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CHAPTER 9 - BACKFILL/COMPACTION

9.1 GENERAL

No pavement cuts will be permitted for any County readway granted probationary acceptance or everlayed within the previous 5 years. Emergency repairs for broken pipes, cables etc. will be allowed according to the requirements of Chapter 1D. If a contractor makes a cut into new pavement as defined in this paragraph which is not an emergency cut, the contractor or ewner of the infrastructure shall be liable for additional custs as defined in Chapter 10.

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NOTE: All road surface street cuts shall require the use of C.L.S.M. (Controlled Low Strength Material) for backfill, or an alternative approved by the County Engineer orior to issuance of R.D.W. use permit. Variances from this requirement shall be on a case-by-case basis.

- 9.1.1 Existing payoment shall be out so the joint line between existing and replacement payoment is straight and neat -- i.e. within 5° of vertical and free from horizontal irregulanties. All outs shall be hy saw or blade. The out depth shall be full depth to permit payement removal without damage to remaining payement. In the case of concrete removal, it shall be by full panel only par existing control joints.
- 9.1.2 Removed pavement shall be hauled away and disposed of in a proper marker (recycle or weste facility).
- 9.1.3 Base course material should be removed and stockpiled off of the road surface area for reuse during backfilling if it mucts specifications. If not, it is to be hauled away from the R.O.W. and disposed of in a proper manner.
- 9.1.4 Sub-base material is to be stockpilled parallel to the trench alignment, in such a manner that encroachment upon the non-disturbed portion of the readway and/or pedestrian walkways is kept to a minimum.
- 9.1.5 Sefety standards relating to the shoring and stabilization of trench sidewalls should be maintained as prescribed by appropriate safety regulatory agencies (OSHA, State of Colorado). No open holes may be left overnight or unattended. All areas must be backfilled in unattended. Type III barndades will be required if construction area is in or within 10 feet of the readway.
- 9.1.6 The trench for such construction shall not be opened for a distance of more than three hundred (300) feet at any one time, unless specifically authorized by the County Engineer or his designated representative.
- 9.1.7 The trench width shall be confined to those minimum dimensions, which will permit proper installation and acceptable pipe loading, as established by current acceptable engineering practices and all OSHA requirements.
- 9.1.8 No street cuts should be left in an open condition overnight, except for the portion necessary to commence work the following morning. Werning signs, barricades and lights, all in conformance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCO), shall be used in areas where trenching operations are in public roadways. All work shall have flashing lights used with warning signs and

barricades. All such barricades, signs and warning devices shall be installed in accordance with the M.U.T.C.D. Type IV barricades will be required in or within 10 feet of the traffic area.

- 9.1.9 In trenching across the road, no more than one-half (1/2) of the traveled way is to be closed to traffic at one time, which requires the use of a traffic signal or flaggers. The trenched roadway shall be completely backfilled and a suitable driving surface restored before tranching the other half of the road. Final pavement restoration can be accomplished at one time when the utility installation in for repair work is complete swithin a maximum of tive-working days for the permanent surface replacement.
- 9.1.10 Closure of any street (only by approval of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners), road approaches, or other access points will not normally be parmitted. Upon trenching across such facilities, steel running plates, planks or other safe methods shall be used to provide for traffic to enter or leave the road or adjacent property. Refer also to Section 10.5.1 and 10.6.2.
- 9.1.11 Access to private driveways shall be provided at all times except during working hours when construction operations prohibit provision of such access.
- 9.1.12 Free access must be provided at all times to fire hydrants.
- 9.1.13 When, during the progress of the work, any excavation is to be made in Country easements through private property. The contractor shall notify the property tweets at least 24 hours in advance of beginning work or in accordance with high-of-way easements which set forth ingress/egress requirements.

The Contractor shall take precautions to limit the removal of or damage to existing pavements, sidewalks, curbs, lawns, strubbery, trees, hedges, walls, tences, buildings or other existing improvements to the least practicable amounts and shall replace or restore such improvements to their original location and condition after the excavation has been backfilled and compacted.

- 9.1.14 It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to appraise himself of all specific conditions contained in private easements. He shall parform all of his work in accordance with the stipulations contained therein.
- 9.1.15 Where trenching excavation occurs within the roadway surface, the minimum allowable remaining pavement sections shall not be less than four feet (41) (not including the curb and gutter or concrete pavement) unless it is part of a monolithic concrete pavement section which shall be full panel or stone.
- 9.1.16 All road surface cuts, if granted by special permission by the County, shall be a minimum of five feet (5') in width on all asphalt cuts and full panel (or stone) replacement on all concrete or curb and gutter cuts.
- 9.1.17 All scheduled road closures must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. All emergency road closures shall be per Chapter 10 of this manual.

