

**CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND
THE CITY OF KINGSPORT**

This Contract, by and between the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the 'State" and City of Kingsport, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," is for the provision of a special agreement for (mowing, litter, sweeping), as further defined in the "SCOPE OF SERVICES."

Contractor Edison Registration ID # 0000001562
Contract #: CMA 2706

The Department is re-evaluating reimbursement rates to match actual costs for local agencies. If rates increase, the Department will work with the City to amend the contract and incorporate the new rates.

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- A.1. The Contractor shall provide all service and deliverables as required, described, and detailed herein and shall meet all service and delivery timelines as specified by this Contract.
- A.2. Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-5-201 provides that the State is authorized to enter into contracts with municipalities regarding the improvement and maintenance of streets over which traffic on state highways is routed.
- A.3. Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-5-202 provides that streets constructed, reconstructed, improved and maintained by the State shall be of a width and type that the State deems proper, but the width so constructed, reconstructed, improved and maintained shall not be less than eighteen feet (18'); and, in the case of resurfacing and maintenance, from curb to curb where curbs exist, or the full width of the roadway where no curbs exist.
- A.4. Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-5-203 provides that the State is authorized to enter into contracts with municipalities that are organized to care for streets to reimburse, subject to the approval of the State, for improvements and maintenance.
- A.5. Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-16-106 provides that the highway authorities of the state, counties, cities, and town are authorized to enter into agreements with each other respecting the improvement and maintenance of controlled-access facilities, defined by Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-16-101 as a highway or street specially designed for through traffic, and over, from or to which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have no right or easement of access from abutting properties.
- A.6. Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-5-139 provides that the State may enter into a contract with a qualified county to perform maintenance activities upon the rights-of-way of state highways located outside of municipalities and metropolitan governments; and, that the reimbursement shall be on an actual cost basis.
- A.7. The State is hereby contracting with the Contractor for the improvements and maintenance specified in Attachment Exhibit A" titled "Guidelines Covering Maintenance of State Highways through Municipalities, attached and incorporated hereto as part of this Contract.

B. TERM OF CONTRACT:

This Contract shall be effective on July 1, 2026 ("Effective Date"), and extend for a period of twenty-four (24) months after the Effective Date ("Term"). The State shall have no obligation for goods or services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date.

C. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

C.1. Maximum Liability. In no event shall the maximum liability of the State under this Contract exceed one hundred eighteen thousand four hundred eighty dollars and eighty cents (\$118,480.80). The payment rates in section C.3 shall constitute the entire compensation due the Contractor for all service and Contractor obligations hereunder regardless of the difficulty, materials or equipment required. The payment rates include, but are not limited to, all applicable taxes, fees, overheads, and all other direct and indirect costs incurred or to be incurred by the Contractor.

The Contractor is not entitled to be paid the maximum liability for any period under the Contract or any extensions of the Contract for work not requested by the State. The maximum liability represents available funds for payment to the Contractor and does not guarantee payment of any such funds to the Contractor under this Contract unless the State requests work and the Contractor performs said work. In which case, the Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the payment rates detailed in section C.3. The State is under no obligation to request work from the Contractor in any specific dollar amounts or to request any work at all from the Contractor during any period of this Contract.

C.2. Compensation Firm. The payment rates and the maximum liability of the State under this Contract are firm for the duration of the Contract and are not subject to escalation for any reason unless amended.

C.3. Payment Methodology. The Contractor shall be compensated based on the payment rates herein for units of service authorized by the State in a total amount not to exceed the Contract Maximum Liability established in section C.1.

- a. The Contractor's compensation shall be contingent upon the satisfactory completion of units, milestones, or increments of service defined in section A.
- b. The Contractor shall be compensated for said units, milestones, or increments of service based upon the following payment rates:

Service Description	Amount (per compensable increment)
Exhibit A" titled "Guidelines Covering Maintenance of State Highways through Municipalities	See Exhibit A

C.4. Travel Compensation. The Contractor shall not be compensated or reimbursed for travel, meals, or lodging.

