SECTION 302

AGGREGATE BASE COURSE CONSTRUCTION

302.1 GENERAL

The work provided under this specification shall include the furnishing, placement and compaction of aggregate base course (ABC) to the lines, grades, dimensions, moisture, density and typical sections as specified in the plans and specifications, and or as directed by the ENGINEER. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the aggregate base course either batched at and/or delivered to the site. A job mix formula for aggregate base course, shall be certified in accordance with the of these specifications. Each job mix formula submitted and authorized for use under this specification shall be identified by a number, unique to that job mix formula and aggregate production plant/pit. If a change in material(s) from that specified in the job mix formula occur during a project, the CONTRACTOR shall submit a new job mix have formula to include the changed materials for approval by the ENGINEER. A job mix formula shall not be used on a project without written approval of the ENGINEER. A job mix formula, upon request by an aggregate supplier, may be authorized by the OWNER for a period of 14 months, from the date of sampling of aggregates used in the job mix formula.

302.2 REFERENCES

302.2.1 ASTM:

C136	D75
D422	D423
D424	D1557
D2419	D2844
D2922	D2940
D3017	

302.2.2 This Publication:

Section 113
Section 301

302.3 MATERIALS

302.3.1.1 Aggregate base course shall be coarse aggregate of either crushed stone, or crushed gravel, or crushed asphalt concrete, or crushed Portland cement concrete, or any combination, and natural sand, the combination of materials conforming to the requirements of ASTM D2940 and the plans and specifications, as authorized by the ENGINEER.

302.3.1.2 Coarse aggregates retained on the No.4 sieve shall consists of durable particles of either crushed gravel, or crushed asphalt concrete pavement, or crushed portland cement concrete, or any combination, capable of withstanding the effects of handling, spreading and compacting without degradation production of deleterious fines. At least 50% of the particles retained on the 3/8-inch sieve, shall have two or more fractured faces. Coarse aggregate shall comply with the requirements of TABLE 302.A.

302.3.1.3 Fine aggregate passing the No.4 sieve shall consists of fines from the operation of crushing coarse aggregate; where available and suitable, natural sand or finer mineral matter or both, may be added. Fine aggregate shall comply with the requirements of TABLE 302.A.

302.3.1.4 The job mix formula and gradation shall comply with the requirements of TABLE 302.B, and have the same or similar characteristic gradation curve as either range limit, when graphically plotted on a standard "0.45 POWER" Gradation Chart.

302.3.1.5 Aggregate base course furnished and placed under this specification shall have a resistance value, (R-Value), not less than 76 as determined by ASTM D2844.

302.3.1.6 A job mix formula, certified by a Registered New Mexico Professional Engineer to comply with the requirements of this specification, shall be submitted to and authorized for use by the ENGINEER before the material may be incorporated in the construction. A submittal shall include, but not be limited to, the items in TABLE 302.C. Prior to delivery of the material, the CONTRACTOR may be required to furnish samples of the aggregates base course to the ENGINEER for testing. Gradations for the aggregate base course used in a particular day's placement shall be submitted to the ENGINEER upon request.

302.3.2 Prime coat for surface sealing of compacted aggregate base course shall comply with the requirements of CSS-1H Cationic Emulsified Asphalt as specified in Section 113.

302.4 TRANSPORTATION AND PLACEMENT

302.4.1 Aggregate base course shall be transported in suitable vehicles with a cover. A load shall be covered immediately after loading and remain covered until unloading.

302.4.2 The CONTRACTOR shall provide to the ENGINEER with each load of batched and/or delivered to the job site, before unloading at the site. a copy of the delivery ticket on which is printed, stamped or written. the information defined in TABLE 302.D.

302.4.3 Aggregate base course shall be placed on prepared subgrade, prepared in accordance with the requirements of SECTION 301, the plans and specifications, and or as directed by the ENGINEER.

302.4.4 Aggregate base course shall be placed in lifts which will provide not less than four (4) inches and not more than 6 inches compacted thickness. The material shall be moisture conditioned within a range of optimum moisture plus or minus two percent (+/-2%), and compacted to a dry density greater than ninety-five (95) percent of maximum dry density as determined in accordance under the procedures specified in ASTM D1557.

