SECTION 340

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE CURBS, GUTTERS, WALKS, DRIVEWAYS, ALLEY INTERSECTIONS, SLOPE PAVING, AND MEDIAN PAVING

340.1 GENERAL:

340.1.1 Portland cement concrete curbs, walks, gutters, cross gutters, valley gutters, driveways, alley intersections, slope paving and median paving constructed of concrete having a minimum compressive strength as specified in Section 101, unless otherwise noted on the plans or specified in the Supplementary Technical Specifications.

340.1.2 Subgrade preparation for concrete curbs, gutters, walks, driveways, alleys, intersections, and slope paving conform to the requirements of Section 301, unless otherwise noted on the plans or specified in the Supplementary Technical Specifications.

340.1.3 Unless otherwise specified or indicated on the plans and except as otherwise prescribed in Subsection 340.8, the minimum thickness of walks shall be 4 inches. The minimum thickness of gutters, driveway aprons, and alley intersections shall be 6 inches unless otherwise shown on the plans. The height and thickness of the curb section including other details of construction for items in Section 340 will be shown on the plans, or Standard Detail Drawings.

340.2 REFERENCES:

340.2.1 American Society for Testing and Materials (Latest Edition) (ASTM):

D1557 Test Method for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort

340.2.2 This Publication:

SECTION 101 PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE
SECTION 102 STEEL REINFORCEMENT
SECTION 105 CONCRETE CURING COMPOUND
SECTION 107 JOINT FILLER AND SEALANT MATERIAL
SECTION 301 SUBGRADE PREPARATION
SECTION 337 PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT
SECTION 349 CONCRETE CURING

340.3 FORMS:

340.3.1 Form material shall be free from warp, with smooth and straight upper edges and, if used for the face of curb, shall be surfaced on the side against which the concrete is to be placed. Timber forms may be used for forming curved sections but shall not be used for straight work unless authorized in writing by the ENGINEER. Metal forms for such work being of a gauge that will provide proper rigidity and strength for the purpose for which they are intended. Wood forms used on curb returns shall be not less than 3/4 of an inch in thickness, cut in the length and radius as shown on the plans and held rigidly in place by the use of metal stakes and clamps. The curb face forms shall be cut to conform exactly with the curb face batter, as well as being cut to the required length and radius. In every case, however, the forms shall be of sufficient rigidity and strength and shall be so supported as to adequately resist springing or deflection as a consequence of the placing and consolidation of the concrete.

340.3.2 All formed curb and combined curb and gutter shall be divided into blocks or stones in lengths not to exceed 12 feet long using metal templates' not less than 1/16 inch thick cut to the same cross section as the curb or curb and gutter being constructed. Templates shall be securely attached to forms to prevent movement during concrete placement.

340.3.3 Form material shall be thoroughly clean at the time it is used and shall be given a coating of light oil or other suitable material immediately prior to the placing of the concrete.

340.3.4 Forms, except curb back planks, shall be set with the upper edges thereof flush with the specified grade of the finished surface of the adjacent portion of the work and shall be not less than a depth equivalent to the full specified depth of thickness of the concrete to be supported thereby.

340.3.5 Back forms shall be held securely in place by means of stakes driven in pairs, one at the front form and one at the back, at intervals not to exceed 4 feet; clamps, spreaders, and braces being used in connection therewith to such extent as may be necessary to insure proper rigidity of the forms. Forms for walks, gutters, and similar work shall be firmly secured by means of stakes driven flush with the upper edge of the forms at intervals not to exceed 5 feet. The stakes shall be of sufficient size and shall be so driven as to properly and adequately support the forms.

340.3.6 Form clamps, specifically designed and manufactured for the curb and gutter to be constructed, may be used if, in the opinion of the ENGINEER, they fulfill the requirements above specified for curb and gutter forms.

340.4 PLACING CONCRETE:

340.4.1 The concrete shall be placed on a thoroughly dampened subgrade sufficiently moist to insure that no moisture will be absorbed from the fresh concrete.

340.4.2 Surfaces of structures in sidewalks, curbs, and gutters shall be adjusted as necessary prior to placing of concrete to meet the contiguous sidewalk surfaces.

340.4.3 Concrete shall be placed in horizontal layers not to exceed 6 inches each in thickness, each layer being spaded along the forms and thoroughly consolidated. However, if the section is more than 6 inches in depth, the concrete may be placed to provide the thickness shown or specified, if mechanical internal vibrators are used or if, in the opinion of the ENGINEER, the spading and tamping is sufficient to consolidate the concrete for its entire depth.

340.4.4 After the concrete has been placed between the side forms, a strike off shall be used to bring the surface to the proper section to be compacted. It shall then be spaded along the form faces.

340.4.5 After the concrete has been placed and consolidated, the upper surface shall be struck off uniformly smooth and true to the specified grade.