C.5. Invoice Requirements. The Contractor shall invoice the State only for completed increments of service and for the amount stipulated in section C.3, above, and present said invoices no more often than monthly, with all necessary supporting documentation, to:

Brandon Worley
3213 North Roan Street
Johnson City, TN 37601

- a. Each invoice shall clearly and accurately detail all of the following required information (calculations must be extended and totaled correctly).
 - (1) Invoice Number (assigned by the Contractor)
 - (2) Invoice Date
 - (3) Contract Number (assigned by the State)

- (4) Customer Account Name: Tennessee Department of Transportation
- (5) Customer Account Number (assigned by the Contractor to the above-referenced Customer)
- (6) Contractor Name
- (7) Contractor Tennessee Edison Registration ID Number Referenced in Preamble of this Contract
- (8) Contractor Contact for Invoice Questions (name, phone, and/or fax)
- (9) Contractor Remittance Address
- (10) Description of Delivered Service
- (11) Complete Itemization of Charges, which shall detail the following:

- i. Service or Milestone Description (including name & title as applicable) of each service invoiced
- ii. Number of Completed Units, Increments, Hours, or Days as applicable, of each service invoiced
- iii. Applicable Payment Rate (as stipulated in Section C.3.) of each service invoiced
- iv. Amount Due by Service
- v. Total Amount Due for the invoice period

b. The Contractor understands and agrees that an invoice under this Contract shall:

- (1) include only charges for service described in Contract Section A and in accordance with payment terms and conditions set forth in Contract Section C;
- (2) only be submitted for completed service and shall not include any charge for future work;
- (3) not include sales tax or shipping charges; and
- (4) initiate the timeframe for payment (and any discounts) only when the State is in receipt of the invoice, and the invoice meets the minimum requirements of this section C.5.

C.6. Payment of Invoice. A payment by the State shall not prejudice the State's right to object to or question any payment, invoice, or matter in relation thereto. A payment by the State shall not be construed as acceptance of any part of the work or service provided or as approval of any amount invoiced.

C.7. Invoice Reductions. The Contractor's invoice shall be subject to reduction for amounts included in any invoice or payment theretofore made which are determined by the State, on the basis of audits conducted in accordance with the terms of this Contract, not to constitute proper remuneration for compensable services.

C.8. Deductions. The State reserves the right to deduct from amounts, which are or shall become due and payable to the Contractor under this or any contract between the Contractor and the State of Tennessee any amounts, which are or shall become due and payable to the State of Tennessee by the Contractor.

C.9. Prerequisite Documentation. The Contractor shall not invoice the State under this Contract until the State has received the following documentation properly completed.

- a. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and present to the State the "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit Form" provided by the State. By doing so, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, once this form is received by the State, payments to the Contractor, under this or any other contract the Contractor has with the State of Tennessee, may be made by ACH; and
- b. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and return to the State the State-provided W-9 form. The taxpayer identification number on the W-9 form must be the same as the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number referenced in the Contractor's Edison registration information.

D. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- D.1. Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Contract until it is signed by the contract parties and approved by appropriate officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations (depending upon the specifics of this contract, said officials may include, but are not limited to, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, and the Comptroller of the Treasury).
- D.2. Modification and Amendment. This Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by all parties hereto and approved by both the officials who approved the base contract and, depending upon the specifics of the contract as amended, any additional officials required by Tennessee laws and regulations (said officials may include, but are not limited to, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, and the Comptroller of the Treasury).
- D.3. Termination for Convenience. The State may terminate this Contract without cause for any reason. Said termination shall not be deemed a breach of contract by the State. The State shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice before the effective termination date. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for satisfactory, authorized service completed as of the termination date, but in no event shall the State be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any service which has not been rendered. Upon such termination, the Contractor shall have no right to any actual general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages whatsoever of any description or amount.
- D.4. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to properly perform its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or if the Contractor violates any terms of this Contract, the State shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract and withhold payments in excess of fair compensation for completed services. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the State for damages sustained by virtue of any breach of this Contract by the Contractor.
- D.5. Subcontracting. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the services performed under this Contract without obtaining the prior written approval of the State. If such subcontracts are approved by the State, each shall contain, at a minimum, sections of this Contract below pertaining to "Conflicts of Interest," "Nondiscrimination," and "Records" (as identified by the section headings). Notwithstanding any use of approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be the prime contractor and shall be responsible for all work performed.
- D.6. Conflicts of Interest. The Contractor warrants that no part of the total Contract Amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Contractor in connection with any work contemplated or performed relative to this Contract.
- D.7. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract or in the employment practices of the Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by Federal, Tennessee State constitutional, or statutory law. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of such nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
- D.8. Records. The Contractor shall maintain documentation for all charges under this Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Contractor, insofar as they relate to work performed or money received under this Contract, shall be maintained for a period of three (3) full years from the date of the final payment and shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed

representatives. The financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

- D.9. Prevailing Wage Rates. All contracts for construction, erection, or demolition or to install goods or materials that involve the expenditure of any funds derived from the State require compliance with the prevailing wage laws as provided in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 12-4-401 *et seq.*.
- D.10. Monitoring. The Contractor's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.
- D.11. Progress Reports. The Contractor shall submit brief, periodic, progress reports to the State as requested.
- D.12. Strict Performance. Failure by any party to this Contract to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Contract shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the parties hereto.
- D.13. Independent Contractor. The parties hereto, in the performance of this Contract, shall not act as employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another. It is expressly acknowledged by the parties hereto that such parties are independent contracting entities and that nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship or to allow either to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the other transacts its business affairs or provides its usual services. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

The Contractor, being a Tennessee governmental entity, is governed by the provisions of the Tennessee Government Tort Liability Act, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Sections 29-20-101 *et seq.*, for causes of action sounding in tort. Further, no contract provision requiring a Tennessee political entity to indemnify or hold harmless the State beyond the liability imposed by law is enforceable because it appropriates public money and nullifies governmental immunity without the authorization of the General Assembly.

- D.14. State Liability. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Contract.
- D.15. Force Majeure. The obligations of the parties to this Contract are subject to prevention by causes beyond the parties' control that could not be avoided by the exercise of due care including, but not limited to, natural disasters, riots, wars, epidemics, or any other similar cause.
- D.16. State and Federal Compliance. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations in the performance of this Contract.
- D.17. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. The Contractor agrees that it will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Tennessee in actions that may arise under this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any rights or claims against the State of Tennessee or its employees hereunder, and any remedies arising therefrom, shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies, if any, available under *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Sections 9-8-101 through 9-8-407.
- D.18. Completeness. This Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein, including all the terms and conditions of the parties' agreement. This Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the parties relating hereto, whether written or oral.

- D.19. Severability. If any terms and conditions of this Contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, the terms and conditions of this Contract are declared severable.
- D.20. Headings. Section headings of this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this Contract.

E. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- E.1. Conflicting Terms and Conditions. Should any of these special terms and conditions conflict with any other terms and conditions of this Contract, these special terms and conditions shall control.
- E.2. Communications and Contacts. All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications required or contemplated by this Contract shall be in writing and shall be made by certified, first class mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, by overnight courier service with an asset tracking system, or by EMAIL or facsimile transmission with recipient confirmation. Any such communications, regardless of method of transmission, shall be addressed to the respective party at the appropriate mailing address, facsimile number, or EMAIL address as set forth below or to that of such other party or address, as may be hereafter specified by written notice.

The State:

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All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications shall be considered effectively given upon receipt or recipient confirmation as may be required.

- E.3. Subject to Funds Availability. The Contract is subject to the appropriation and availability of State and/or Federal funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, the State reserves the right to terminate the Contract upon written notice to the Contractor. Said termination shall not be deemed a breach of Contract by the State. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall cease all work associated with the Contract. Should such an event occur, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all satisfactory and authorized services completed as of the termination date. Upon such termination, the Contractor shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages whatsoever of any description or amount.
- E.4. MUTCD. In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. 54-5-108, the Contractor shall conform to and act in accordance with the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

as adopted by rules of the State. Particularly, the Contractor shall sign work-zones associated with this Contract in accordance with the aforesaid MUTCD.

