AGC-NCDOT Workshop 2020
Construction Breakout Session – Roadway Topics
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➢ *Prior to beginning work on the project conduct a preconstruction survey meeting to discuss:*

- Required submittals
- Who will review submittals?
- Survey equipment
- Method of staking control points
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Digital Terrain Model
- Will Contractor use AMG?
A layout drawing of the drainage system shall be submitted to the Engineer for review and approval prior to the contractor beginning installation of that system.

The Drainage Summary provided in the plans is for bidding purposes only and shall not be used for stakeout.
Exploratory Excavation

(F) Drainage and Utility Construction Systems

(1) General

Where underground conflicts are suspected, contact utility owners and locate all utilities horizontally and vertically. Consider the utilities’ locations and elevations in the layout of the drainage systems and utility construction systems. Utilities may exist that are not depicted on the plans.

- When should Exploratory Excavation be Paid
- In the place where utilities may exist that are not depicted on the plans because of unknown location.
- Some Urban projects where we know much of the SUE is unknown might include these items (standard and vacuum exploratory excavation)

Exploratory Excavation required to locate a utility will be paid in accordance with Article 104-7.
Chapter 17
Major Structure Stakes

17.1 Guideline Information
All major structures shall be staked with reference lines which contain at least three (3) reference hubs on each side with tacks. These hubs should be spaced equally apart at adequate intervals. Reference hubs shall be checked for accuracy after setting all water or as required by the Engineer. If two structures are side by side, then the reference hubs for each bridge should be color coordinated to eliminate confusion.

Bridge Stake Out
Bridge stake out will contain two reference lines for each structure and beam, beam, joint center, and the tangent lines.

Construction elevations are furnished from Structure I beams and should be used as follows:
- Location of slab grades will be used to determine center of each span. (For larger spans 40F or in the construction elevation points.) After these points, corrections made and deflection corrections bolted, tensions, etc. on top of girders at each tenth point and in computing effect of the sun, shall not be allowed. Keep a record of the calculations. Barns height is not computed as follows:
  1. Find bottom of slab grade (vertical erosion) by Structure D
  2. Deflection due to weight of slab
  3. Deflection due to weight of post, rail, and T.W.S.
  4. Top of girder elevation (determined in field)

The algebraic sum of these values equals the height of build-up above the top of girder. In some cases, this value will be minus indicating the girder flange projects into the slab.

The build-up heights for the entire bridge shall be computed and listed in a field book well in advance of any forming operation. These heights can be marked on the top of girder at the proper twentieth point.

Radial stakeout should NOT be used unless prior approval has been obtained.

QUESTION: Can we use radial stakeout for bridges?

QUESTION: Can GPS be used for bridge layout?

NO... Vertical controls are not accurate enough for structure work.
Structure Stakeout Check Items

✓ INITIAL LAYOUT – Independent check
✓ BENCHMARKS – Independent check
✓ ALIGNMENT OF FOOTINGS, COLUMNS & CAPS
✓ RR BRIDGES- Check rail elevations shot in the field against bottom of beam elevations at rail separations and compare to vertical clearance shown in plans. Check clearance again after girders are installed
✓ BRIDGE SEAT ELEVATIONS
✓ BUILDUP ELEVATIONS – Independent check
✓ APPROACH SLAB GRADES
Construction Surveying

If the Contractor elects to use AMG for fine grading and placement of base or other roadway materials, the GPS shall be supplemented with a laser or robotic total station.

1. Provide control points at intervals along the project not to exceed 600 feet or as recommended by the manufacturer for the equipment in use. The horizontal position of these points shall be determined by traverse connection from the original base line control points. The elevation of these control points shall be established using differential leveling from project benchmarks, forming closed loops where practical. A copy of all new control point information shall be provided to the Engineer prior to construction activities.

2. Provide conventional survey grade stakes at 500’ intervals and at critical points such as, but not limited to, PCs, PTs, tapers, changes in roadway width, and other critical points as requested by the Engineer.

3. Provide hubs at the top of the finished subgrade at all hinge points on the cross section at 500-foot intervals. These hubs shall be established using conventional survey methods for use by the Engineer to check the accuracy of construction.