9.2 BACKFILLING

- 9.2.1 The permitted shall advise the Engineering Division of the trench backfill date at the time the Engineering Division is notified that construction will take place. A minimum of 24 hours advance notification is required. Normally, backfill will take place on the same day of trenching; if this is not the case, the Engineering Division must be given the same prior notice as required for the initial trenching.
- 9.2.2 The bottom of the trench shall be prepared to provide a firm foundation for the pipa or: facility in accordance with the badding, conditions specified by the geotechnical engineer or Special District for the type of pipe or facility to be installed. The subgrade of the trench shall be kept free of standing water. Where the trench subgrade material is found to be unsuitable and does not afford a solid foundation, the contractor shall excavate to such depth as necessary to construct a stable foundation. A stable foundation shall be constructed by placing crushed rock or other approved granular material under the pipe.
- 9.2.3 Backfilling shall be so placed that the pipe will not be displaced or damaged. Backfilling to a depth of one foot maximum over the crown of the pipe shall be made with granular soil or sand as required by the Douglas County Engineer or his field representative.
- 9.2.4 Immediately after the facility authorized by the permit has been placed in the trench, the trench shall be backfilled with approved material, which is free of humus, vegetable or other organic matter, frozen material, clods, sticks and debris and contains no stones having a dimension greater than three (3) muhos. Said material shall be filled to an elevation which will allow placing the pavement base and wearing surface according to Figure 9.1.

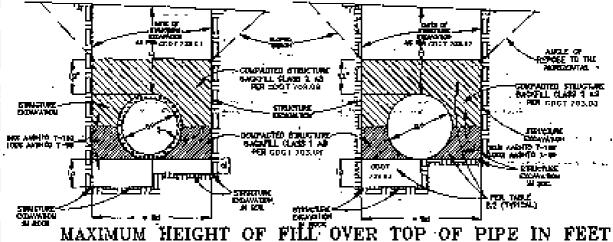
Compaction test reports shall be required daily and all fill over one foot in elevation shall require a tester on site during backfill operation.

When, in the opinion of the Douglas County Engineer or his representative, the excevated material is unsuitable for backfill, this material shall be hauled away and granular hackfill material satisfactory to the Douglas County Engineer shall be used.

- 9.2.5 The subgrade shall conform to the lines, grades and cross sections as shown on the approved plans. The backfill material shall be compacted in successive layers not to exceed eight (6°) inches thick and shall be finished and maintained in a smooth compacted condition. The completed surface shall be free from rutting or other objectionable irregularities.
- 9.2.6 Within the roadway area, french compaction shall be in accordance with AASHTO T99 or T180 as required in Section 203.11 of the CDOT Standard Specifications. See Table 8.2. Compaction tests must be performed by a Geotechnical Engineer and shall be a minimum of every 250 feet along the trench and every one foot in elevation. Testing intervals may be increased at the discretion of the Chief County Inspector.

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NOTES.

