

ITEM 615.0702nn04 - MOWING EXISTING TURF

DESCRIPTION. The work included under this item consists of mowing existing vegetation within the areas shown on the drawings and sketches and at the times specified.

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT. None Specified.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS. The specified mowing areas shall be mowed to a height of 100 mm at the times specified on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

The schedule may be modified, as directed by the Engineer, to accommodate prevailing or forecast 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 of such modification in writing by the Engineer, 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 entire right-of-way within the project limits by removing and disposing of all junk and litter, including but not limited to, rubbish, scrap metal and debris. The Contractor shall be responsible, prior to each mowing, for the removal and disposal of any junk and litter which has accumulated since the last mowing.

Removal of clippings, when required, shall be as specified on the plans.

The Contractor shall use only properly equipped tractors and mowing equipment as specified below and as further approved by the Engineer. 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 at all times to avoid damaging the grass. Sickle bar mowers may be used on slopes 1 on 3 or steeper. All areas flatter than 1 on 3 shall be mowed with hammer knife mowers or rotary type mowers. Areas inaccessible for tractor mounted mowers shall be hand mowed or line trimmed. If, in the judgement of the Engineer, tractor mounted mowers are likely to result in rutting or disturbance of 1 on 4 or steeper slopes, hand mowing will be required.

Mowing Limits. The Contractor shall mow to the fence line, to the face of shrub or subtree beds, to visible established mowing limits, and/or as specified on the plans and directed by the Engineer. 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 rail 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, at his own expense and as approved by the Engineer, and according to good horticultural practice, remove the lower branches of 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 his mowing operation. The Engineer will inspect and tag this plant material prior to it being removed. If the Contractor elects not to remove interfering dead plant material the areas adjacent to that material shall be neatly trimmed during each mowing.

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METHOD OF MEASUREMENT. Mowing shall be measured on a per each basis for each complete and satisfactory mowing.

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

Payment will be made under:

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