ITEM #0974105A – CONCRETE HAUNCH REMOVAL

Description: Work under this item shall consist of removing a portion of the concrete haunches from the underside of the bridge deck slabs along the full length and edges of all beams, and as directed by the Engineer, in accordance with these specifications.

Materials:

Epoxy Resin: The epoxy resin shall be a two component system. The base polymer shall be a thermosetting resin of the epoxy type. The epoxy resin shall be composed of 100% reactive constituents, which are a condensation product of the reaction of epichlorohydrin with bisphenol ether of bisphenol A, containing no more than trace amounts of hydrolyzable chloride. The epoxy resin shall have an epoxide equivalent between 465 and 530.

The reacting system shall consist of a blend of condensation polymers of dimerized and trimerized unsaturated fatty acids and an aliphatic polyamine.

Unless otherwise specified, pigmentation shall be required in the system so that the cured coating shall conform to the Federal Color Standard 595, No. 16357.

a) Physical Requirements of (Mixed) Epoxy Resin System:

A mixture of both components in the proportions recommended by the manufacturer shall conform to the following requirements:

Viscosity - 500 to 800 centipoises at 77°F
Pot life - 7 hours minimum at 75°F
Minimum solids content - 48%

The cured system shall not exhibit amine blushing or sweating.

When testing for abrasion by ASTM Designation D968, the pigmented finish coats shall require a minimum of 50 liters of sand to abrade a one mil thickness of coating.

A 2 ½ mil dry film thickness of the coating tested according to ASTM Designation D522 shall pass a 1/8 inch diameter mandrel test without splitting the film or causing loss of bond.

b) Sampling:

A representative sample of each component sufficient for the test specified shall be taken by a Department representative either from a well-blended bulk lot prior to packaging or by withdrawing 3 fluid ounce samples from no less than 5 percent by random selection of the containers comprising the lot or shipment. Unless the samples of the same component taken from containers show evidence of variability, they may be blended into a single composite

sample to represent that component. The entire lot of both components may be rejected if samples submitted for test fail to meet any requirements of this specification.

c) Packaging and Marking:

The two components of the epoxy resin system furnished under these specifications shall be supplied in separate containers which are non-reactive with the materials contained therein. The size of the container shall be such that the recommended proportions of the final mixture can be obtained by combining one container of one component with one or more whole containers of the other component.

Containers shall be identified as base polymer and reacting system, and shall show the mixing directions and usable temperature range as defined by these specifications. Each container shall be marked with the name of the manufacturer, the lot or batch number, the date of packaging, pigmentation if any, and the quantity contained therein in pounds and gallons.

Printed instructions from the manufacturer for mixing and applying the material shall be included.

Potential hazards shall be so stated on the package in accordance with the Federal Hazardous Products Labeling Act.

d) Control of Materials:

A Materials Certificate will be required in accordance with Article 1.06.07, certifying the conformance of the epoxy resin to the requirements set forth in this specification.

Construction Methods: The Contractor shall remove a portion of the concrete beam haunches in accordance with details and limits shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer.

Concrete shall be removed by saw-cut and pneumatic hammer methods specified herein which do not damage the sound concrete in the bottom of the bridge deck, the adjacent steel beam, and portion of the beam haunch to remain.

A three (3) inch deep saw-cut shall be made into the haunch, as shown on the plans, using a concrete saw guided on a fixed track system for exact control of saw cut alignment and depth of cut, except at locations above bridge beam diaphragms or other obstructions having insufficient vertical clearance for saw-cutting equipment. Following the completion of the saw-cut, the portion of the haunch to be removed shall be broken away by percussive methods.

At haunch removal locations over bridge beam diaphragms or other obstructions having insufficient clearance for track guided concrete saw equipment, pneumatic hammers may be used to remove a portion of the beam haunch as shown on the plans. The maximum weight of pneumatic hammers used in the removal shall be 30 pounds.

The Engineer shall examine the underside of the bridge deck for popouts caused by the removal of haunches. The surface area of popouts shall be coated with epoxy resin where ordered by the Engineer. The concrete surface and exposed reinforcing steel, if any, which is to receive the coating material shall be cleaned of all loose or powder-like rust, oil, dust, dirt, loose particles, and other bond inhibiting matter just prior to coating.

The epoxy resin shall be mixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Also in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, two coats of the mixed material shall be applied in uniform coats of approximately 2 to 3 mil dry film thickness each.

If the popouts extend beyond the bottom layer of reinforcing steel, the popouts shall be repaired as ordered by the Engineer.

Contractor shall take adequate measures to prevent concrete chips, concrete sawing slurry, tools and materials from accumulating on the bridge structure and dropping onto the travel lanes, railroad tracks, sidewalks and parking lots below the structure**.**

The Contractor shall design, furnish and install protective shielding on the underside of each beam undergoing haunch removal to prevent an unexpected fall of deteriorated concrete haunch material to roadways, tracks and shoulders below. The protective shielding shall be designed, furnished and installed by the Contractor. Working drawings and design calculations for the temporary shielding shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 1.05.02(a). The working drawings and design calculations shall be prepared, sealed and signed by a Professional Engineer, licensed in the State of Connecticut. The furnishing of such plans shall not serve to relieve the contractor of any part of his responsibility for the safety of the work or for the successful completion of the project.

All debris shall be promptly swept up, removed, and satisfactorily disposed of by the Contractor from the site.

It is not anticipated that shielding will be required for Bridge No. 03912 below spans 1, 2, 4 and 5. All other spans for Bridge No. 03912 and both spans for Bridge No. 03913 will require shielding.

Method of Measurement: This work will be measured for payment by the number of linear feet of concrete beam haunch removed in accordance with the plans and accepted by the Engineer.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot for "Concrete Haunch Removal", which price shall include the removal of a portion of the concrete haunch along each edge of a beam, protective shielding, furnishing and application of epoxy resin, disposal of removed concrete, and all materials, equipment, tools and labor incidental thereto.