- 1. This tranch patching betail specifies requirements in addition to those specified in the latest edition of the Colorada Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Constitution.
- 2 A construction traffic control plan shall be supmitted to and approved by Douglas County uries to issuance of construction permits in the County right-of-way.
- 3.- French shall be braced or sheeted as necessary for the safety of the workers and protection of cares utilities or structures in accordance with applicable local, state and federal safety regulations.
- 4. The french width shall be confined to toose minorum dimensions, which will permit proper installation, and acceptable pipe losping, as established by correct local, state and federal safety regulations.
- 5. At the discretion of the Douglas County Inspector, the pavement may be required to use saw-out security maintain a streight edge.
- 6. Sacktd compaction requirements: Minimum density will be determined in accordance with AASHTO TI99 or 7.180 as defined by COOT Standard Specifications Section 203.11 and COOT 703.00. Except for CLSM.
- 7. Fig.: depth applieft can be used as an alternative to base course. A ratio of 3 inches trade course to 1 inches of asplieft shall be used in the substitution.
- A componery collimate asphall patch, 4° in himum depth (see Section 9.6) white required to: a street runs it a permanent hot-mix asphall patch calmut be applied for any reason, after construction is completed.
- Pavement edges shall be saw-cut streight to within 5 degrees of vertical. Edges shall be tack coaled prior to patching
- 10. If existing street is paveil with fabric, a "TEE" trench shall be required. The Contractor shall cerebilly saw cut and remove the layer of asphalt above the fabric a minimum of 12" back from the edge of the trench.
- Minimum cover for prefabroated type shall be 2 feet.
- 12. Changes in design criteria we" require compensating change in pine design.
- 13. When pipe sewer is to be extended in replaced with pipe of different material, the connections shall conform to the detail shown on plans or be approved.
- 14. Spassing for mustiale gipe server installations shall be 1/2" Ineide diameter or span, or 3" meximum.
- 15. TRENCH INSTACLATION:
 - a. Tranches over 5 feet in death shall be either shared or the trench walls shall be sloped to the angle of repass. It slopes, the begon of the slepe shall be a minimum of 1 foot above the trip of the hips.
 - b. ..Shoring will be required when the bottom of the slope is more than 3 feet above the buttom of the trench. Sharing shall extend a minimum of 1 foot above the bottom of the slope.
 - Timber streeting or shrong may be rult off 1 foot above the top of the pipe after backfilling is complete.

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FIGURE 9.16

9.2.7 Use of an approved controlled low slump material (flowfil), shrinkcrete, (lashfill or equivalent) for backfill of trenches may be allowed with prior approval of the County Engineer. All controlled low slump material (CLSIV) must have a 28-day strength of 60 - 100 psi, and a maximum slump of three and one-half inches (3.5").

9.3 SUBBASE

The term "subbase", for the purpose of trench backfill discussion shall refer to the CDOT Class 1 or Class 2 material that is part of a structural pavement design. There may or may not be a subbase in the pavement section. If there is none, the base course is all CDOT Class 6 aggregate base course.

- 9.3.1 Subhase material shall conform to the lines, grades, cross-sections and thickness shown on the approved plans and shall be finished and maintained in an acceptable condition at least one day's progress in advance of base construction.
- 9.3.2 Subbase material shall be well mixed, free of organic matter and lumps or balls of clay, and shall consist of sound aggregate particles and suitable filler or binding materials which when placed and compacted will result in a firm, dense, unyielding foundation. Subbase material need not be crushed but may be of the pit run variety providing it is graded within the following limits:

TABLE 9.1
GRADATION OF SUBBASE MATERIAL

Standard Size of Sievs	Percentage of Weight Possing Sieve
2 1/2 inch	100
2 inch	95 - 100
#4	30 - 60
#200	5 - 15
Liquid Limit	35 maximum
Plastic Limit	6 maximum

- 9.3.3 Deviations from the gradetion limits above will be permitted on approval by the County Engineer or his representative for unpaved roads where it can be adequately demonstrated that the proposed subbase material can fulfill the intent of these specifications.
- 9.3.4 Subbase shall be deposited and spread, without particle segregation in lease layers not to exceed 6 inches in depth. Each layer shall be thoroughly and individually compacted to 95% proctor (AASHTO T 99) density. Wetting or parating and rolling of the material shall be required when ordered by the Douglas County Engineer or his representative. Subbase shall not be placed on soft, spongy, or

frozen subgrade or other subgrade, the stability of which, in the opinion of the Douglas County Engineer or his representative, is unsuitable.

9.4 FOUNDATION FOR BASE COURSE.

- 9.4.1 Base material shall conform to the lines, grades, cross-sections, and thickness shown on the approved plans and shall be finished and maintained in an acceptable condition at least one day's prograss in advance of placing prime cost.
- 9.4.2 ::: Base material shell consist of hard; durable particles or fragments of stone or gravel crushed to the required size and a AP-filler of sand or other finely divided mineral marter. When produced from gravel, not less than 60% by weight of the aggregate retained on a No. 4 sieve shall consist of particles having at least one fractured face. Base material shall be free from vagetable matter and lumps or balls of clay and which when placed and compacted will result in a firm, dense, unvielding foundation. Base material shall meet the following grading requirements:

TABLE 9.2 GRADATION OF LIMITS OF BASE MATERIAL

Standard Size of Sieve	Percentage of Weight Fassing Siave
3/4 mch	100
#4	30 - 65
· #10	25 - 55
#200	3 - 12
Liquid Limit	25 maximum
Plastic Limit	6 maximum

