

SECTION 31 41 00

SHORING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 DESCRIPTION

- A. This Section includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Shoring and bracing necessary to protect existing buildings, streets, walkways, utilities, and other improvements and excavation against loss of ground or caving embankments.
 - 2. Maintenance of shoring and bracing.
 - 3. Removal of shoring and bracing, as required.
- B. Types of shoring and bracing systems shall be determined by the Developer Design/Builder and include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Steel H-section (soldier) piles.
 - 2. Timber lagging.
 - 3. Steel sheet piles.
- C. Shoring design shall be the Developer Design/Builder's responsibility.

1.02 SUBMITTALS

- A. Layout Drawings: Include for excavation support system and other data prepared by, or under the supervision of, a qualified professional engineer. System design and calculations must be acceptable to local authorities having jurisdiction.

1.03 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Engineer Qualifications: A professional engineer legally authorized to practice in California, experienced in providing successful engineering services for excavation support systems similar in extent required for this Project.
- B. Supervision: Engage and assign supervision of excavation support system to a qualified professional engineer foundation consultant.
- C. Regulations: Comply with codes and ordinances of governing authorities having jurisdiction.

1.04 JOB CONDITIONS

- A. Before starting work, verify governing dimensions and elevations. Verify condition of adjoining properties. Take photographs to record any existing settlement or cracking of structures, pavements, and other improvements. Prepare a list of such damages, verified by dated photographs, and signed by Developer Design/Builder and others conducting investigation.
- B. Survey adjacent structures and improvements, employing qualified professional engineer, establishing exact elevations at fixed points to act as benchmarks. Clearly identify benchmarks and record existing elevations.

- C. During excavation, resurvey benchmarks weekly, maintaining accurate log of surveyed elevations for comparison with original elevations. Promptly notify County's Representative if changes in elevations occur or if cracks, sags, or other damage is evident.

1.05 EXISTING UTILITIES

- A. Protect existing active sewer, water, gas, electricity and other utility services and structures.
- B. Notify municipal agencies and service utility companies having jurisdiction. Comply with requirements of governing authorities and agencies for protection, relocation, removal, and discontinuing of services.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 MATERIALS

- A. General: Provide adequate shoring and bracing materials which will support loads imposed. Materials need not be new, but should be in serviceable condition.
- B. Structural Steel: ASTM A36.
- C. Steel Sheet Piles: ASTM A328.
- D. Timber Lagging: Any species, rough-cut, mixed hardwood, nominal 3-inches thick.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 SHORING

- A. Wherever shoring is required, locate the system to clear permanent construction and to permit forming and finishing of concrete surfaces. Provide shoring system adequately anchored and braced to resist earth and hydrostatic pressures.
- B. Shoring systems retaining earth on which the support or stability of existing structures is dependent shall be left in place at completion of work.

3.02 BRACING

- A. Locate bracing to clear columns, floor framing construction, and other permanent work. If necessary to move a brace, install new bracing prior to removal of original brace.
- B. Do not place bracing where it will be cast into or included in permanent concrete work, except as otherwise acceptable to County's Representative.
- C. Install internal bracing, if required, to prevent spreading or distortion of braced frames.
- D. Maintain bracing until structural elements are supported by other bracing or until permanent construction is able to withstand lateral earth and hydrostatic pressures.
- E. Remove sheeting, shoring, and bracing in stages to avoid disturbance to underlying soils and damage to structures, pavements, facilities, and utilities.
- F. Repair or replace, as acceptable to County's Representative, adjacent work damaged or displaced through installation or removal of shoring and bracing work.

END OF SECTION