and Buildings

Access and passable grades shall be maintained at all times for business establishments during construction. Safe and passable pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular access shall be provided and maintained to fire hydrants, homes, commercial and industrial establishments, churches, schools, parking lots, service stations, motels, fire and police stations, hospitals, and establishments of similar nature. Access to these facilities shall be continuous and unobstructed unless otherwise approved. Ramps and driveways shall not have "lips" or elevation differences greater than three-eighths of an inch (3/8") or one (1) cm.

When abutting property owner's access across the right-of-way line is to be eliminated, repaired, or replaced under the Contract, the existing access shall not be closed until the replacement access facilities are completed and functional.

6-12.05 Property Damage

Any property damage caused by the Contractor shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense to the satisfaction of the Agency.

6-12.06 Erection of Signs To Expedite Passage of Vehicles

The Contractor shall erect such warning and directional signs as necessary or as directed by the Agency for expediting the passage of public traffic through or around the Work and the approaches. All warning and directional signs shall comply with Section 6-13, "Public Safety and Traffic Control", in this Section of these Specifications; Section 12, "Construction Area Traffic Control", of these Specifications; and the Caltrans Manual of Traffic Controls.

6-12.07 Traffic Obstructions, Delays and Inconveniences

All public traffic shall be permitted to pass through the Work and the Contractor shall conduct operations that offer the least possible obstruction, delay, and inconvenience to the public.

6-12.08 Work On Private Property

The Contractor must obtain written permission from the owner of any privately owned property prior to beginning any work, storing materials or otherwise conducting any operations on said property. The written approval from the property owner must be on file with the Agency before any operations will be permitted on said property.

6-12.09 Hazardous Conditions Created

Whenever the Contractor's operations create a condition hazardous to pedestrians, bicyclists, or the traveling public, the Contractor shall, at the Contractor's own expense, furnish, erect and maintain any fences, covers, temporary railing (Type K), barricades, lights, signs and other devices necessary or as directed by the Agency to prevent accidents or damage or injury to the public or property.

If needed for public use, roadway excavation shall be conducted to maintain a smooth and even surface satisfactory for use by public traffic at all times. The surface of the roadbed shall be kept in a smooth, even condition free of humps and depressions, satisfactory for the use of public traffic as determined by the Agency.

Temporary facilities that the Contractor uses to perform the Work or store or stage material or equipment shall not be installed or placed where they will interfere with the free and safe passage of public vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic.

6-13 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

6-13.01 General

All traffic controls shall be installed in accordance with the latest edition of the Caltrans "Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones".

6-13.02 Responsibility For Safety

It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide for public safety and traffic control. The Agency may review the Contractor's operations and inform the Contractor if an unsafe or hazardous condition is observed. The Contractor may be directed verbally or via Field Instruction, letter, or other means to abate the hazard. The Contractor must comply with all directives for hazard abatement immediately and within the timeframe imposed by the Agency.

6-13.03 Passage of Emergency Vehicles

The Contractor shall provide for the uninterrupted passage of emergency vehicles through the Work zone at all times regardless of the controlled traffic conditions in place at the time.

6-13.04 Furnishing, Installing, and Maintaining Traffic Controls

Signs, lights, barriers, fences, temporary railing (Type K), barricades, and other facilities shall be furnished, erected and maintained by the Contractor to provide an adequate warning to the public of dangerous conditions to be encountered during construction at all hours of the day or night. Warning and directional signs shall be erected and maintained as required by the Agency and by law. All traffic controls shall be installed as required by this Section and Section 12, "Construction Area Traffic Controls", of these Specifications.

6-13.05 Inadequate Traffic Controls and After-Hour Maintenance and Repairs

Should the Contractor appear negligent in furnishing and maintaining sufficient traffic control devices or protective measures or fail to provide flaggers as necessary to control traffic, the Agency may direct the Contractor, at the Contractor's expense, to abate the hazard.

Should the Agency point out the inadequacy of warning devices and protective measures, that action shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for public safety or abrogate the obligation to furnish and pay for these devices and measures.

Should the Contractor fail to properly furnish or maintain traffic controls, or correct a hazard caused by inadequate or inappropriate traffic control, the Agency will abate the hazard. All Agency costs to abate the hazard shall be reimbursed by the Contractor or deducted from the progress payment. If the Contractor is not available to perform after-hour maintenance and repair to traffic control devices, the Agency will correct the situation and deduct all costs from the progress payment.