4. Stakes shall be provided prior to the start of fine grading at 100’ intervals and at offsets between 3’ and 10’ from the edge of pavement (edge of asphalt) on the outside shoulder. These stakes shall remain in place until the final lift of pavement is completed. All stakes shall have offset distance and station number provided on the stake. The stakes will provide reference for proof rolling operations, fine grading operations, and paving operations.

5. Slope stakes shall be set regardless of grading methods for slope protection under bridges, cross line pipe, culverts, wetlands, and other jurisdictional boundaries.
ROW Verification

Must be signed and sealed by a PLS
Questions or Comments?
Project Acceptance/Closeout

- Communication during the life of the project, via construction meetings and on-site meetings.
- Running punch list communicated from Inspection Staff to project Field Personnel (Foreman, Superintendents, etc)
- “Catch it as you go” Approach
Emphasis on Communication in the field

• The industry continues to see some inexperienced staff on both sides (contractor field staff and inspection staff).
• As each learns the construction process- good communication along the life of the project is key.
• Efficient Project Delivery – Time is Money!
Common punch list items

• This is a good tool for them to look over as the project progresses towards completion.
• Trying to avoid any major items of work that would potentially remain on a punch list (especially from subcontractors).
• Communicate any open issues or previous discussions/decisions when staff changes are made throughout the life of the project.
FINAL INSPECTION COMI

Asphalt Pavement
- Good ride quality
- Longitudinal joints in correct
- Transverse and longitudinal
- No fuel spills on asphalt and
- No segregation
- Correct cross slope
- No standing water or water
- Valves and manholes adjust
- Driveways (be-in, widths)

Concrete Pavement
- All spills/cracks repaired
- Joint sealed/Joint in proper k
- Ride quality acceptable
- Tining performed to specific
- Correct cross slope
- Acceptable appearance
- Drains adequately

Pavement Marking
- Stop bars/cross walks/ arrow
- Thermoplastic/paint works marking removed, not place
- Retroreflectivity of thermoplas
- Roadway delineators (flexib)

Signs
- Installed per plan
- Correct orientation
- Cleaned
- Metals Engineer list complet
- Overhead lighting inspector
- Overhead sign anchor bolts/

Grading
- No standing water in ditcher
- Slopes graded to correct crc
- Project properly vegetated
- All washes repaired and see
- No more than one inch drop
- Mowing and topdressing has
- Erosion control measures removed unless otherwise direct

Guardrail/Guiderail/Barrier
- Proper installation per St
- Cross slope per standard
- Clear roadside recovery
- No tack on rail end units
- Workmanship (correct in goot finish on barrier, dr

Drainage
- Drainage structures clear
- Pipes are flush with insid
- Pipes sealed properly
- Frames and boxes grouts
- Correct type of grate
- Grate does not rock
- Steps installed
- Pipes clean
- Not missing expansion jo
- Aprons are not damaged
- Pipe near subgrade level

Miscellaneous Concrete
- Sidewalk (good finish, jo
- Curb and gutter (good fi
- seeded, joints sealed)
- ADA Handicap ramps in

Overhead Lighting
- Inspected by Division Traffic Services
- Burn period performed

Borrow/Waste
- Pits reviewed with property owners
- Plan matches actual final condition of pit
- All erosion control measures removed unless otherwise directed
- Pit has been seeded with stand of grass established
- Graded to drain
- All washes repaired and seeded

General
- Rocks and asphalt/concrete chunks removed
- All stockpile areas cleaned and seeded and mulched
- Trash picked up
- Mail boxes adjusted/relocated

Structures
- Check guardrail anchor system – patch spalling from drilling operation, tighten nuts, make sure proper number of posts (even field drilling the rail to install end post near at backwall
- Install barrier delineators
- Clean tops of caps and epoxy caps as required by plans – check and repair damaged epoxy as needed
- Properly install pvc pipe, nuts, washers, and burre threads on anchor bolts
- Remove all forming materials from end bent joints
- Remove from fins from bottom of interior bent caps, bottom of overhangs, and other chanfere
- Patch overhang jack holes
- Point and patch substructure as needed (deep air bubbles larger than a dime). Make sure final surface finish is uniform – avoid spotly looking patchwork
- Review end bent caps and around perimeter of slope protection for scour holes – fill with flowable fill as needed

- Trim top of permanent casing on drill shaft to elevation of concrete and remove column forming support aidsPaint deck drain pipes and /or extend them on steel girder bridges
- Recess and seal expansion joint material between cored slabs and end blocks and interior bents
- Install expansion joint material or backer rod in barrier at rail at interior bends and seal

This list is not all inclusive of the items needed for final acceptance and should serve as a list of common items needing attention prior to the Department performing a final inspection.
Scheduling Final Inspections

• The Contractor should make a request to the Resident Engineer for Final Inspection within 2 – 3 weeks of the project or portions, as provided in Article 105-17, being complete.

