

SECTION 01520A – REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION SHIELDS FOR DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD BRIDGES AND OTHER STRUCTURES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

- A. This engineering practice describes items to be included in the design and construction of temporary protection shields for construction overhead and near to Amtrak tracks.
- B. Use of this specification is as required by Amtrak, as described in Amtrak Engineering Practice EP3014.

1.2 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and other Division 1 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. CHIEF ENGINEER: Amtrak Vice President, Chief Engineer
- B. RAILROAD: National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), and/or the duly authorized representative
- C. ENGINEERING PRACTICE: Amtrak Engineering Practices establish a system of uniform practices, notices and instructions for the Amtrak Engineering Department, providing current, permanent and temporary, departmental procedures and policies.

1.4 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Unless otherwise directed in the Contract, the Contractor shall submit five sets of plans and calculations to the authorized representative of the Chief Engineer, Structures, whose name and address will be provided at the project pre-construction meeting.
- B. Submitted calculations and plans shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer, registered in the State in which the work will be performed.
- C. The Contractor shall revise and resubmit plans and calculations as many times as necessary, until a complete and correct site-specific work plan for crane/ hoisting operations has been approved.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS (Not Used)

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 CONTRACTORS WORKING ON OVERHEAD OR NEARBY DEMOLITION AND/OR CONSTRUCTION ADJACENT TO AMTRAK TRACKS, SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION SHIELDING:

- A. The Contractor shall maintain a specified level of protection to railroad facilities, during demolition and construction activities that occur overhead and nearby Amtrak tracks, as shown on the Contract Plans, as detailed in the Contract Specifications, and as described below.
- B. Prior to the start of construction, the Contractor shall submit to Amtrak for review and approval, detailed, site specific plans for temporary protection shields. The plans will be reviewed as to the methods of erection, and as to whether or not the proposed installation will provide the required level of protection. No construction shall proceed until the Contractor has received written approval of the Contractor's complete, site specific plans, from Amtrak.
- C. The Contractor shall design the protection shields to conform to all applicable and governing federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- D. Drawings for the proposed temporary protection shields shall be signed and sealed by a Licensed Professional Engineer. Complete design calculations, clearly referenced to the drawings, and easy to review, shall be provided with submission of drawings.
- E. Protection shields shall be designed for the following, minimum load and size criteria.
 - 1. The horizontal shield design liveload on horizontal surfaces shall be the greater of a minimum of 100 pounds per square foot (psf) [5000 Pascals] or the anticipated liveload to be produced by the Contractor's anticipated operations. When determining the appropriate design live load, the designer shall consider factors such as the physical capacity of proposed debris-catching platforms to retain materials, and the type of equipment the platforms might support. Positive means of demolition and construction controls shall be provided to assure that debris that may collect on the shield will not exceed the design live load. The horizontal protection shield, in plan view, shall cover no less than the area directly over the tracks plus ten feet minimum beyond the centerline of the outermost tracks.
 - 2. The vertical shield shall be designed to carry a minimum 30 psf [1500 Pascals] allowance for wind load. The vertical shield shall extend a minimum of 6'-6" [1950 millimeters] above the top of the adjacent surface, such as curb or sidewalk. Anti-climb wings shall be installed at each end, as necessary, to restrict access to the railroad property.
- F. The vertical and horizontal clearance envelopes required for maintenance of railroad operations, shall be indicated on the site specific work plans. These clearances are subject to review and approval by Amtrak. If applicable, both temporary and permanent envelopes shall be indicated on the plans. The temporary protection shields shall be installed outside the limits of these minimum vertical and horizontal clearances shown on the site specific work plans.
- G. In electrified territory, temporary protection shields shall be bonded and grounded.
- H. Temporary protection shields shall be designed and constructed to prevent dust, debris, concrete, formwork, paint, tools, or anything else from falling onto the railroad property below.
- I. The temporary protection shields shall be attached to the structure in accordance with site specific work plans submitted by the Contractor and approved by Amtrak. Drilling in structural members and welding will generally not be permitted in members that are scheduled to remain in place in the reconstructed structure. For existing members scheduled for demolition or for later reconstruction, any proposed attachment shall be designed with consideration of potential existing, deteriorated conditions.
- J. The Contractor shall provide the Amtrak on-site representative, for review and approval prior to any construction activity in the effected area, a proposed construction schedule for the installation, maintenance and removal of the temporary protection shields.

- K. The temporary protection shields shall be installed prior to the start of any other work over the railroad in the effected areas. No construction shall proceed until the Amtrak on-site representative reviews and approves the Contractor's installed protection. Before proceeding with the work, Amtrak must be satisfied, in its sole judgment, that sufficient protection has been provided to proceed with the work.
- L. The Contractor shall install and remove temporary protection shields only when an Amtrak representative is on-site.
- M. The Contractor shall not install or remove temporary protection shields during train operations.
- N. Temporary protection shields shall remain in place for the duration of construction activities over and nearby the railroad in the effected areas. The Contractor may remove temporary construction only after approved by Amtrak on-site representatives.
- O. Where site specific conditions impose insurmountable restrictions to the design of temporary construction conforming to the limitations listed above, the design of temporary construction shall be developed in close coordination with Amtrak design review personnel. The Chief Engineer, Structures shall provide final approval of temporary construction that does not conform to the above limitations.

END OF SECTION 01520A