6-13.06 Competent Flaggers

The Contractor shall provide competent and courteous flaggers to control traffic when necessary or requested by the Agency. All flaggers shall be trained as required by Cal/OSHA regulations and shall be prepared to provide verification of such training to the Agency when requested. See Section 12-2, “Flagging”, of these Specifications for additional information.

6-13.07 Construction Signs

The Contractor is responsible for supplying, installing and maintaining all construction signs and posts. The Contractor will receive direction from the Agency as to the specific locations and placement of each sign. Regulatory signs or guide signs will be supplied, erected and maintained by the Agency, but must be protected from damage from construction activities by the Contractor through the duration of the project. See Section 12-3.08, “Construction Area Signs”, of these Specifications for additional information.

6-13.08 Temporary Bridging of Excavations and Trenches

Whenever necessary or requested by the Agency, excavations shall be bridged with steel plates to allow an unobstructed flow of traffic.

1. Asphalt concrete “cutback” shall be placed around the edges of the plate to provide a ramp and smooth transition from the pavement to the plate to minimize wheel impact. All ramping must be accomplished to provide a minimum angle of approach of twelve to one (12:1).
2. Bridging shall be secured against displacement by using railroad spikes or other approved fastening device.
3. Bridging shall be placed and secured to work within the minimum noise levels indicated in Sacramento County Code, Section 6.68, “Noise Control”.
4. Steel plates used for bridging shall extend at least one (1) trench width on each side beyond the edges of the trench. Any deviations from these requirements must be designed by a registered engineer and reviewed by the Agency.
5. Depending upon the depth of the excavation, soil type, vibration and other variables, the trench may require shoring to support bridging. The Contractor should confer with a California Licensed Engineer or other appropriate professional if there is any question about the capability of the excavation and bridging to support the forces of traffic.

WIDTH OF EXCAVATION	MINIMUM THICKNESS OF STEEL PLATES
2.0 ft. or less (0.6 m or less)	7/8 inch (22mm)
3.0 ft. (0.9 m)	1 inch (25 mm)
4.0 ft. (1.2 m)	1-1/4 inch (32mm)

In sidewalk areas, one and one-eighths inch (1-1/8") plywood may be substituted for steel plating. Asphalt concrete "cutback" or other non-displaceable material must be used to provide a ramp for pedestrian and handicap access. All ramping must be accomplished to provide a minimum angle of approach of twelve to one (12:1). Vehicular travel over backfilled but unpaved excavations will not be allowed, unless the Contractor provides a temporary surface suitable for driving consisting of at least two inches (2") of plant mix asphalt over six inches (6") of aggregate base, concrete slurry (completely cured), or traffic plates placed over the excavated area of sufficient width and thickness as indicated in this Section.

6-13.09 Entering and Leaving the Construction Zone

Construction equipment shall enter and leave the roadway by moving in the direction of public traffic. All movements of workmen and construction equipment on or across lanes open to public traffic shall be performed in a safe manner that will not endanger the workmen or the public. When leaving a work area and entering a roadway carrying public traffic, the Contractor's equipment operator shall yield to public traffic.

6-13.10 Existing Traffic Signal and Lighting Systems, Signs and Pavement Markings

Existing traffic signal and highway lighting systems shall be kept in operation during progress of the Work. When traffic signal shutdown is permitted by the Agency, the Contractor shall notify the Agency at least five (5) Working Days prior to shutdown. Traffic signal detectors accidentally cut or damaged during construction shall be repaired or replaced by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense and be operational within seventy-two (72) hours. When traffic signals are approved for shutdown, the Contractor shall control traffic by use of flaggers as directed by the Agency. "STOP" signs will not be permitted at these locations.

Existing signs and pavement markings shall be maintained by the Contractor and shall not be removed or altered without Agency approval.

6-13.11 Bus Stops

If construction operations will obstruct a bus stop, the Contractor shall notify Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) forty-eight (48) hours in advance of beginning that portion of the Work and make provisions agreeable to RT to provide an alternate location where people can safely board the bus.

6-13.12 Dust

Water or dust palliative shall be applied if ordered by the Agency for the alleviation or prevention of dust nuisance caused by the Contractor's operations as provided in Section 17, "Dust Control", of these Specifications.

6-13.13 Removal of Spillage From Roadway

The Contractor shall immediately remove any spillage resulting from hauling operations along or across any public traveled way.