• Make sure the proper people are invited to the Final; DCE/ACE/REU/(PM/PE/SUPER), Division Maintenance Staff, etc

• Can be a good time to discuss upcoming Project Closeout Procedures…
Communicate!

• Most of the time it is more effective to pick up the phone and talk to someone directly to solve a problem!
• Make sure to take these talking points back to the field staff (Inspectors, Foreman, Superintendents, etc)
• Good teamwork means good communication. Be responsive and be available.

What we have here
Is a failure to communicate
Questions or Comments?
Pipe backfill when unsuitable soils are encountered….

- We know how to how pipe foundation and material up to the spring line of the pipe; per the Specifications and Standard Drawings.
- What about the material above the pipe line that is deemed unsuitable and has to be replaced?
- How should this be handled on comprehensive grading projects?
PIECE IN TRENCH

Removal of Unsuitable material above the pipe invert is considered incidental to new pipe culvert installation. (Article 303-A)

Undercut excavation (CY by average end method) and paid at double the contract unit price for Unsuitable excavation.

No direct payment for Unsuitable Foundation Conditioning Material. Minor structures are used. Payment at the contract unit price is full compensation for all work of pipe undercut excavation.

GENERAL NOTES:

I.D. = THE MAXIMUM HORIZONTAL INSIDE DIAMETER DIMENSION.

O.D. = THE MAXIMUM HORIZONTAL OUTSIDE DIAMETER DIMENSION.

H = THE FILL HEIGHT MEASURED VERTICALLY AT ANY POINT ALONG THE PIPE FROM THE TOP OF THE PIPE TO THE TOP OF THE EMBANKMENT AT THAT POINT.

TAKE CARE TO FULLY COMPACT Haunch ZONE OF PIPE BACKFILL.

LOOSELY PLACED SELECT MATERIAL CLASS III OR CLASS II, TYPE 1 FOR PIPE BEDDING. LEAVE SECTIONS DIRECTLY BENEATH PIPE UNCOMPACTED AS PIPE SEATING AND BACKFILL WILL ACCOMPLISH COMPACTION.

DO NOT OPERATE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OVER ANY PIPE CULVERT UNTIL THE PIPE CULVERT HAS BEEN PROPERLY BACKFILLED AND COVERED WITH AT LEAST 3 FEET OF APPROVED MATERIAL.

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SELECT BACKFILL MATERIAL CLASS III OR CLASS II, BELOW SPRINGLINE.

APPROVED SUITABLE LOCAL MATERIAL ABOVE SPRINGLINE.

UNDISTURBED EARTH MATERIAL

SELECT MATERIAL CLASS V OR VI FOR FOUNDATION CONDITIONING, ENCAPSULATE WITH TYPE 2 GEOTEXTILE AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
ADA Curb Ramps and Sidewalks

• Standard Curb Ramps
  – STD 848.05 and 848.06
  – Can be used for new construction or retrofit

• Alternative Curb Ramps
  – Included in Resurfacing or Sidewalk Projects

• Concrete Driveway Turnouts
  – Must maintain ADA compliant Cross Slope and width when sidewalk is present.
Pay Limit 1 WCR

Up to 12’6” on both sides

Pay Limit 2 WCR
BEFORE
Alternative Curb Ramps
Type 1

Type 2

Type 3
Work Zone Traffic Control

• Make sure that accommodations are met if you have existing sidewalk or if a worn walking path is present.

• A detour is not required when there is no continuity to the sidewalk.
The sign should read "ADA LAWSUIT AHEAD"
Would you block a vehicular travel lane with this sign? Then why do you block a sidewalk?
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Value Engineering Program
Constructability Review Program
Value Engineering Proposal Program
Risk Assessment Program
CLEAR Program
Constructability Review Program

Benefits

• Work out potential field issues while the project is still being designed
• Provide a better understanding between design and construction
• Provide contractor input on design issues (coordinate with the AGC)
• Potential cost savings, risk reduction and/or time reduction
Research

• **Ongoing project:** Review and enhancement of Constructability Review process and program.
  
