

1.1 BACKSLOPE WIDENINGS

1.1.1 General

This project has been designed to obtain additional quantities of embankment outside the right of way through agreements with select landowners wherein the topsoil, subsoil, and overburden will be salvaged, backslopes will be flattened to 6:1 or flatter, and the topsoil, subsoil, and overburden will be replaced over the affected area after the work is complete. The land affected will not be purchased.

For the purpose of this specification, backslope widenings will be defined as any landscaped borrow source where one edge of the borrow source is contiguous with the highway right-of-way.

1.1.2 Construction

Contrary to Section 2.3.3.5 of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, on the portion of the backslope widening located outside the right-of-way, the material will be classified as follows:

- The topsoil, subsoil and overburden shall be treated as borrow topsoil excavation in accordance with section 2.3.4.5 of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. The Contractor shall manage and reclaim the affected area in accordance with section 2.3.4.6 of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction with the exception that the affected area shall not be seeded.
- Material excavated from the backslope widening areas to be used for embankment will be classified and treated as "Common Excavation".

1.1.3 Measurement and Payment

Contrary to Section 2.3.6.8 of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, for backslope widenings, the material classified as Borrow Topsoil Excavation will be measured and paid as "Common Excavation". Payment will be made each time the material is handled.

The placing and finishing of topsoil on backslope widenings will be measured and paid as "Topsoil Placement".