

## **SPECIAL PROVISION FOR EMBANKMENT AT BRIDGE END BENT STRUCTURES**

This Special Provision will apply when indicated on the plans or in the proposal. Section references herein are to the Department's 2008 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

**1.0 DESCRIPTION.** Construct a soil, granular, or rock embankment with granular or cohesive pile core and place structure granular backfill, as the Plans require. Construct the embankment according to the requirements of this Special Provision, the Plans, Standard Drawing RGX 100 and 105, and the 2008 Standard Specifications.

### **2.0 MATERIALS.**

**2.1 Granular Embankment.** Conform to Subsection 805.10. When Granular Embankment materials are erodible or unstable according to Subsection 805.03.04, use the Special Construction Methods found in 3.2 of the Special Provision.

**2.2 Rock Embankment.** Provide durable rock from roadway excavation that consists principally of Unweathered Limestone, Durable Shale (SDI equal to or greater than 95 according to KM 64-513), or Durable Sandstone.

**2.3 Granular Pile Core.** Select a gradation of durable rock to facilitate pile driving that conforms to Subsection 805.11. If granular pile core material hinders pile driving operations, take appropriate means necessary to reach the required pile tip elevation, at no expense to the Department.

**2.4 Cohesive Pile Core.** Conform to Section 206 of the Standard Specifications and use soil with at least 50 percent passing a No. 4 sieve having a minimum Plasticity Index (PI) of 10. In addition, keep the cohesive pile core free of boulders, larger than 6 inches in any dimension, or any other obstructions, which would interfere with drilling operations. If cohesive pile core material interferes with drilling operations, take appropriate means necessary to maintain excavation stability, at no expense to the Department.

**2.5 Structure Granular Backfill.** Conform to Subsection 805.11

**2.6 Geotextile Fabric.** Conform to Type I or Type IV in Section 214 and 843 as required in the plans.

### **3.0 CONSTRUCTION.**

**3.1 General.** Construct roadway embankments at end bents according to Section 206 and in accordance with the Special Provision, the Plans, and Standard Drawings for the full embankment section. In some instances, granular or rock embankment will be required for embankment construction for stability purposes, but this special provision does not prevent the use of soil when appropriate. Refer to the plans for specific details regarding material requirements for embankment construction.

Place and compact granular or cohesive pile core, soil, granular or rock embankment, and structure granular backfill according to the applicable density requirements for the project. When constructing granular or rock embankments, use granular pile core for driven pile foundations and use cohesive pile core for pre-drilled pile or drilled shaft foundations. Place geotextile fabric, Type IV between cohesive pile core and structure

granular backfill and granular or rock embankment.

When granular or rock embankment is required for embankment construction, conform to the general requirements of Subsection 206.03.02 B). In addition, place the material in no greater than 2-foot lifts and compact with a vibrating smooth wheel roller capable of producing a minimum centrifugal force of 15 tons. Apply these requirements to the full width of the embankment for a distance of twice the embankment height or 50 feet, whichever is less, as shown on Standard Drawing RGX-105.

When using granular pile core, install 8-inch perforated underdrain pipe at or near the elevation of the original ground in the approximate locations depicted on the standard drawing, and as the Engineer directs, to ensure positive drainage of the embankment. Wrap the perforated pipe with a fabric of a type recommended by the pipe manufacturer.

After constructing the embankment, excavate for the end bent cap, drive piling or install shafts, place the mortar bed, construct the end bent, and complete the embankment to finish grade according to the construction sequence shown on the Plans or Standard Drawings and as specified hereinafter.

After piles are driven or shafts installed (see design drawings), slope the bottom of the excavation towards the ends of the trench as noted on the plans for drainage. Using a separate pour, place concrete mortar, or any class concrete, to provide a base for forming and placing the cap. Place side forms for the end bent after the mortar has set sufficiently to support workmen and forms without being disturbed.

Install 4-inch perforated pipe in accordance with the plans and Standard Drawings. In the event slope protection extends above the elevation of the perforated pipe, extend the pipe through the slope protection.

