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**SPECIAL PROVISION**

**REGARDING**

**REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF LITTER**

**Description.** This work shall consist of removal and disposal of litter from the entire highway rights-of-way where accessible (fence to fence where applicable), including shoulders and excluding the travel lanes on designated interstate and state routes.

**Definitions.**

**Litter.** Any object or group of objects foreign to the right-of-way that has been discarded or abandoned and is or may become visible from the edge of the roadway or shoulder as a result of mowing, vegetation management, maintenance operations, or traffic. Examples under this definition include but are not limited to paper, plastic, bottles, cans, wood, tires, portions of tires, and metal products.

**Continuous Operation.** The uninterrupted performance of work on successive working days until the completion of all of the items of work specific to litter removal in the contract are approved by the Engineer.

**Working Day.** A calendar day, exclusive of State recognized holidays, which weather or other conditions not under the control of the Contractor, will permit litter operations to proceed for at least five (5) hours of the day with the normal working force engaged in performing the controlling item or items of work which are normal to progress at the time, as determined by the Engineer.

**Equipment.** The contractor shall furnish all necessary equipment for the satisfactory performance of the work. All vehicles used on the project will be equipped with at least two 6" diameter flashing amber lights, visible in both directions and with a covering device to prevent the litter from being blown from the vehicle.

**Work Schedule.** The litter removal for each section of road shall be accomplished on a schedule that will ensure that the spacing between the beginnings of each cycle is constant

throughout the entire life of the contract. For example, if there are twenty-six (26) cycles to be accomplished, they are to be started and completed every two weeks. The maximum cycle time allowed for sections with fewer than twelve (12) cycles shall be thirty (30) calendar days. For contracts which require fewer than twelve (12) cycles the Engineer will notify the Contractor in writing at least five (5) working days prior to the beginning of each litter cycle. Work shall begin on the date specified by the Engineer and shall be a continuous operation. Each litter cycle shall begin at the same location and proceed as established in the preconstruction conference or as directed by the Engineer (see Section 105.06 of the January 1, 2021 Standard Specifications). The contractor shall supply sufficient resources to accomplish the work during the allotted cycle time.

**Time and Frequency Litter.** The number of litter cycles will be indicated in the General Notes and will correspond to the mowing schedule. One litter cycle will be reserved for winter pick-up (if needed) and scheduled at the discretion of the Engineer. In addition, the Engineer may eliminate an entire cycle or require a partial litter cycle at certain locations. A litter cycle will be considered complete when litter has been removed from the right-of-way specified in the General Notes and all quantities associated with litter removal have been accepted as complete by the Engineer.

Litter removal operations on controlled access roads in Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, and Shelby shall not be performed during rush hour traffic from 6:00 A.M to 9:00 A.M and 3:00 P.M to 6:00 P.M. However, the contractor shall be allowed to work in the direction opposite to rush hour traffic during these times.

Litter removal shall be performed only during daylight hours Monday through Friday or as directed by the Engineer. If work is performed on Saturday and/or Sunday, the Contractor will be charged a Working Day.

**Litter Removal and Disposal.** All litter shall be bagged and removed daily from the right-of-way. All litter accumulated each cycle by the Contractor will be removed from the right-of-way to a Class I dumpsite facility. All fees associated with disposal of litter removed from the state right-of-way shall be included in the unit price bid for the Removal and Disposal of Litter, Item No. 719-02. The Contractor shall supply the Engineer with copies of dump tickets for each load deposited at the qualified dumpsite facility.

**Acceptance of Work.** The Department may accept a portion of the project before the entire project is completed. Such portion(s) shall be of reasonable length as determined by the Engineer and shall be clean and free of litter when the inspection is made.

**Additional Work.** The Contractor may be required to remove litter in areas not specifically detailed in the General Notes under the direction of the Engineer. Additional work shall be limited to the counties and systems which are designated in the Special Notes. Payment will be made at the contract unit price for the Removal and Disposal of Litter, Item No. 719-02.

**Traffic Control.** The Contractor shall maintain work zone traffic control and all traffic control devices for litter removal operations according to the requirements contained herein, the State of Tennessee's currently adopted edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) defined under the Rules of Tennessee Department of Transportation Chapter 1680-3-1, and the Standard Specifications. Although Traffic Control may be included in the cost of other items, the contractor will be responsible for submitting certifications per Materials & Tests Division Standard Operating Procedures.

**Warning Signs.** The Contractor shall furnish portable signs in accordance with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" to notify the traveling public of litter operations. The Contractor shall place these signs along the highway during litter operations and remove them immediately after the operation ceases. Signs at the beginning point shall be forty-eight inches (48") by forty-eight inches (48") in size; diamond-shaped with black letters on an orange background with a black border with eight-inch-high letters. These signs shall be dual-mounted, one on each shoulder, for both directions of travel.

**Safety Requirements.** The Contractor shall comply with OSHA standards, including the use of Class 3 reflective shirts or vests at all times.

Notification to the Engineer shall be made immediately of any personal injury, accidents involving the contractor's equipment, or accidents involving the motoring public.

While equipment is not in use, it shall be parked or stored off the pavement or shoulder of the highway in an inconspicuous place more than thirty (30) feet from edge of pavement or as directed by the Engineer.

The Contractor shall be required to have the company name and phone number on all work zone support vehicles on the left and right sides in a location that is visible to the public. The lettering for the company name and phone number shall consist of a reflectorized material with a minimum height of three inches (3") or five inches (5") in height if non-reflectorized.

**Method of Measurement.** Litter pickup and disposal will be measured by the centerline mile. Measurement will be made longitudinally along the centerline of the project, including bridges, and such single measurement shall include removal and disposal of all litter on interchanges, State-maintained crossroads, and service roads within the lateral limits of the rights-of-way excluding the travel lanes.

**Basis of Payment.** Removal and disposal of litter will be paid for at the contract unit price per centerline linear mile which shall be full compensation for mobilization and performance of the work in accordance with the stipulations, provisions and requirements contained herein.

All costs for traffic control as defined above shall be included in the unit bid price for litter removal, Item No. 719-02.