PART 1 - GENERAL

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A. The CONTRACTOR shall protect all existing utilities and improvements not designated for removal and shall restore damaged or temporarily relocated utilities and improvements to a condition equal to or better than they were prior to such damage or temporary relocation, all in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

B. All utility locates shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. Call DIAL BEFORE YOU DIG at 586-1333 for locates of all underground utilities within the WORK limits prior to any work.

C. The CONTRACTOR shall verify the exact locations and depths of all utilities and the CONTRACTOR shall make exploratory excavations of all utilities that may interfere with the WORK. All such exploratory excavations shall be performed as soon as practicable after award of the contract and, in any event, a sufficient time in advance of construction to avoid possible delays to the CONTRACTOR's WORK. Any utility or service in conflict with the WORK will be reburied by the CONTRACTOR prior beginning the WORK to avoid damage.

D. The number of exploratory excavations required shall be that number which is sufficient to determine the alignment and grade of the utility.

E. The ENGINEER shall be notified of the CONTRACTOR’s field-locate schedule.

1.2 RIGHTS-OF-WAY

A. The CONTRACTOR shall not do any WORK that would affect any oil, gas, sewer, or water pipeline; any telephone, cable television, telegraph, or electric transmission line; any fence; or any other structure, nor shall the CONTRACTOR enter upon the rights-of-way involved until notified by the ENGINEER that the OWNER has secured authority therefor from the proper party. After authority has been obtained, the CONTRACTOR, shall give said party due notice of its intention to begin WORK, if required by said party, and shall remove, shore, support to otherwise protect such pipeline, transmission line, ditch, fence, or structure or replace the same. When two (2) or more contracts are being executed at one time on the same or adjacent land in such manner that work on one contract may interfere with that on another, the OWNER shall determine the sequence and order of the WORK. When the territory of one contract is the necessary or convenient means of access for the execution of another contract, such privilege of access or any other reasonable privilege may be granted by the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR so desiring, to the extent, amount, in the manner, and at the times permitted.

B. No such decision as to the method or time of conducting the WORK or the use of territory shall be made the basis of any claim for delay or damage, except as provided for temporary suspension of the WORK in Article 15 of the General Conditions of the Contract Documents.
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1.3 PROTECTION OF SURVEY MONUMENTS, STREET AND/OR ROADWAY MARKERS

A. The CONTRACTOR shall not destroy, remove, or otherwise disturb any existing survey monuments or other existing street or roadway markers without proper authorization. No pavement breaking or excavation shall be started until all survey or other permanent marker points that will be disturbed by the construction operations have been properly referenced. All survey monuments, markers or points disturbed by the CONTRACTOR shall be accurately re-established, at the CONTRACTOR's expense unless provided for elsewhere in the Contract Documents, after all street or roadway resurfacing has been completed. Re-establishment of all survey monuments shall be by a Registered Alaskan Land Surveyor.

1.4 RESTORATION OF PAVEMENT

A. General. All paved areas, including asphalt concrete berms, cut or damaged during construction shall be replaced with similar materials and of equal thickness to match the existing adjacent undisturbed areas, except where specific resurfacing requirements have been called for in the Contract Documents or in the requirements of the agency issuing the permit. All temporary and permanent pavement shall conform to the requirements of the affected pavement owner. All pavement which are subject to partial removal shall be neatly saw cut in straight lines.

B. Temporary Resurfacing. Wherever required by the public authorities having jurisdiction, the CONTRACTOR shall place temporary surfacing promptly after backfilling and shall maintain such surfacing for the period of time fixed by said authorities before proceeding with the final restoration of improvements.

C. Permanent Resurfacing. In order to obtain a satisfactory junction with adjacent surfaces, the CONTRACTOR shall saw cut and trim the edge so as to provide a clean, sound, vertical joint before permanent replacement of an excavated or damaged portion of pavement. Damaged edges of pavement along excavations and elsewhere shall be trimmed back by saw cutting in straight lines. All pavement restoration and other facilities restoration shall be constructed to finish grades compatible with adjacent undisturbed pavement.

D. Restoration of Sidewalks or Private Driveways. Wherever sidewalks or private roads have been removed for purposes of construction, the CONTRACTOR shall place suitable temporary sidewalks or roadways promptly after backfilling and shall maintain them in satisfactory condition for the period of time fixed by the authorities having jurisdiction over the affected portions before proceeding with the final restoration or, if no such period of times is so fixed, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain said temporary sidewalks or roadways until the final restoration thereof has been made.

1.5 EXISTING UTILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

A. General. The CONTRACTOR shall protect all underground utilities and other improvements which may be impaired during construction operations. It shall be the CONTRACTOR's responsibility to ascertain the actual location of all existing utilities and other improvements that will be encountered in its construction operations, and to see
that such utilities or other improvements are adequately protected from damage due to such operations. The CONTRACTOR shall take all possible precautions for the protection of unforeseen utility lines to provide for interrupted service and to provide such special protection as may be necessary.

