

ITEM 07615.0120 M - MOWING EXISTING TURF

DESCRIPTION: The work covered by this item consists of mowing existing turf within the right-of-way at the locations and times as specified. The Contractor shall not be responsible for mowing existing maintained residential/business lawn areas.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS: Turf areas shall be mowed to a height of 100 mm at the following times or where directed by the Engineer.

- a. The first mowing shall begin within five working days of award of the contract, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer, and shall be completed within five working days.
- b. Subsequent mowings shall begin during the weeks of June 23, August 4, September 8, and October 13 of the calendar year.

The schedule may be modified, as directed by the Engineer, to accommodate prevailing weather conditions. Modification may result in either lengthening or shortening the time between mowings. In the event that the schedule is modified, the Contractor will be notified by the Engineer, in writing, of such modification, at least 48 hours in advance of either the scheduled mowing, or the revised mowing date.

The Contractor shall be responsible for an initial thorough cleaning of the areas to be mowed, by removing all debris, including, but not limited to, rubbish, scrap metal, and litter. The Contractor shall be responsible, prior to each mowing, for the removal and disposal of any debris which has accumulated since the last mowing.

The Contractor shall use only approved, properly equipped tractors and mowing equipment. Tractors and mowers shall be equipped with flags and/or flashers. The cutting blades on all mowers must be sharp and in proper operating order to avoid damage to the grass. Sickle bar mowers may be used on slopes 1 on 3 or steeper. All other areas flatter than 1 on 3 shall be mowed with hammer knife or rotary type

MOWING LIMITS: The Contractor shall not be responsible for mowing existing maintained residential/business lawn areas. The Contractor shall mow to existing mowing limits or to the face of shrub or subtree beds as indicated on plans and/or as directed by the Regional Landscape Architect. The modification and delineation of existing mowing limits will be accomplished in the field prior to contract letting. Care shall be taken to protect vines or other desirable vegetation growing directly adjacent to the fence line. Areas around trees and other plant materials, sign supports, delineators, light poles, guide railing and other miscellaneous objects, and the areas adjacent to the fence line shall be neatly trimmed during each mowing. Care shall be taken to avoid damage to existing plant materials. The Contractor may, with prior approval by the Engineer, and according to good horticultural practice, remove the lower branches of

ITEM 07615.0120 M - MOWING EXISTING TURF

major trees that interfere with safe mowing. Such pruning shall only be on plant material where the removal of the branches is consistent with the plant material's typical habit.

REMOVAL OF DEAD PLANT MATERIAL: Prior to the first mowing and each subsequent mowing, the Contractor may elect at his expense to remove any dead plant material that interferes with this mowing operation. The Engineer-in-Charge shall inspect and tag this plant material prior to it being removed.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the replacement or care, as determined by the Engineer, of any plant materials, that as a result of his mowing operations, are either dead or damaged. Care may consist of, but not be limited to, pruning and fertilizing. Replacement plantings, if warranted, shall be of the same species and suitable size.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT: Mowing existing turf will be measured on a per each basis for each complete satisfactory mowing.

BASIS OF PAYMENT: Mowing existing turf will be paid for at the unit price bid per mowing for each complete satisfactory mowing and shall constitute full compensation for all labor, materials, equipment, disposal of debris and incidentals necessary to complete the work as specified.