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SOUND BARRIERS AND PERIMETER WALLS. (REV 8-8-08) (7-09)

SECTION 534 (Pages 605-608) is deleted and the following substituted:

SECTION 534 SOUND BARRIERS AND PERIMETER WALLS

534-1 Description.

Furnish and install Sound Barriers with pile, posts and panels constructed in accordance with Design Standards Index Nos. 5200 thru 5207 or with pre-approved alternatives listed on the Department's Qualified Products List (QPL), unless the plans otherwise indicate limitations based on specific design or aesthetic criteria unique to the project.

Furnish and install Perimeter Walls with panels, posts, piles or footings constructed in accordance with Design Standards Index No. 5250 or with pre-approved alternatives listed on the Department's Qualified Products List (QPL), unless the plans otherwise indicate limitations based on specific design or aesthetic criteria unique to the project.

Obtain Precast Concrete Sound Barrier and Perimeter Wall components from a manufacturing plant that is currently on the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of 105-3.

534-2 Materials.

Meet the following requirements:

Portland Cement Concrete	Section 346
Reinforcing Steel	Section 415
Auger Cast Grout	Section 455
Non-Shrink Grout	Section 934
Concrete and Anti-Graffiti Coating	Section 975

534-3 Concrete Sound Barrier and Perimeter Wall Component Construction.

Construct concrete components in accordance with Section 400. Precast wall components are produced using certification acceptance; therefore, assume responsibility for performance of all quality control testing and inspections required by Sections 346 and 400 for the precast component construction. Perform all Quality Control Testing using CTQP qualified testing personnel. Perform compressive strength testing in a laboratory inspected by CCRL or CMEC, with all deficiencies corrected.

Ensure that each panel and post is permanently and clearly marked by ink stamping the tongue and groove portion of the panel and post. Mark the panel with the panel type, date cast, project number, manufacturer's name or symbol and the post with the date cast, project number and manufacturer's name or symbol.

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534-4 Approved Proprietary Panels and Systems.

534-4.1 Sound Barrier Panels and Systems: Use only approved proprietary panels or systems shown in Design Standards Index Nos. 5200 thru 5207 that have been pre-determined by the Engineer to be in compliance with the project design and aesthetic criteria and are listed on the QPL.

534-4.2 Perimeter Wall Panels and Systems: Use only approved proprietary panels or systems shown in Design Standards Index Nos. 5250 that have been pre-determined by the Engineer to be in compliance with the project design and aesthetic criteria and are listed on the QPL.

534-4.3 QPL Approval: Manufacturers seeking evaluation of products for inclusion on the QPL must submit an application in accordance with Section 6, independently certified test reports, and written certification that the product meets the requirements of this Section, Design Standard Index Nos. 5200 thru 5207 or Index No. 5250 and the Sound Barrier/Perimeter Wall Evaluation Criteria contained in the State Structures Design Office's Structures Manual, which may be viewed at the following URL:
www.dot.state.fl.us/structures/StructuresManual/CurrentRelease/QualifiedProductsList/QPLChapter2SoundBarriers.htm

534-5 Product Certification.

Provide written certification from the manufacturer of the panels that the product meets the requirements of this Section and is the same product listed on the QPL.

534-6 Shop Drawing Submittal.

Do not include shop drawings of the basic panel details, submit only the information requested. Submit shop drawings in accordance with Section 5, showing a plan and elevation of the sound and perimeter walls with the following project specific information provided:

1. Begin and end wall stations with offsets
2. Horizontal and vertical alignments of the wall
3. Fire hose access hole locations
4. Drainage panel locations and type
5. Graphic details and graphic panel location
6. Panel locations
7. Post locations
8. Elevations of top of panel, bottom of panel, and panel joints
9. Existing and proposed ground elevations
10. Utility locations
11. Special post and panel details
12. Post and pile connection details
13. Post Cap and Panel Cap Details
14. Lifting devices

534-7 Construction Methods.

A. Prior to beginning earthwork on the project, stake the wall location in the field, and establish the final ground line elevations at the base of the walls. Use these elevations to develop

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the shop plans, including a complete elevation view of each wall indicating top and bottom elevations as well as the roadway grade. Protect the final ground elevations established in the field for the duration of the project, and do not adjust without prior approval of the Engineer. Keep to a minimum the clearing and grubbing, and trimming of trees as necessary to construct the walls.

B. Do not mix wall types or colors at any one site. Install the walls in accordance with the plans, and in accordance with shop drawings submitted to and approved by the Engineer. Secure joints and connections in such a manner as to be structurally sound, and with no visible openings for sound transmission in the Sound Barrier. Ensure metal walls do not produce a secondary source of noise transmission due to vibration.