- E. 5. Maintenance. Nothing contained in this Contract shall change the maintenance obligations governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee, it being the intent of this Contract not to enlarge the present maintenance obligations of the State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

THE CITY OF KINGSPORT:

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR SIGNATORY (above)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

CONTRACTOR ATTORNEY SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR ATTORNEY SIGNATORY (above)

STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

WILL REID, COMMISSIONER

DATE

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

LESLIE SOUTH, GENERAL COUNSEL

DATE

“EXHIBIT A”
GUIDELINES COVERING MAINTENANCE
OF STATE HIGHWAYS THROUGH MUNICIPALITIES

The following items where applicable are eligible for reimbursement by the State to the Contractor under the Special Maintenance Agreement:

Activity	Maintenance Work Type	Unit Of Measure
435	Machine Mowing**	Acres
441	Litter Removal**	Roadway Miles
446	Mechanical Sweeping and Street Flushing	Miles

** Work must be inside the area eligible for reimbursements as detailed in "CITY MAINTENANCE ROADWAY TYPICAL SECTIONS".

Machine Mowing work shall consist of cutting or trimming vegetation primarily consisting of, but not limited to, grasses and invasive weeds on State rights-of-way as detailed below to provide a consistent and aesthetically pleasing standing vegetation height as directed by the State.

Litter Removal Work shall consist of removal of litter from the entire highway rights-of-way where accessible (fence to fence where applicable), including shoulders and excluding the travel lanes on interstate and state routes as detailed below.

Mechanical Sweeping and Street Flushing work shall consist of removing dirt and debris accumulated on the roadway along curbs, gutters, median barriers, bridge curbs and gore areas, and ramps at interchanges by mechanical sweeping or other approved means, as detailed below.

INVENTORY OF ELIGIBLE MACHINE MOWING FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF STATE HIGHWAYS THROUGH MUNICIPALITIES

The following Table itemizes the eligible **mowing area in acres to be maintained in a 12-Month period**. For a 24-Month contract, the following quantities will be doubled. All eligible mowing areas shall be maintained by the Contractor under the terms of this contract. The State agrees to reimburse said Contractor in the amount actually expended for machine mowing, not to exceed the number of cycles and the price per acre as detailed below.

	Approved Mowing Reimbursement Per Acre:	\$ 50.00			
	Calculated Maximum Annual Reimbursement (Mowing):	\$41,550.00			
	Total Maximum Reimbursement (Mowing):	\$83,100.00			

Mowing Inventory Worksheet								
Route Number	Roadway Type	Begin Termini (LM)	End Termini(LM)	Median Area (acres)	Controlled Access Area (acres)	Segment Total Area (acres)	Number of Mowing Cycles	Contract Segment Total Area (acres)
I-26	2A	3.1	6.55		86.2	86.2	6	517.2
SR93	2A	7.16	11.9		52.27	52.27	6	313.62
Total Contract Area (acres):								831

INVENTORY OF ELIGIBLE LITTER REMOVAL FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF STATE HIGHWAYS THROUGH MUNICIPALITIES

The following Table itemizes the eligible **length of litter removal in linear miles to be maintained in a 12-Month period** to the nearest whole square yard. For a 24-Month contract, the following quantities will be doubled. The Contractor shall maintain all eligible linear miles under the terms of this contract. The State agrees to reimburse said Contractor in the amount actually expended for litter removal, not to exceed the number of cycles and the price per linear mile as detailed below.

		Approved Litter Reimbursement Per Mile:	\$ 60.00						
		Calculated Maximum Annual Reimbursement (Litter):	\$ 17,690.40						
		Total Maximum Reimbursement (Litter):	\$ 35,380.80						

Litter Inventory Worksheet											
Route Number	Roadway Type	Beginning Termini (LM)	Ending Termini (LM)	Segment Length (mi.)	Litter Pass Miles Per Segment	Segment Total Litter (mi.)	Price per Litter Mile	Number of Litter Cycles	Contract Segment Total Litter (mi.)	Contract Segment Total Litter (\$)	
I-26	2A	3.1	6.55	3.45	3	10.35	\$ 60.00	12	124.2	7452	
SR93	2A	7.16	11.9	4.74	3	14.22	\$ 60.00	12	170.64	10238.4	
									Total Contract Litter (mi.):	294.84	\$17,690.40