B. Utilities to be Moved. In case it shall be necessary to move the property of any public utility or franchise holder, such utility company or franchise holder will, upon request of the CONTRACTOR, be notified by the OWNER to move such property within a specified reasonable time. When utility lines that are to be removed are encountered within the area of operations, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the ENGINEER a sufficient time in advance for the necessary measures to be taken to prevent interruption of service.

C. Where the proper completion of the WORK requires the temporary or permanent removal and/or relocation of an existing utility or other improvement which is indicated, the CONTRACTOR shall remove and, without unnecessary delay, temporarily replace or relocate such utility or improvement in a manner satisfactory to the ENGINEER and the owner of the facility. In all cases of such temporary removal or relocation, restoration to former location shall be accomplished by the CONTRACTOR in a manner that will restore or replace the utility or improvement as nearly as possible to its former locations and to as good or better condition than found prior to removal.

D. OWNER's Right of Access. The right is reserved to the OWNER and to the owners of public utilities and franchises to enter at any time upon any public street, alley, right-of-way, or easement for the purpose of making changes in their property made necessary by the WORK of this contract.

E. Underground Utilities Indicated. Existing utility lines that are indicated or the locations of which are made known to the CONTRACTOR prior to excavation and that are to be retained, and all utility lines that are constructed during excavation operations shall be protected from damage during excavation and backfilling and, if damaged, shall be immediately repaired or replaced by the CONTRACTOR.

F. Underground Utilities Not Indicated. In the event that the CONTRACTOR damages any existing utility lines that are not indicated or the locations of which are not made known to the CONTRACTOR prior to excavation, a written report thereof shall be made immediately to the ENGINEER. If directed by the ENGINEER, repairs shall be made by the CONTRACTOR under the provisions for changes and extra WORK contained in Articles 10, 11, and 12 of the General Conditions.

G. All costs of locating, repairing damage not due to failure of the CONTRACTOR to exercise reasonable care, and removing or relocating such utility facilities not shown in the Contract Documents with reasonable accuracy, and for equipment on the Project which was actually working on the portion of the WORK which was interrupted or idled by removal or relocation of such utility facilities, and which was necessarily idled during such WORK will be paid for as extra WORK in accordance with the provisions of Articles 10, 11, and 12 of the General Conditions.
H. Approval of Repairs. All repairs to a damaged utility or improvement are subject to inspection and approval by an authorized representative of the utility or improvement owner before being concealed by backfill or other WORK.

I. Maintaining in Service. All oil and gasoline pipelines, power, and telephone, cable television or the communication cable ducts, gas and water mains, irrigation lines, sewer lines, storm drain lines, poles, and overhead power and communication wires and cables encountered along the line of the WORK shall remain continuously in service during all the operations under the contract, unless other arrangement satisfactory to the ENGINEER are made with the owner of said pipelines, duct, main, irrigation line, sewer, storm drain, pole, or wire or cable. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for and shall repair all damage due to it operations, and the provisions of this section shall not be abated even in the event such damage occurs after backfilling or is not discovered until after completion of the backfilling.

1.6 TREES WITHIN STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND PROJECT LIMITS

A. General. The CONTRACTOR shall exercise all necessary precautions so as not to damage or destroy any trees or shrubs, including those lying within street rights-of-way and Project limits, and shall not trim or remove any trees unless such trees have been approved for trimming or removal by the jurisdictional agency or OWNER. All existing trees and shrubs which are damaged during construction shall be trimmed or replaced by the CONTRACTOR or a licensed landscaping company under permit from the jurisdictional agency and/or the OWNER. Tree trimming and replacement shall be accomplished in accordance with the following paragraphs:

1. Trimming. Symmetry of the tree shall be preserved; no stubs or splits or torn branches left; clean cuts shall be made close to the trunk or large branch. Spikes shall not be used for climbing live trees. All cuts over 1-1/2 inches in diameter shall be coated with an asphaltic emulsion material.

2. Replacement. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the jurisdictional agency and/or the OWNER if any tree is damaged by the CONTRACTOR's operations. If, in the opinion of said agency or the OWNER, the damage is such that replacement is necessary, the CONTRACTOR shall replace the tree at its own expense. The tree shall be of a like size and variety at the tree damaged, or, the CONTRACTOR shall pay to the owner of said tree a compensatory payment acceptable to the tree owner, subject to the approval of the jurisdictional agency or OWNER.

1.7 PROTECTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES

A. Compaction Equipment and Operations. The CONTRACTOR shall restrict compaction operations as necessary to assure no damage occurs to adjacent building. This may require the use of smaller compaction equipment than is usually employed for trench backfill and roadway embankment compaction operations when in the vicinity of buildings sensitive to vibrating or other impact-type activities. It shall be the CONTRACTOR’s responsibility to determine in which areas of the Project the compaction operations must be restricted, to avoid damage to existing buildings. The foregoing restrictions on the size of, and magnitude of impact energy exerted by,
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compaction equipment will in no way relieve the CONTRACTOR from the compaction requirements as specified in other sections of the Contract Documents.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS (Not Used)

PART 3 - EXECUTION (Not Used)

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