C. Repair marred, chipped, scratched, or spalled areas of walls at no expense to the Department in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations or at the Engineer's direction.

D. The Contractor may substitute welded for fixed bolt connections or vice versa on metal walls, where applicable, provided load calculations are submitted for the specific modified connection and uses a minimum safety factor of 3.0.

E. Place trench and spread footing backfill for wall construction in accordance with 125-8. Use select materials for the trench and spread footing backfill.

If, in the opinion of the Engineer, the trench or spread footing excavation is too narrow to compact, backfill the trench excavation with flowable fill or any class concrete to the satisfaction of the Engineer at no expense to the Department. Provide flowable fill in accordance with Section 121 and concrete in accordance Sections 346 or 347.

F. Dispose of all excess excavation in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer.

G. Keep right-of-way fence that is scheduled to be salvaged in place until completing the wall or, in the opinion of the Engineer, as long as possible.

H. Coat all exposed surfaces of walls the color(s) shown in the plans and provide anti-graffiti coating within the limits shown in the plans.

I. After erecting the wall, leave the disturbed area in a finished condition at the direction of the Engineer, and grass or sod the area as indicated in the plans.

J. Erection Tolerances:

1. Variation from plumb: $\pm 1/4$ inch
2. Panel alignment: $\pm 1/4$ inch
3. Top of panel elevation: $\pm 3/4$ inch
4. Elevation difference of adjacent panels: $\pm 1/2$ inch
5. Joint taper over panel length: $\pm 1/2$ inch
6. Top of collar elevation: $\pm 3/4$ inch
7. Post alignment: ± 1 inch
8. Post placement:
 - a. Variation from specified location $\pm 1/2$ inch
 - b. Variation from specified elevation $\pm 1/4$ inch
9. Continuity of graphics, fracture fins, etc across joints: $1/4$ inch

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K. When building sound barriers or perimeter walls on top of earth berms, construct the berms of fill material compacted to 95% of the maximum density as determined by AASHTO T 99.

L. Provide the concrete wall (Precast or Cast-in-Place) with a uniform color, pattern, and texture.

534-8 Test Wall.

Erect a test wall section not less than 50 feet in length before starting general wall construction at the project site. The Engineer will use the erection of the test wall to determine if the Contractor's methods and equipment are sufficient to produce a Sound Barrier or Perimeter Wall that meets the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contractor may revise his methods and equipment as necessary, at any time during the positioning of the test wall, in order to satisfactorily meet all Contract requirements. Build the test wall at a permanent wall location, as directed by the Engineer. If the test wall does not meet the construction tolerances, remove and dispose of it at no expense to the Department. Include the cost of the test wall in the cost of the Sound Barrier or Perimeter Wall.

534-9 Repairs and Rejection.

For precast concrete sound barrier and perimeter wall components that have not been installed, evaluate cracks, spalls and other deficiencies in accordance with 450-12. Repair deficiencies in accordance with 450-13 or the plant's approved repair methods that are included as part of the QCP. Ensure that the original performance and durability of repaired components are maintained. Use materials for concrete repair that will meet or exceed the strength requirement for the class of concrete used. Materials meeting the requirements of Section 930 may be substituted for non-shrink grout when required by 450-13. Precast concrete sound barrier and perimeter wall components are subject to rejection if they fail to conform to any of the Specification requirements after repair. For precast concrete sound barrier and perimeter wall components that have been installed, the disposition of concrete cracks shall be in accordance with 400-21.

534-10 Method of Measurement.

The quantity to be paid for will be the plan quantity, in square feet, measured in place, completed and accepted, of the area bounded by the top of the top panel/panel cap and the bottom of the bottom panel without deductions for openings in the panels, and the beginning to end limits shown in the control drawings. The pay area for anti-graffiti coating will be the plan quantity, in square feet, measured in place, completed and accepted, of the wall without allowances for striations or openings.

534-11 Basis of Payment.

Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section, including but not limited to: furnishing all materials, labor, panels, special panels, posts, collars, post caps, panel caps, reinforcing steel, foundations, drain holes, fire hose access holes, grating, neoprene pads, equipment, alignment pins, etc. necessary to construct the sound barriers and

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perimeter walls. Include in this price, the cost of any charges for power stoppages, sound barrier or perimeter wall realignments, special erection methods, etc. required to construct the wall.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 534- 72- Sound Barrier - per square foot.

Item No. 534- 73- Perimeter Wall - per square foot.