

MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SPECIAL PROVISION
FOR
TRAFFIC SIGNAL WORK - CONSTRUCTION METHODS

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a. Description. This special provision is for electrical construction and/or relocation of traffic signal facilities is to be used in addition to the applicable sections of the standard specifications. In case of conflict use whichever is most restrictive.

b. Materials. Furnish new material and equipment, unless specified otherwise, and comply with sections 918 and 921 of the Standard Specifications for Construction. Materials furnished by the Department to the Contractor will be picked up by the Contractor at such site as designated by either MDOT, or the Local Agency representing MDOT, with any associated costs included in pay items as indicated on the plans and will not be paid for separately.

1. General. Provide manufacturer's certifications, in accordance with the specifications, for all wire and cable and other items or as directed by the Engineer. Do not install any wire or cable before it has been approved by the Engineer. Include statement "Materials are in accordance with the Specifications" on their material order, especially on wire and cable.

Reuse only the best of the existing material and equipment where the contract calls for reuse of existing material and equipment as directed by the Engineer. The Department will have the right to furnish the Contractor with a new part if any are found defective prior to dismantling. Any part or parts damaged by the Contractor subsequent to starting the removal are a liability of the Contractor.

Furnish the Engineer an as-built record of all underground or overhead work installed within 5 days after completion of each section of the underground conduit, cable or overhead line work. This record must include the size and length of cable and duct lines, location of the lines, handholes and manholes, and location and size of support poles. Tag and stamp all wires and cables using a brass tag indicating the source and use of the cable.

Connect the ground wire to the ground rod with a UL rated copper or bronze ground clamp.

c. Construction. All work must comply with sections 819 and 820 of the Standard Specifications for Construction, the applicable "typical" signal construction details, this special provision, and requirements of the *NEC, National Electrical Safety Code (NESC)*, and the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). Contact the LARA for electric service inspection and be responsible for payment of all applicable fees.

1. Maintain all existing street lighting, traffic signal, primary, transmission, communication cables, etc. circuits in an operational condition, unless otherwise noted on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

2. In addition to subsections 104.07 and 812.03 of the Standard Specifications for

Construction, the following applies to Contractor maintenance of permanent or temporary traffic signal installations which are being worked on by the Contractor:

A. The Contractor is responsible for maintaining any portion of a traffic signal which has been worked on by the Contractor until final acceptance of that specific location.

B. If MDOT forces are required to work on an emergency traffic signal malfunction that is determined to have been caused by the work of a Contractor, the cost of the work will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

C. If vandalism occurs to equipment that is not energized, the Contractor is responsible for replacement.

3. Utility Coordination. Notify the System Operating Division of the local utility 72 hours in advance of any work on underground or overhead transmission or distribution circuits. If possible, the System Operating Division will shutdown and red tag the line by 8 a.m. for the day requested. Notify the System Operating Division when the work is complete.

Provide coordination and make arrangements, as described above, to work on traffic signal circuits.

Schedule, coordinate, install, and pay for work provided by the local utility company(s), as indicated on the plans or as directed by the Engineer. The Engineer will not authorize payment for delay caused by the Contractor's failure to properly schedule and coordinate any utility work.

4. Agency Coordination. Secure all necessary permits covering the operations, including permits from the Public Authorities having jurisdiction over the streets, or other Public Properties in which the work is located, and the improvements therein. Obtain the amount of any charges for payment, including fees or inspection charges required by such authorities, and include the cost of these fees in the bid prices.

The local traffic authority may impose restrictions regarding particular times of certain days of the week wherein the Contractor cannot perform work and may, in fact, be required to clear the area of work obstacles or construction equipment. The Contractor must take note of this and there will be no extra payment to perform the work with possible restrictions imposed. The Engineer will not authorize extra payment if the Contractor chooses to perform work during overtime status.

5. Ensure construction is performed by persons who are experienced and qualified for the work required. On-site licensed (Journeyman electrician) supervision is required for the electrical system installation (including placement of traffic loops, conduits, and/or cables in dirt, foundations, and handholes) and must be present at all times when electrical construction is in progress. Ensure the ratio of electrical journeymen or master electricians to registered apprentice electricians is on the basis of one electrical journeyman or master electrician to one registered apprentice electrician in accordance with Michigan Law section 338.883e. This ratio is to be enforced on a jobsite basis. For traffic signal work a single jobsite is defined as a single intersection or single electronic traffic control device.