After placing the end bent cap and removing adjacent forms, fill the excavation with structure granular backfill material to the level of the berm prior to placing beams for the bridge. For soil embankments, place Type IV geotextile fabric between embankment material and structure granular backfill. After completing the end bent backwall, or after completing the span end wall, place the structure granular backfill to subgrade elevation. If the original excavation is enlarged, fill the entire volume with compacted structure granular backfill at no expense to the Department. Do not place backfill before removing adjacent form work. Place structure granular backfill material in trench ditches at the ends of the excavation. Place Geotextile Fabric, Type IV over the surface of structure granular backfill prior to placing aggregate base course.

Tamp the backfill with hand tampers, pneumatic tampers, or other means the Engineer approves. Thoroughly compact the backfill under the overhanging portions of the structure to ensure that the backfill is in intimate contact with the sides of the structure.

Do not apply seeding, sodding, or other vegetation to the exposed granular embankment.

**3.2 Special Construction Methods.** Erodible or unstable materials may erode even when protected by riprap or channel lining; use the special construction method described below when using these materials.

Use fine aggregates or friable sandstone granular embankment at “dry land” structures only. Do not use them at stream crossings or locations subject to flood waters.

For erodible or unstable materials having 50 percent or more passing the No. 4 sieve, protect with geotextile fabric. Extend the fabric from the original ground to the top of slope over the entire area of the embankment slopes on each side of, and in front of, the end bent. Cover the fabric with at least 12 inches of non-erodible material.

For erodible or unstable materials having less than 50 percent passing a No. 4 sieve, cover with at least 12 inches of non-erodible material.

Where erodible or unstable granular embankment will be protected by riprap or channel lining, place geotextile fabric between the embankment and the specified slope

protection.

#### **4.0 MEASUREMENT.**

**4.1 Granular Embankment.** The Department will measure the quantity in cubic yards using the plan quantity, increased or decreased by authorized adjustments as specified in Section 204. The Department will not measure for payment any Granular Embankment that is not called for in the plans.

The Department will not measure for payment any special construction caused by using erodible or unstable materials and will consider it incidental to the Granular Embankment regardless of whether the erodible or unstable material was specified or permitted.

**4.2 Rock Embankment.** The Department will not measure for payment any rock embankment and will consider it incidental to roadway excavation or embankment in place, as applicable. (embankments requiring rock with none present within project excavation limits will be constructed using granular embankment)

**4.3 Granular Pile Core.** The Department will measure the quantity in cubic yards using the plan quantity, increased or decreased by authorized adjustments as specified in Section 204. The Department will not measure for payment furnishing and placing 8-inch perforated underdrain pipe and will consider it incidental to the Granular pile core. The Department will not measure for payment any granular pile core that is necessary because the contractor elects to use granular or rock embankment when it is not specified in the plans.

**4.4 Cohesive Pile Core.** The Department will measure the quantity in cubic yards using the plan quantity, increased or decreased by authorized adjustments as specified in Section 204.

**4.5 Structure Granular Backfill.** The Department will measure the quantity in cubic yards using the plan quantity, increased or decreased by authorized adjustments as specified in Section 204. The Department will not measure any additional material required for backfill outside the limits shown on the Plans and Standard Drawings for payment and will consider it incidental to the work.

When following construction sequence "A", as shown on the Standard Drawings, the Department will not measure structure excavation at the end bent for payment and will consider it incidental to Structure Granular Backfill.

The Department will not measure for payment the 4-inch perforated underdrain pipe and will consider it incidental to the Structure Granular Backfill.

**4.6 Geotextile Fabric.** The Department will measure the quantities as specified in Section 214. The Department will not measure the quantity of fabric used for separating granular or rock embankment and cohesive pile core and will consider it incidental to cohesive pile core.

**4.7 End Bent.** The Department will measure the quantities according to the Contract. The Department will not measure furnishing and placing the 2-inch mortar or concrete bed for payment and will consider it incidental to the end bent construction.

**5.0 PAYMENT.** The Department will make payment for the completed and accepted quantities under the following:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
02223	Granular Embankment	Cubic Yards
20209EP69	Granular Pile Core	Cubic Yards
20210EP69	Cohesive Pile Core	Cubic Yards
02231	Structure Granular Backfill	Cubic Yards
02596, 02599	Geotextile Fabric, Type	See Section 214

The Department will consider payment as full compensation for all work required in this provision.

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