Specification Section 160
Subarticle 160-1

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COMMENTARY

Clarification was needed to clearly differentiate the requirements for materials that are used for stabilizing and the final mixed product (stabilizer and embankment).

INDUSTRY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES
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Name: Thomas Edge
Date: 8-26-25
COMMENT: Specification 160-2.2.4 Granular Subbase Substitution, for unpaved shoulders please consider defining the soil layer thickness or reference the governing specification. Previous project experience has been the Contractor excavates to construct the subbase as one operation for the full width and consistent depth of the stabilization shown in the plans. As this subbase is below the roadway or shoulder base this would place the top of the constructed subbase deep than the standard six-inch topsoil layer in most cases.

RESPONSE:
In accordance with Section 160-2.2, the Department requires only 6 inches of granular subbase substitution in lieu of stabilized subgrade for both paved and unpaved shoulder areas. For unpaved shoulders where no base is specified in the Plans, this 6-inch granular subbase layer shall be placed directly beneath the turf establishment area. Refer to Index 570 to determine turf establishment limits.
The Contractor may construct the embankment layer in a boxed configuration like the method used for stabilized subgrade in the shoulders. Contrarily, the Contractor has the option to extend the granular subbase substitution throughout the entire paved and unpaved shoulder if facilitates the construction operation. However, whichever method the Contractor utilizes, the substitution is provided to the Department at no additional cost.

ACTION TAKEN:
No specification change required.