  – Please participate in interviews if you are contacted by the research team out of ITRE.

• **Upcoming project:** Establish guidance on Constructability of DMUIIs and Use of 4D model techniques (adding time/schedule to 3D geometry)
  
  – Interested in participating on the committee or being a friend of the committee? Contact Clare Fullerton, PE
Value Engineering Proposal

A Value Engineering Proposal (VEP) brings an innovative idea and savings to the Department from a Contractor.

• Contractor Idea
• Savings split 50/50 between NCDOT and Contractor
• Minimum $10,000 savings threshold
• Contractor covers cost associated with proposal submission
Value Engineering Proposal

- Article 104-12 (2018 Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures)
- Review is coordinated by Value Management

Benefits
- Use of Contractor specific equipment or methods to enhance construction projects
- Reduce construction costs
- Reduce construction schedules
- Introduce innovations into projects
Value Engineering Proposal

104-12 VALUE ENGINEERING PROPOSAL

This value engineering specification is to provide an incentive to the Contractor to initiate, develop and present to the Department for consideration, any cost reduction proposals conceived by him involving changes to the contract. This specification does not apply unless the proposal submitted is specifically identified by the Contractor as being presented for consideration as a Value Engineering Proposal (VEP). Submittals that propose material substitutions of permanent features, such as, but not limited to, changes from rigid to flexible or flexible to rigid pavements, concrete to steel or steel to concrete bridges will not be considered acceptable VEPs. Depending on the complexity of evaluation and implementations, VEPs that provide for a total savings before distribution of less than $10,000 may not be considered.
VEP Process

1. Contractor Submits Preliminary Proposal
2. Preliminary Proposal Reviewed
3. Contractor Submits Final Proposal
4. Final Proposal Reviewed
Contractor Submits Preliminary Proposal

Proposal should include:

• Description of proposed change, including benefits
• Estimated cost savings with breakdown
• Sketch, mark-ups on existing plan sheets

Benefit is to see if idea has merit before developing fully.
Preliminary Proposal Reviewed

• Reviewed by Resident Engineer, Value Management Office, and Technical Units
• Review the validity of the VEP
• If accepted – Contractor prepares Final Proposal
Example of Back-up Document

ORIGINAL PROJECT DETAILS
Two Travel Lanes Open

CONTRACTOR PROPOSED CHANGES
Two Travel Lanes Open
Contractor Submits Final Proposal

Final Proposal must include:
• Design Calculations
• Contract Plan Sheet Modifications
• Contract Document Changes
• Cost Savings Estimate based on Contract line items
Final Proposal Reviewed

- Reviewed by the Division Resident Engineer, Value Management Office, Technical Unit
- Construction Unit signs off on approval
- Supplemental Agreement executed, includes the portion of the cost savings owed to the Contractor
CLEAR

Communicate Lessons, Exchange Advice, Record.
• Program to support internal communication, knowledge sharing, creativity, and innovation.
WHY was CLEAR developed?

- Feedback loops created between regions and units.
- Innovations shared and vetted.
- Institutional knowledge stored.
- Ideas on any topic related to NCDOT.
- Approved submissions searched and shared.
- Enhanced communication and knowledge share.
CLEAR is found on a SharePoint Site

- Connect Site
- NCDOT Employees
- Mobile friendly
- Data Analytics
NCDOT personnel with NCDOT email can submit any Lesson Learned, Best Management Practice, or Request for a Solution. This submission goes through the Value Management Office and is reviewed. The submission is then sent to the experts to review and provide their expertise and guidance. Accepted submissions are published in the accepted lists that can be keyword searched, reviewed, filtered, and alerts can be set up for items.
What happens after its accepted?
CLEAR FORM

Did you overcome a challenge in work, have a suggestion to solve an obstacle, or have a best practice to share?

Please fill out the form so we can...
... share your lessons learned, advice or best practice.
... make improvements based on your lesson learned, shared advice and best practices.

After review, this will be included in the CLEAR database. You will be informed of the workflow.
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