340.5 EXPANSION JOINTS:

340.5.1 Expansion joints shall be constructed in curbs, walks, and gutters as hereinafter specified, being filled with premolded joint filler strips conforming with the requirements prescribed therefor in Section 107. No such joints shall, however, be constructed in cross gutters, alleys, intersections, or driveway aprons.

340.5.2 Spacing: Unless otherwise shown on the plans or authorized by the ENGINEER, the location and spacing of expansion joints shall be as specified in the Standard Detail Drawings and herein.

340.5.2.1 Expansion joints in all types of curb and gutters shall be placed at both ends of returns except where cross gutters are being constructed, and at regular intervals not to exceed 200 feet between expansion joints. Expansion joints shall be placed at both ends of the cross gutter transitions.

340.5.2.2 Expansion joints in all types of sidewalk shall be placed where the sidewalk abuts Wheel Chair Ramps and drivepads; at regular intervals not exceeding 18 feet between expansion joints; between the walk and any building or structure; around utility pads and light foundations; and between the walk and water meter areas.

340.5.2.3 Expansion joints at wheel chair ramps and drivepads shall be placed between these items of work and the back of the curb and gutters and the adjoining sidewalks.

340.5.2.4 Expansion joint filler strips shall be vertical and shall extend to the full depth and width of the work in which they are installed, being constructed at right angles or radially to the line of the curb or gutter as the case may be. The filler strips shall completely fill these joints at least to within 1/4 of an inch of any surface of the concrete that will be exposed upon completion of the work and must fully extend at least to those surfaces that will not be exposed. However, before the work will be accepted, any joint filler that protrudes beyond a surface that will not be exposed or beyond 1/4 of an inch below a surface that is exposed shall be trimmed off to the specified dimension in a neat and workmanlike manner. During the placing and consolidation of the concrete, the filler strip shall be held rigidly and securely in proper position.

340.5.3 CONTRACTION JOINTS

340.5.3.1 Contraction joints shall be constructed in slip formed curbs, curb and gutter, walks, and gutters as hereinafter specified. The joint shall be either cut or tooled to a minimum depth of 1 inch at curb, curb and gutter, and gutter, and the greater of either 1 inch or 1/4 the actual depth of the concrete at sidewalks and slabs on grade. The contraction joint shall be tooled at all exposed faces of the fresh placed concrete.

340.5.3.2 Spacing: Unless otherwise shown on the plans or authorized by the ENGINEER, the location and spacing of contraction joints shall be as specified in the Standard Detail Drawings and herein.

340.5.3.3 Contraction joints in extruded curb, curb and gutter, and gutters shall be placed at regular intervals not to exceed 12 feet.

340.5.3.4 Contraction joints shall be placed in all types of sidewalk at regular intervals not less than the width of the sidewalk nor greater than 6 feet.

340.6 FINISHING: Surfaces of the various items of work shall be finished as specified herein. Edges of concrete at expansion joints shall be rounded to 1/4 inch radius. Upon completion, the finished surface shall be true to line and grade and free from irregularities.

340.6.1 CURB:

340.6.1.1 The front forms may be stripped as soon as the concrete has set sufficiently but must be removed before the expiration of 6 hours after pouring. Immediately following the stripping of these forms, Class A mortar, as prescribed therefor in Section 106

thinned to the consistency of grout, shall be applied to the curb face. If monolithic curb and gutter is being constructed, this mortar shall be applied to the full exposed face; otherwise, it shall extend for an additional 2 inches below the gutter.

340.6.1.2 The face and top of the curb shall then be carefully troweled with a “steel mule” shaped to match the profile of the curb, curb and gutter, to a smooth and even finish, the top being finished to a transverse slope of 1/4 of an inch toward the front, with both edges rounded to a radius of 3/4 of an inch. Contraction joints, perpendicular to the flow line and in returns radial to the curve, shall be placed in the curb top and face and in the gutter. The surface shall be finished with a fine hair broom parallel with the line of the flow line.

340.6.2 SIDEWALK:

340.6.2.1 Following the placing of concrete, the surface shall be struck and floated to a true and even grade, free from waves and irregularities. After the floating contraction joints shall be made to a depth of 1 inch. The work shall then be carefully floated to a smooth and even finish, with the contraction joint and expansion joint edges rounded to a radius of 1/8 of an inch. The finished surface shall be given a fine hair broom finish, applied transverse the direction of travel of the sidewalk.

340.6.2.2 Contraction joints or block joints shall not exceed intervals of 6 feet. On straight work, the joints shall be parallel with and at right angles to the line of the work; at curves the joints shall, in general, be along lines concentric with the curve radius. The contraction joint shall be made with jointer tools that will round the edges to a radius of 1/8 of an inch, with a depth of not less than 1 inch. The finished joint opening, exclusive of radii, shall not be not less than 1/8 inch nor greater than 3/16 inch. The CONTRACTOR will be required to have a sufficient number of jointer tools on the job to accomplish the above specified requirements.