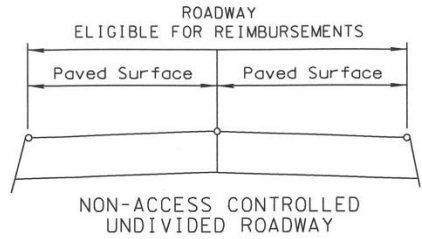


FIGURE 1A

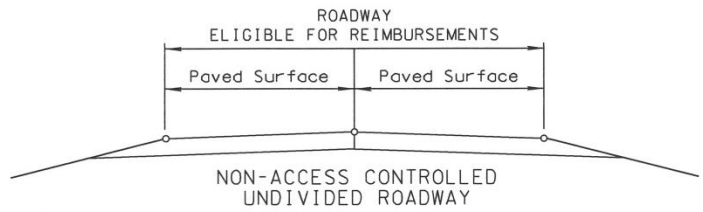


FIGURE 1B

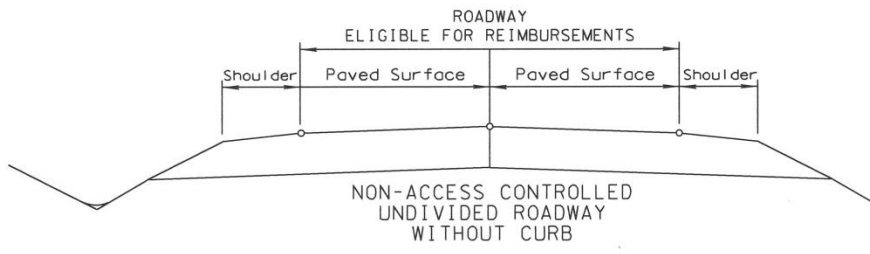


FIGURE 1C

NOTE: IN FIGURES 1A, 1B, AND 1C FOR NON-CONTROLLED ROUTES THE PAVED SURFACE WILL INCLUDE PAVED SHOULDERS.

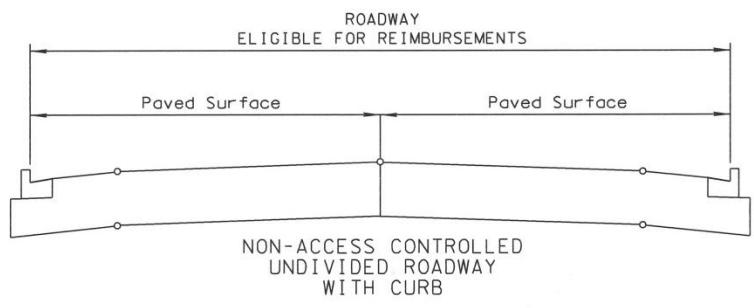


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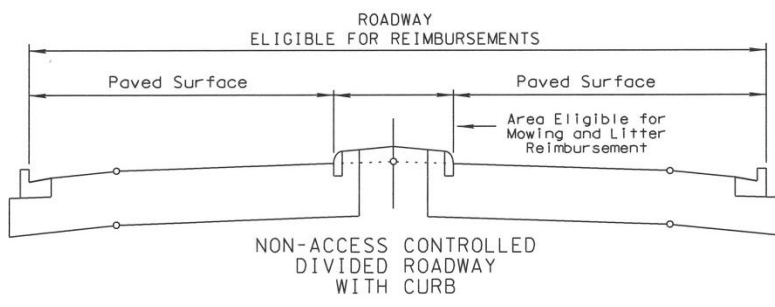
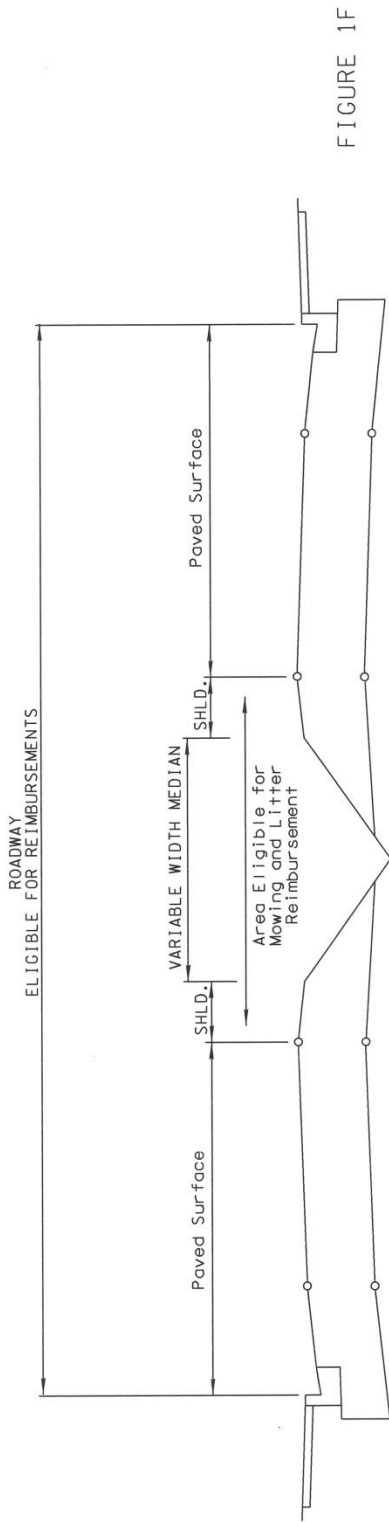