- 9.4.3 Base material shall be deposited and spread without particle segregation in loose layers not to exceed six inches in depth. Each layer shall be thoroughly and individually compacted to 95% proctor (AASHTO T 180) density. Wetting or seraring and rolling of the material shall be required as ordered by the County Engineer or his representative following review of all field test results. No base course shall be placed upon a soft, spongy or trozen subgrade or subbase or other subgrade, the stability of which, in the opinion-of the Douglas County Engineer, is unsuitable.
- 9.4.4 Deviation from the gradation limits may be permitted by the Douglas County Engineer on unpaved roads provided it can be unequivocally demonstrated that the subbase material is not conducive to rutting, raveling or forming a soft yielding surface in the presence of moisture. Compaction equipment must be on the job site before excavation is started. Compaction equipment must be capable of compacting within the trench width limits to evoid bridging the ditch.

9.4.5 If the existing base course is untreated, it shall normally be replaced with CDQT Class 6 aggregate base material and compacted in layers not to exceed six inches. The resulting total compacted base thickness shall be eight inches or to the thickness of the removed base plus two inches. If the existing base material is asphalt treated aggregate it shall be replaced by a minimum of 3" of acceptable asphalt base or the existing base thickness plus 1", whichever is greater. A replacement 2" thick asphalt surface wearing course shall also be used when replacing asphalt treated aggregate.

Note: For the purpose of replacing a full depth asphalt pavement section, the top 2° may be considered the wearing course, with the remainder being the base course.

9.5 TRENCH COVER -- SUBGRADE

- 9.5.1 After the backfill has been made and compacted as specified, it shall be out and trimmed to the required depth and cross section. Trench cover subgrade shall be free of all rock over 2.1/2 inches in size. It shall have a compaction of 95 percent or more, by standard tasts, see Fable 9.2, at the time of constructing curb, gutter, sidewalk, pavement and/or other permanent trench cover structure.
- 9.5.2 All excess excavated material shall be removed and disposed of outside the legal limits of the R.C.W. as the work progresses, unless the approval of the Douglas County Engineer is obtained for disposal of the material within the legal limits of the R.C.W. All parts of the roadway and various structures disturbed shall be restored to a condition equal to that which existed before starting the work.

9.6 TRENCH COVER -- ASPHALT

9.5.1 Temporary

9.6.1.1 Temporary Trench Cover

All trenches across traffic lanes, where it becomes necessary to remove any existing surfacing or pavement, shall be provided with temporary trench cover.

- 9-6.1.2 A temporary patch of cold mix shall be placed on all pavement surface cuts immediately after backfilling has been completed and shall be removed at the time a permanent patch is made.
- 9.6.1.3 Minimum requirements for remporary trench cover shall be well compacted surfacing material conforming to "Road Mixed Asphalt Surfacing Material" of the CDOT Standard Specifications and shall match the existing asphalt or concrete thickness, but shall not be less than four inches (4") thick. The mineral aggregate shall, with a tolerance of 5 percent, conform to the grading specified for 3/8 inch maximum aggregate. Bituminous binder to be mixed with the mineral aggregate shall be liquid asphalt, Grade MC-3000 and shall be between 5 1/2 percent and 6 percent by weight of the dry mineral aggregate.

- 9.6.1.4 Temporary trench cover surfacing material shall be stockpilled on the job site and shall be placed within six hours after completion of trench backfill and compaction.
- 9.6.1.5 Temporary trench cover shalf be properly maintained until permanent trench cover is placed.
- 9.6.1.5 Trench covered with temporary surfacing will be considered as upon to traffic.
- 9.6.1.7 The surface of the temporary repaying shall be smooth and at the same level as the adjacent undisturbed payed area.

9.6.2 Pennanent

Unless otherwise specified, the replacement of payement shall be as follows:

- 9.6.2.1 In the areas where the wearing surface is asphalt concrete, replace the pavernent with a Full Depth asphalt paving of a minimum thickness of four (4") inches but in all cases to a thickness of the old surface plus base course plus one (1") inch.
- 9.6.2.2 In areas where the wearing surface is Portland coment concrete, replace the pavement with concrete pavement conforming to the requirements of the governing authority. Said concrete pavement replacement shall be of the same depth as the original pavament, but not less than six inches thick or alleys or residential attects, not sess than eight inches on major or secondary streets and highways.
- 9.6.2.3 In areas where the wearing surface is other than asphalt conclute or Portland coment concrete, replace the pavement and base in kind. Said surface replacement shall be of materials and chickness conforming to the requirements of the governing authority.