302.4.5 The finish surface of the compacted aggregate base course shall not deviate from finish grade in excess of 1/2 inch in 10 feet when tested with a 10-feet straight edge in any direction. All deviations in excess of the specified shall be corrected by the CONTRACTOR prior to authorization for placement of the next life of material.

302.4.6 Immediately upon completion of compaction, the CONTRACTOR shall seal the surface of the compacted aggregate base course with a prime coat. The prime coat shall be applied as required to provide a uniform coverage of the surface. Application shall be between 0.05 and 0.15 gallons per square yard of surface. If final surfacing is to be placed within twenty four (24) hours after completion of compaction, the prime coat may be waived as authorized by the ENGINEER. The surface shall be kept at compaction moisture until the final surfacing is placed in the event the prime coat is waived.

302.4.7 Traffic on compacted aggregate base course shall be limited to moisture control application and final surfacing traffic only, as authorized by the ENGINEER.

302.5 TESTING

302.5.1 A sample of material delivered to the project shall be taken for each 300 tons placed or each days placement, whichever is greater, and tested for gradation and moisture density relationship. The average value of individual gradation tests, for all sieve size determinations, shall comply with the job mix formula within the tolerances specified in TABLE 302.B. Individual sample gradation test results, for all sieve size determinations, shall comply with the tolerance range plus two (2) percent. Non complying material shall be re-sampled and tested for compliance. Material not in compliance after the initial and follow up testing shall be removed and replaced by the CONTRACTOR at no cost to the OWNER, as directed by the ENGINEER.

302.5.2 Compaction tests shall be taken at the rate of one test for each 500 sy/lift placed, or as directed by the ENGINEER, in accordance with the requirements of ASTM D 2922 and D 3017. Areas represented by non complying tests shall be reworked and retested for compliance.

302.5.4 Test reports shall include but not be limited to the requirements of TABLE 302.E.

302.5.5 Test Results shall be reported to the ENGINEER, CONTRACTOR, and OWNER in writing, within 4 working days of completion of the sampling and or field test. Non-complying test shall be reported within 1 working day of completion of the test.

302.6 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

302.6.1 Measurement of aggregate base course shall be by the square yard per each thickness required, complete in place.

302.6.2 Payment shall be at the contract unit price per square yard per each thickness required, complete in place which shall include all material, labor and equipment required in placing, grading and compacting the aggregate base course.

Table 302.A
ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS

CHARACTERISTIC	SPECIFICATION LIMIT(S)	
Aggregate Type	Fine	Course
Los Angeles Abrasion Wear (ASTM C 131)		40% max.
Soundness (5 cycles ASTM C 88)	15% max.	15% max.
Crushed Aggregate (% Material Retained on 3/8inch sieve by wt., having at least two (2) fractured faces)		50% max.
Maximum % passing No. 200	60% of -No.30	
Plasticity Index (Material finer than No.40 sieve)	4.0 max.	
Sand Equivalent Value	35 min.	

TABLE 302.B
GRADATION RANGES AND TOLERANCES

	PRODUCTION RANGE (% passing)		PRODUCTION TOLERANCES (+/-%)
SIEVE SIZE/TYPE	I	II	
1-1/2 inch	100	100	
1 inch	95-100	100	
¾ inch		90-100	8
½ inch	64-75		8
3/8 inch		65-80	8
No.4	35-46	48-55	8
No.30	12-18	18-25	5
No.200	5-12	6-15	3

TABLE 302.C
SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Supplier
B. Date
C. Design Mix Identification Number
D. Contractor
E. Construction project number
F. Construction Project Title (contract)
G. Certification of compliance
H. Target Gradation of Material
I. Optimum moisture and maximum dry density relationship of material and graph

The submittal shall be rejected without review if the specified data is not included.

TABLE 302.D
DELIVERY TICKET INFORMATION

A. Name of Supplier
B. Date of Delivery
C. Delivery Ticket Number
D. Name of Contractor
E. Project Name (optional)
F. Job mix formula identification number
G. Weight of load
H. Time loaded

TABLE 302.E
TEST REPORT INFORMATION

A. Field Data

Date of Sampling/Field Test
Project Number or
Permit Number
Project Title
Location of sample/field test as defined by the project plans and specifications
Time of Sampling/field testing
Field test results with reference specification limits

B. Laboratory Data

Base course classification
Gradation
Plasticity index
Liquid limit
Optimum moisture/maximum dry density relationship and graph
Estimated soil resistance R-Value