340.6.2.3 The concrete shall be cured in accordance with the requirements of SECTION 349.

340.6.3 GUTTER:

340.6.3.1 After the concrete has been thoroughly consolidated the surface shall be worked to a true and even grade by means of a float. Contraction joints shall be sawed or tooled at intervals not to exceed 6 feet, perpendicular to the flow line. The finished surface shall be textured longitudinally with a fine hair broom finish.

340.6.3.2 Side forms shall remain in place until the concrete is sufficiently set, after completion of the gutter, but must be removed before the work will be accepted. The concrete shall be cured in accordance with the requirements of SECTION 349.

340.6.3.3 Valley gutter or cross gutter sections reinforcement steel and steel placement shall be constructed accordance with the plans and detail drawings. The reinforcement steel shall be in accordance with Section 102. The finished surface shall conform to the required roadway section as to both line and grade. The gutter sections will not be opened to traffic until specimen cylinders have attained a compressive strength of not less than 85% of its design strength or after 14 days or as authorized by the ENGINEER.

340.6.4 CONCRETE SLOPE PAVEMENT:

340.6.4.1 All subgrade preparation required for this item shall be done in accordance with applicable provisions of Section 301 with the exception that minimum density requirements will be 90% of maximum density as determined by ASTM D1557 or ASTM D698.

340.6.4.2 Reinforcement shall be included where shown on the plans or as specified.

340.6.4.3 Thickness of concrete shall be as specified or as shown on the plans. Concrete shall be screeded and finished with ten foot straight edge , lapped at ½ its length or equivalent, to a plane surface having no variation when measured with a 10 foot straight edge in excess of 1/4 inch, unless a curvilinear surface is designated for a particular job. All concrete work shall be in accordance with Sections 101 and 349.

340.7 CURING:

340.7.1 GENERAL: Immediately after the operations have been completed on all concrete, the CONTRACTOR shall initiate the curing of the concrete as specified in Section 349 and/or as approved by the ENGINEER.

340.8 DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES:

340.8.1 Driveway entrances shall be provided in new curbs at all existing driveways along the line of the work and at locations shown on the plans or as directed by the ENGINEER.

340.8.2 The location and construction details for driveways shall conform to the construction plans or Standard Detail Drawings, or as authorized by the ENGINEER.

340.8.3 Where walks are to be constructed across driveways, the thickness of the walk shall be not less

than 6 inches, unless otherwise specified or shown on the plans.

340.9 DRAINAGE OUTLETS THROUGH CURB: The CONTRACTOR will be required to construct suitable outlets through the new curb for all existing building drains along the line of the work, as per Standard Detail Drawings.

340.10 MISCELLANEOUS TYPES OF CURB, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS: Extruded type concrete curb and gutter, precast curb and gutter sections, cut stone curbs, brick sidewalks, flagstone " sidewalks, etc., will permitted where approved by the ENGINEER and in accordance with the plans and Supplementary Technical Specifications.

340.11 REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS:

340.11.1 New work that is found to be defective or damaged prior to acceptance and/or existing work damaged by the CONTRACTOR's operation shall be repaired or replaced by the CONTRACTOR at no expense to the OWNER. Defective or damaged concrete areas shall be repaired by neatly saw cutting at right angles to the face of curb and removing and replacing the effected area. Removals of defective concrete shall be either the entire area between existing joints or if a minimum of 6 feet can be maintained to an existing joint, an intermediate saw cut may be permitted when approved by the ENGINEER.

340.12 TESTS: Testing procedures shall be as provided for in SECTION 101.

340.13 BACKFILLING AND CLEANUP: Backfilling and compaction to the finished surface of the newly constructed improvement must be completed before acceptance of the work.

340.14 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT:

340.14.1 MEASUREMENT:

340.14.1.1 Concrete curbs and gutters shall be measured by the linear foot per each type of curb and gutter.

340.14.1.2 Concrete sidewalks, driveways, valley gutters, gutters alley intersections shall be measured by the square foot per each type of improvement.

340.14.2 PAYMENT:

340.14.2.1 The payment for concrete curb and gutter shall be at the contract unit price and SECTION 101 per linear foot per each type of curb and gutter, complete in place, which shall include all materials, equipment and labor required in the final grading, subgrade preparation (subgrade compaction), placing, finishing, curing, backfilling and cleanup.

340.14.2.2 The payment for concrete sidewalks, drivepads, valley gutters, gutters and alley intersections shall be at the contract unit price and SECTION 101 per square foot per each type of improvement, complete in place, which shall include all materials, equipment and labor required in the final grading, subgrade preparation (subgrade compaction), steel reinforcement (when and where required), placing, finishing, curing, backfilling and cleanup.