9.7 PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE

- 9.7.1 Where original surface was Portland dement concrete; Portland dement concrete shall be placed to a thickness of six inches or the thickness of the removed pavement, whichever is greater.
- 9.7.2 Where original surface was asphalt concrete, bituminous treatment or mix, or oil mat: Asphalt concrete shall be compacted in layers not to exceed three (3") inches to a total compacted thickness of four (4") inches or the thickness of the removed peverient plus 1", whichever is greater. On oil mat surfaces or substandard asphalt surfaces, an overlay of Class "EX" asphalt pavement 1 1/2 inches thick shall be placed across the entire traffic lane disturbed by the trench and shall be finished as set forth below.
 - 9.7.2.1 Immediately prior to pracing the wearing surface, the abutting pavement edges shall be nearly out (Sec Section 8.11).

- 9.7.2.2 The existing pavement shall be cleaned, removing all loose material and coated with hot liquid asphalt (Grade AC-10) or asphalt emulsion applied cold (Grade CSS-1h) to ensure a bond with the new asphalt surfacing.
- 9.7.2.3 The restored pavement shall be finished to a smooth riding surface and to the grade of the surrounding undisturbed pavement.
- 9.7.2.4 Pavament replacement shall commence not more than seven 17) www.working days after/backfilling, unless the Douglas County Engineer permits otherwise.
- 9.7.3 In the event the trench edges fall in the wheel traveling portion-of-a traffic lane, existing or proposed, the applicant shall extend the finish surface paying to a point deemed satisfactory by the County Engineer, or his field representative. Finish surface paying shall be performed in such a manner as to provide a crown slope equal to that existing prior to excavation, with no pending of run off surface water either over the trench or at the joints between the new and original surfaces.
- 9.7.4 When road surface damage involves more than one traffic lane, a full width paving lift may be required. Individual jobs may require negotiations with the Division of Ruad and Bridge, at the discretion of the Director of Public Works, for partial participation in the cost of a full width overlay.
- 9.7.5 Sec Figure 9.1 for details of trench backfill and asphalt surface repair.

9.8 REPAIR TO GRAVEL ROADS AND SHOULDERS

9.8.1 Restoration of Unpayed Areas

9.6.1.1 Where the original surface was crushed rock or gravel for the wearing surface and foundation material, Class 5 aggregate base course shall be used as replacement material. It shall be placed to a compected thickness minimum of eight (8) inches or the thickness of the removed material plus two (2) inches, whichever is greater. See Table 8.2.

9.8.1.2 Compaction

In the area from the R.O.W. line (fence line/property king) to a point five (5) feet outside of the roadside ditch flowline, all trenches shall be backfilled with excavated material and compacted to 90% standard compaction, or to the density of the existing ground, whichever is greater.

9.6.1.3 In all other areas not referred to an Section 9.8.1.2 above, including the gravel road, the shoulders and the roadside ditch to a point five (5) feet outside of the flowline; all treach compaction shall be inconformance with Figure 9.1 of these standards.

9.8.1.4 Erosion Control

During construction and after the trench is backfilled and compacted, erosion protection shall be provided per the Douglas County Storm Drainage Design and Technical Criteria Manual.

9.9 MAINTENANCE PERIOD

- 9.9.1 For a period of one year following the backfilling of any trench in the County R.O.W. and/or the permanent patching of the paved surface, the applicant shall be responsible for the condition of said trench backfill and pavement patches. During that time the applicant shall, at his own cost, upon request from the Douglas County Engineer, repair to the County Engineer's satisfaction any of the said patches which become settled, cracked, broken; or otherwise faulty. Settlement of the replaced road surface of one-half [1/2") inch or more within a six 16"1 foot straight edge shall constitute evidence of improperly compacted backfill material. If test results do not meet the standards for compaction as set forth in Sections 8.2 thru 8.5, the contractor shall be responsible for repairs or replacement to meet these standards. Settlement of 3/8 inch or greater with a six (6") foot straight edge will be cause for repair in the case of sectlement or replacement in the case of unsatisfactory workmanship.
- 9.9.2 All inspection costs shall be borne by the permittee. Such costs shall be based on a schedule of charges on file in the office of the Douglas County Engineer.
- 9.9.3 The permittee shall notify the Douglas County Engineer in writing upon completion of work accomplished under the provisions of the permit.