

Maintenance Specification Section

SPM5360100

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

Editorial revisions recommended for clarity. Addition of vegetative debris removal to address work needs resulting from elimination of department of corrections work crews.

INTERNAL COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

(Please note all comments and responses are verbatim as received. The Specifications Office does not alter typos or grammar.)

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Name: James Read

Date: 12-31-2024

COMMENT: Is the intent of adding verbiage to remove/clear vegetation and debris from the miscellaneous asphalt area just at the location of the repair or also to include non-damaged sections?

Added additional language.

536-5.9 Removal of Vegetation and Debris: The quantity paid for removing vegetation and debris from miscellaneous asphalt areas surrounding the guardrail and end treatments will be the quantity in linear feet of area cleared, measured along the face of the guardrail and end treatments and extending out as far as required per Standard Plans or Manufacturer Specifications.

RESPONSE: The intent of this revision is to establish a method of measurement and basis of payment for removal of vegetation and other debris from the asphalt pavement associated with the guardrail. Work to be performed under this specification is limited to guardrail maintenance only; it does not extend to other surrounding areas.

ACTION TAKEN: Additional revisions to clarify that the vegetative debris removal to be performed with miscellaneous guardrail maintenance is limited to areas of the asphalt pavement associated with the guardrail and end treatments.

Name: Jason Smith

Date: 1-6-2025

COMMENT: I do like the fact this will help keep our guardrails clean as this is an ongoing problem. Thank you.

RESPONSE: Thank you for the feedback.

ACTION TAKEN: N/A

Name: Jaclyn Berberian

Date: 1-10-2025

COMMENT: District 7 agrees with the addition of “Remove vegetation and debris buildup that has grown over the miscellaneous asphalt pavement where required”, as this does become a problem when the miscellaneous asphalt begins to crack and propagate weeds up. The weeds grow extremely fast, and our contractors typically spray them and wait for them to die before they weed eat them, which allows them to collect trash and other debris. However, after they weed eat them, the weeds just re grow again, so we would go one step further requiring the cracks be routed and sealed to stop weeds from growing after a certain point.

For disposal (536-3.16), we suggest adding debris/trash to the removal as well, as the vegetation collects a lot of trash and inevitably needs to be removed.

RESPONSE:

Thank you for the feedback.

Sealing cracks in the miscellaneous asphalt to prevent weeds from growing in the cracks would be associated with and covered under the requirement to repair existing miscellaneous asphalt.

The term debris technically includes trash, but since we specify vegetative debris, to avoid the possibility of misinterpretation, minor changes will be made to include “other” in references to debris.

ACTION TAKEN: Minor edits for consistency and to avoid confusion in what is considered debris.