Special Specification 7251
SUBSURFACE UTILITY LOCATE

1. DESCRIPTION

Perform Quality Level A to locate a subsurface utility facility as shown on the plans or as directed. Locate means to obtain precise horizontal and vertical position, material type, condition, size, and other data that may be obtainable about the utility facility and its surrounding environment through exposure by non-destructive excavation techniques that ensures the integrity of the utility facility. Subsurface Utility Locate Quality Level A are inclusive of Quality Levels B, C, and D.

Quality Levels are defined by ASCE Standard 38-02 titled *Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Utility Data.*

2. MATERIALS

Use materials that meet the requirements of the following Items.

- Item 132 “Embankment”
- Item 334 “Hot-Mix Cold-Laid Asphalt Concrete Pavement”
- Item 340 “Dense-Graded Hot-Mix Asphalt (Small Quantity)”
- Item 400 “Excavation and Backfill for Structures”
- Item 421 “Hydraulic Cement Concrete”
- Item 700 “Pothole Repair.”

3. CONSTRUCTION

3.1. Surface Locate. Contact utility owner to verify location of the utility facility before beginning subsurface location.

3.2. Subsurface Locate. Provide the locate method and equipment to the Engineer before work begins. Excavate using a method that is nondestructive to the utility facility. Expose and verify, by survey, the precise location of the utility facility.

3.3. Surface Marking. For locates within an existing roadbed carrying traffic, furnish and install an aboveground marker directly above centerline of the utility facility. For locates outside an existing roadbed, furnish and install a 4-in. pipe directly above centerline of the utility facility. The pipe should be capped and extend from the top of the utility facility to 4-in. above the surface.

3.4. Removing Pavement or Concrete. Remove material as necessary to locate the utility facility. Ensure all loose materials are removed and only sound material is left in place. Increase the cut and restore area to remove loose materials.

3.5. Backfill.

3.5.1. Outside Roadbed. Backfill minor excavations outside the edges of a proposed roadbed with Type B Embankment in accordance with Item 132, “Embankment.” Place 4 in. of topsoil.

3.5.2. Within Roadbed. Backfill excavations within a proposed or existing roadbed with Cement-Stabilized Backfill in accordance with Item 400, “Excavation and Backfill for Structures.” Replace pavement in accordance with Section 3.6, “Cutting and Restoring Within Roadbed.”

3.6. Cutting and Restoring Within Roadbed. Saw cut all edges for areas larger than 3 sq. ft.

3.6.1. Flexible Pavement. Perform work in accordance with Item 700, "Pothole Repair." Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) must be placed at a depth equal to the existing depth of Pavement Structure. Place Hot-Mix Cold-Laid Asphalt Type C for areas equal to or less than 3 sq. ft. Use HMA for areas greater than 3 sq. ft. HMA will be Type B with 2 in. Type D surface.

3.6.2. Concrete Pavement. Concrete must be placed at a depth equal to the existing depth of concrete pavement. Repair in accordance with Item 361, "Repair of Concrete Pavement." Repair using half-depth for areas equal to or less than 10 sq. ft. Repair using full-depth for areas greater than 10 sq. ft.

3.6.3. Concrete. Concrete must be placed at a depth equal to the existing depth of concrete. Place class of concrete in accordance with Item 421, "Hydraulic Cement Concrete." Areas larger than 3 sq. ft. will require reinforcing bars equal to the adjacent concrete reinforcement with reinforcement doweled 12 in. into existing concrete.

3.7. Locate Report. Provide a report of the locate data to the Engineer. Provide survey data to the Engineer in Microsoft Excel or approved alternative. The data should include utility owner name, utility service type, conduit size, conduit type, number of conduits, station, offset, and elevation. The data should be provided for each utility conduit if multiple conduits for the same utility owner are at the locate site. All conduits for the same utility owner at the locate site should be located with data provided in the same report.

3.8. Utility Damage. If any damage results from an act or omission on the part of or on behalf of the Contractor, take corrective action to restore the damaged property to a condition similar or equal to that existing before the damage was done. Be responsible for any damage to the utility facility during the locating process. If damage occurs, the Engineer will stop work and notify the appropriate utility facility owner, the State, and appropriate regulatory agencies. The regulatory agencies include but are not limited to the Railroad Commission of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The Engineer will not resume work until the utility facility owner has determined the corrective action to be taken. The Engineer will be liable for all costs involved in the repair or replacement of the utility facility.

4. MEASUREMENT

This item will be measured by each utility facility locate for each utility owner. Each conduit for the same utility owner at the locate site will not be paid individually. Different utility owners in the same location should be paid separately.

5. PAYMENT

The work performed and materials furnished in accordance with this Item and measured as provided under "Measurement" will be paid for at the unit price bid for the various designations of "Subsurface Utility Locate."

This price is full compensation for utility coordination, surface location, excavation, embankment, removal of concrete and pavement, backfill material, topsoil, disposal of material, saw cutting, cutting and restoring pavement and concrete, survey, traffic control, barricades, equipment, labor, tools, and incidentals.