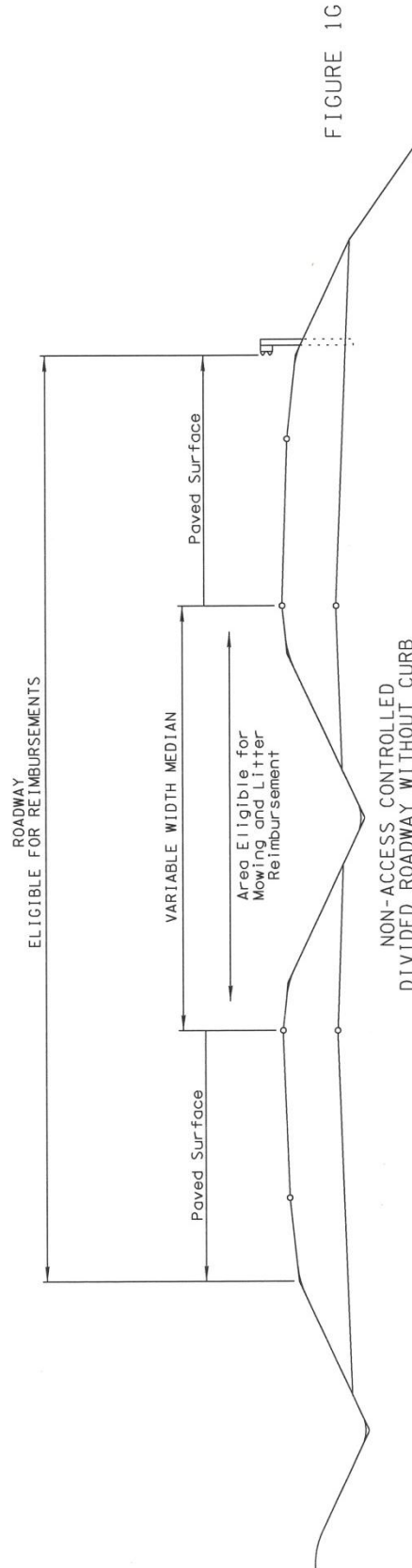
FIGURE 1E

CITY MAINTENANCE

ROADWAY TYPICAL SECTIONS



NON-ACCESS CONTROLLED DIVIDED ROADWAY WITH CURB



NON-ACCESS CONTROLLED DIVIDED ROADWAY WITHOUT CURB

NOTE:
IF FIGURES 1F AND 1G FOR NON-ACCESS CONTROLLED ROUTES
THE PAVED SURFACE WILL INCLUDE PAVED SHOULDERS.