6-14 TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS (TCP)

6-14.01 Traffic Pattern Changes

The Contractor shall notify the Agency in advance of the Contractor's desire to change any existing traffic patterns. Traffic lanes for public use shall be at least ten feet (10') in width. Whenever feasible an additional four feet (4') shall be provided for a bicycle lane. If it is not feasible to provide a separate bicycle lane, the Contractor shall post signage before the construction area stating, "SHARE the Road with Bicyclists". Additionally, when the lane is shared, the Contractor shall post signage for a maximum speed limit of 25 MPH in the shared lane. For traffic pattern changes that do not require a road closure, the Contractor shall provide the Agency with a minimum of three (3) Working Days advance notification, unless otherwise approved or deemed an emergency lane closure by the Agency. For all road closures, the Contractor shall provide the Agency with a minimum of twenty (20) Working Days notice prior to the desired closure date, unless otherwise approved or deemed an emergency road closure by the Agency.

6-14.02 Traffic Control Plans (TCP)

Unless specified or directed otherwise, the Contractor shall submit a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) to the Agency for review. The TCP shall show traffic control measures to be used for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians affected by the construction. Three (3) sets of the TCP shall be submitted on eleven-inch by seventeen-inch (11"x17") (minimum) paper. The Contractor will not be allowed to begin work associated with the road or lane closure until the TCP is reviewed by the Agency.

TCP's will be reviewed and returned within twenty (20) Working Days.

The Agency reserves the right to extend the review period, or request and review a TCP if special conditions warrant.

Detours used exclusively by the Contractor for hauling materials and equipment shall be constructed and maintained by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense. If the Contractor's operations are damaging the roadway, the Agency has the authority to regulate the Contractor's operations and direct the Contractor to repair the roadway at the Contractor's expense.

6-15 BARRICADING OPEN TRENCHES

Any excavation permitted by the Agency to be left open shall be barricaded with Type I, Type II, or Type III barricades with reflective tape and flashers, as approved or directed by the Agency. Signs stating "OPEN TRENCH" shall be posted when requested by the Agency. All open excavated areas shall be barricaded with at least two (2) Type III barricades at the end of the excavation that faces oncoming traffic. Any excavation within four feet (4') of the traveled way, not protected by K-rail or a similar traffic control barrier approved by the Agency, shall be backfilled at the end of the work shift or plated in accordance with Section 6-13.08, "Temporary Bridging of Excavations and Trenches", in this Section of these Specifications.

6-16 EXISTING UTILITIES

6-16.01 General

The Contractor shall coordinate and fully cooperate with the Agency and utility owners for the location, relocation, and protection of utilities. The Contractor's attention is directed to the existence of utilities, underground and overhead, necessary for all buildings in the Work area. The Contractor shall arrange with utility owners for the location of service lines serving these buildings in advance of the actual construction and for the relocation of such facilities, if necessary, by the utility owner or the Contractor.

6-16.02 Maintenance and Protection

Unless otherwise shown or specified in the Contract, the Contractor shall maintain in service all drainage, water, gas, sewer lines, power, lighting, telephone conduits, and any other surface or subsurface utility structure that may be affected by the Work. However, the Contractor, for convenience, may arrange with individual owners to temporarily disconnect service lines or other facilities along the line of the Work. The cost of disconnecting and restoring such utilities shall be borne by the Contractor.

Unless otherwise specified in the Special Provisions, the Contractor shall protect all existing utilities on all projects being constructed, whether inside or outside of highway rights-of-way. The utility owner in these cases may elect to provide the necessary protective measures and bill the Contractor for the cost. "Existing utilities" includes traffic control devices, conduits, streetlights, and related appurtenances.

Existing utility facilities that are to be relocated, including traffic signals and light poles, shall be relocated prior to paving. No paving shall be performed around existing utility facilities that are to be relocated.

6-16.03 Exact Locations Unknown

The locations of existing utility facilities shown on the Plans are approximate and represent the best information obtainable from utility maps and other information furnished by the various utility owners involved. The Agency warrants neither the accuracy nor the extent of actual installations as shown on the Plans. There may be additional utilities on the property unknown to either party to the Contract. If, during the course of the Work, additional subsurface utilities are discovered, the Agency may make adjustments to the Work. Compensation for such adjustments will be in accordance with Section 9, "Changes and Claims", of these Specifications.

In accordance with Government Code Section 4215, the Agency will compensate the Contractor for the costs of locating, repairing damage not due to the failure of the Contractor to exercise reasonable care, removing, relocating or protecting existing main or trunk line utility facilities not indicated in the Plans and Specifications with reasonable accuracy, and for equipment on the Work necessarily idled during such work. In no event shall the Agency be liable for any further or additional costs resulting directly or indirectly from any such occurrence. Compensation will be in accordance with Section 9, "Changes and Claims", of these Specifications. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Agency to indicate the presence of existing utility services, laterals, or appurtenances whenever their presence can be inferred from other visible facilities such as buildings, meters, junction boxes, valves, service facilities, identification markings, and other indicators on or adjacent to the Work.

If the Contractor discovers utilities not identified in the Plans or Specifications, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Agency and the utility owner by the most expeditious means available and later confirm in writing. If the completion of the Work is delayed by failure of the Agency or the utility owner to remove, repair, or relocate the utility, such delay may be an unavoidable delay as defined and provided for in Section 7-12.02, "Unavoidable Delays", of these Specifications. Nothing herein shall preclude the Agency from pursuing any appropriate remedy against the utility for delays that are the responsibility of the utility. The Contractor shall not be assessed liquidated damages for delay in completion of the Work for that portion of such delay as is caused by failure of the Agency or the owner of a utility to provide for the removal or relocation of existing utilities.

6-16.04 Underground Service Alert (USA North)

The Agency is a member of the Underground Service Alert (USA North) One-Call program. Except in an emergency, the excavator (as defined by Government Code Section 4216) shall notify USA North at least two (2) Working Days, but no earlier than fourteen (14) Calendar Days, in advance of performing excavation work. USA North can be reached by calling the toll

free number: 1-800-227-2600. USA North does not accept emergency calls. For emergency repairs the excavator must contact the County operator at 916-875-6900. The provisions of Government Code Sections 4216 through 4216.9, inclusive, shall be followed.

Each phase of a project shall be called into USA North and continuing excavation reported every fourteen (14) Calendar Days. The excavator shall not call in to USA North the entire project boundaries or, on road construction projects, the entire length of the project. The excavator shall only request the marking of facilities within the area to be excavated within fourteen (14) Calendar Days of the call. USA North will provide an inquiry identification ("ticket") number to the person contacting the center. The USA North ticket number shall be available to the Inspector at the job site along with the date USA North was called. If the USA North notifications are not kept up-to-date, the excavation will be stopped, and a new two (2) Working Day notice will be required before continuing the excavation. If, at any time during an excavation for which there is a valid ticket number the field markings are no longer reasonably visible, the excavator shall contact USA North to have the area re-marked. The excavator shall allow two (2) Working Days for re-marking of facilities.

Prior to calling USA North, the excavator shall clearly mark the excavation site with white, water-soluble or spray chalk paint in paved areas or place flags, stakes, whiskers, or some other approved method in unpaved areas. The excavator shall determine the exact location (twenty-four inches (24") from outside edge on either side of the facility) of utilities in conflict with the proposed excavation by exposing the subsurface installation with hand tools before using any power-operated or power-driven equipment. The excavator is responsible for protecting operators' markings or markers until they are removed.

Prior to Field Acceptance, all USA North markings shall be removed by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Agency. During the progress of the Work, markings or markers shall be removed within two (2) months of the date the markings or markers are no longer needed or upon completion of the work, whichever is sooner. The Agency will accept natural weathering of markings if the markings disappear within the two-month period or prior to Field Acceptance. If the markings are in brick pavers or concrete areas and if, by natural weathering or other approved removal methods, the markings still remain, the Contractor must replace the concrete or the brick pavers in-kind, unless the utility operator has failed to use chalk-based paint or other non-permanent marking materials. Excavators and utility operators are encouraged to avoid marking in these areas by using offset markings. Removal methods shall be non-destructive and residual shadowing shall not remain.

Removal of markings shall comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and any other applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, or regulations.

USA North markings not removed by the required time lines may be removed and the sidewalk or street repaired/replaced by the Agency at its discretion. The Agency will charge the excavator a service fee equal to the actual costs of removal for removing the markings and making any repairs and/or replacements. This fee will include the cost to comply with NPDES, the RWQCB, and any other applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, or regulations.

6-16.05 Damage to Existing Utilities

The excavator shall notify the affected utility of any contact, scrape, dent, nick, or damage to their facility. Any operator or excavator who negligently violates Government Code Section 4216.6 is subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Any operator or excavator who knowingly and willfully violates Government Code Section 4216.6 is subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

6-16.06 Markings

The following table designates color codes and symbols that shall be used by the Contractor and the utility owners to identify utilities:

FIELD MARKINGS COLOR CODES AND SYMBOLS		
Color	Symbol	Name
Safety Precaution Blue	W	Water
Safety Alert Orange	FA Tel R TV WU	Fire Alarm Telephone/Communication Railroad Television/CATV Western Union
Safety Green	S D	Sewer Storm Drain
Safety Red	L E T	Street Lighting Electric Traffic Signals
High Visibility Safety Yellow	G Company Name	Gas Oil or Chemical Steam
Purple	RW	Reclaimed Water
Pink/Fuschia	TSM	Temporary Survey
White	USA	Proposed Excavation - Paint outline of proposed excavation area with white dotted line.