CITY MAINTENANCE
ROADWAY TYPICAL SECTIONS

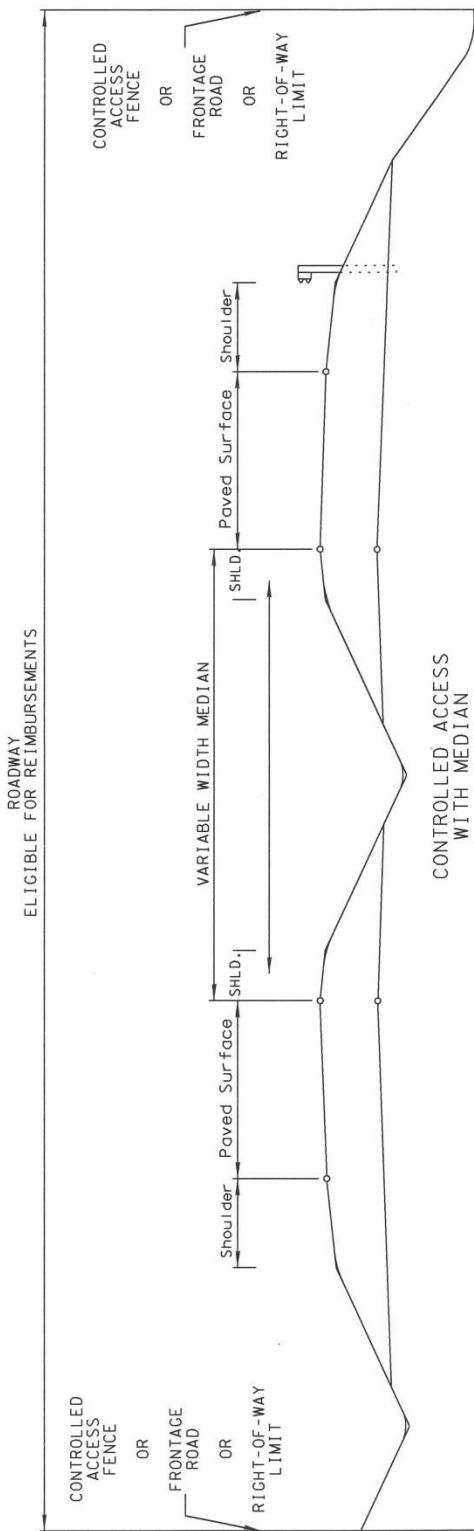


FIGURE 2A

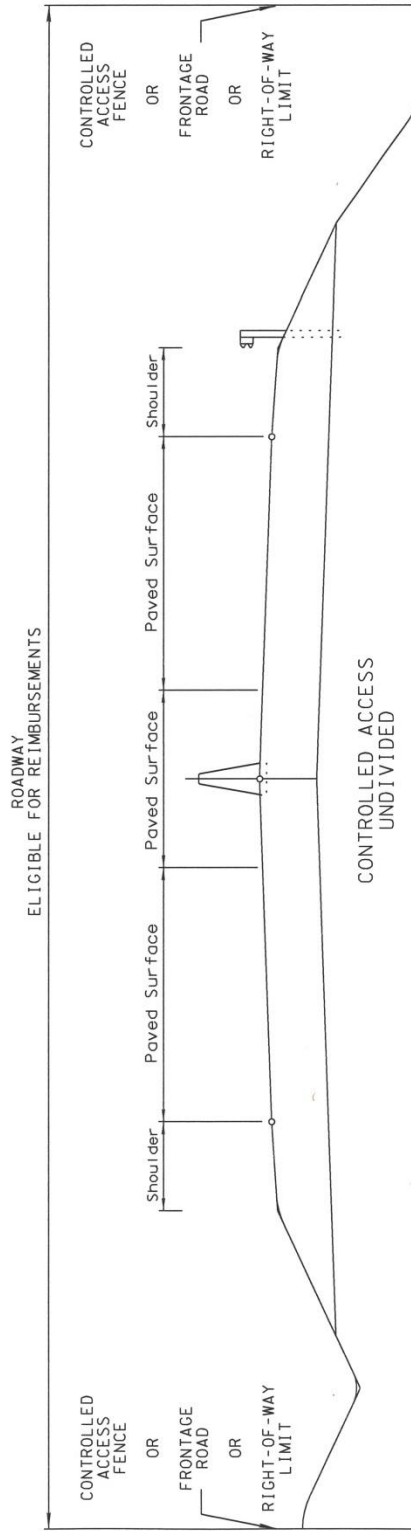


FIGURE 2B