6-17 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR'S PLANS NO RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

The review or approval by the Agency of any working drawing or any method of work proposed by the Contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of the Contractor's responsibility for any errors and shall not be regarded as any assumption of risk or liability by the Agency or any officer, official, agent, employee, member, volunteer, affiliate, or their duly authorized representatives. The Contractor shall have no claim under the Contract because of the failure or partial failure or inefficiency of any reviewed or approved plan or method. Agency review or approval means that the Agency has no objection to the Contractor using the proposed plan or method at the Contractor's responsibility and risk.

6-18 CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT MORTGAGE EQUIPMENT

The Contractor shall not mortgage or otherwise convey the title of the plant, machinery, tools, appliances, supplies, or materials that may at any time be in use, or further required or useful, in the prosecution of the Work, without prior written consent of the Agency.

6-19 PROPERTY RIGHTS IN MATERIALS

Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as vesting in the Contractor any right of property in the materials used after they have been installed, attached or affixed to the Work, and on which partial payments have been made by the Agency. All such materials shall be the property of the Contractor and the Agency jointly as their interests may appear, and shall not be removed from the Work by the Contractor without the Agency's consent .

6-20 EXCAVATION AND TRENCH SAFETY

6-20.01 Permit

The Contractor must obtain a permit from the Division of Industrial Relations per Labor Code Section 6500, as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Article 6, Section 1539 “Permits” of the Construction Safety Orders, for all excavations five feet (5’) or deeper to which an employee is required to descend. The permit shall be kept at the construction site at all times.

6-20.02 Shoring, Bracing, Shielding and Sheeting

In accordance with Labor Code Section 6705, at least five (5) Working Days in advance of excavation of any trench or trenches five feet (5’) or more in depth, with a total value of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, the Contractor shall submit to the Agency a detailed plan showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping, or other provisions for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground during the excavation of such trench or trenches. If such plan varies from the shoring system standards, the plan shall be prepared by a California registered civil or structural engineer. A signed copy of the detailed plan shall be on the site at the time of the excavation. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to allow the use of a shoring, sloping, or protective system less effective than that required by the Construction Safety Orders. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to impose tort liability on the Agency or any of its employees. These systems must support the sides of the excavation and prevent soil movement that could cause injury to any person or structure. Any damage resulting from a lack of adequate shoring, bracing, shielding or sheeting shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense.

The Contractor shall immediately replace or repair any unsafe ladder, scaffolding, shoring, or bracing, or correct any other dangerous or hazardous situation that exists.

A Competent Person, as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Construction Safety Orders, Section 1504, “Definitions”, shall be on site at all times when the Contractor's employees are working within the trench. A "Competent Person" is one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings, or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

The price bid for work that will require an excavation of five feet (5’) or deeper (or less if conditions warrant) shall include the cost of adequate sheeting, shoring and bracing, or equivalent method conforming to applicable safety orders, unless a separate bid item for such work is included in the bid form.

6-21 PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY

Roadside trees and shrubbery that are to remain, pole lines, fences, signs, traffic control devices, striping, survey markers and monuments, buildings and structures, conduits, under- or above-ground pipelines, and any other improvements and facilities shall be protected from injury or damage. If ordered by the Agency, the Contractor shall provide and install suitable safeguards to protect such objects from injury or damage. If such objects are injured or damaged by reason of the Contractor's operations, said objects shall be replaced or restored at the Contractor's expense to a condition as good as when the Contractor entered upon the Work. The Contractor shall receive Agency approval before the removal of any road sign or permanent traffic control device that interferes with the Work.

6-22 OVERLOADING

The Contractor shall determine safe loading capacities and shall not overload any structure, equipment, pavement, or material beyond its safe capacity, or significantly deteriorate the

preconstruction condition, during construction. In addition to assuming full responsibility for bodily injury resulting from any such overloading, the Contractor shall repair to the Agency's satisfaction or reimburse the Agency for the costs of repairing the damage. For pavement assessment prior to construction, contact the Department of Transportation Maintenance Manager.