

*Note to the Engineer: Fill in the parcel numbers and project route number and/or road name where shown in red. Depending on the condition of the structure(s), the nearness of construction to the structure(s), and type of work to be performed, crack gauges may be reduced or eliminated and monthly seismograph monitoring may be reduced to daily or occasional readings. Make these changes where shown in red.*

*In addition, delete these italicized notes when you prepare and print this Special Provision. The date in the top right hand corner is a revision date and should not be changed.*

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**SPECIAL PROVISION**

**PROJECT: Project Number, County Name**

**PI No.**

**Section 154 — Construction Vibration Monitoring**

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*Add the following:*

**154.1 General Description**

This Work consists of performing preconstruction crack surveys, seismograph and other monitoring of construction vibrations, and post construction crack surveys of the buildings located on Parcels # adjacent to the proposed project construction on (Project Street Location) by procuring the services of a prequalified subcontractor specializing in this work.

**154.1.01 Definitions**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**154.1.02 Related References**

**A. Standard Specifications**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**B. Referenced Documents**

General Provisions 101 through 150.

**154.1.03 Submittals**

**A. Prequalification of Subcontractor**

Submit the following documentation for the Engineer's review and approval a minimum of thirty days prior to beginning construction activities on the project:

Evidence of the subcontractor's successful completion of at least five projects similar in concept and scope to the proposed crack survey and vibration monitoring. Include names, addresses and telephone numbers of the owners' representatives for verification.

Résumés of employees performing this work. Provide evidence showing each employee possesses experience and knowledge similar in concept and scope of this work for performing crack surveys and installing and reading seismographs. Provide evidence that the reports will be reviewed and signed by a Georgia Licensed Professional Engineer or Georgia Licensed Professional Geologist. The Department will be sole judge of determining if employees are qualified to perform the work on this project.

A detailed survey plan, monitoring plan, and sequence of work that describes all materials, methods and equipment to be used to complete the crack survey and vibration monitoring.

## **B. Construction Monitoring**

Submit the following documentation during construction monitoring:

Preconstruction Crack Survey Report documenting existing conditions of buildings prior to construction activities in accordance with subsection 154.3.03.B.

**Monthly** Seismograph Data and Data Summary Report and Activity Log of all construction activities within **500 feet (152 meters)** of the seismograph in accordance with subsection 154.3.03.A.1.

Reports of building conditions regarding cracks or any other damage potentially caused by construction activities as complaints are received in accordance with subsection 154.3.03.C.

## **C. Post Construction**

Submit a Post Construction Crack Survey Report in accordance with subsection 154.3.03.D documenting post construction condition of cracks or damage identified in the pre-construction survey and cracks or any other damage potentially caused by construction activities.

## **154.2 Materials**

General Provision 101 through 150.

## **154.3 Construction Requirements**

### **154.3.01 Personnel**

Ensure all employees performing this work have been approved by the Engineer in accordance with subsection 154.1.03.A.

### **154.3.02 Equipment**

#### **A. Seismograph**

Use a seismograph(s) that is weather proof and capable of continuously recording particle velocity in three perpendicular components with a flat response of 2-250 HZ over a range of at least 0.01 to 5.0 inches per second (0.254 to 127 mm per second). Provide a seismograph(s) that employs an internal dynamic calibration during each recording sequence and that has been shake table tested within the previous 24 months verifying an accuracy of +/- 5% over the frequency range of 4 to 125 Hertz. Provide a recorder/ software system that is capable of digitally storing and reproducing vibration levels in tabular or histogram (bar graph) form at no greater than six minute intervals.

#### **B. Crack Gauges**

**Use crack gauges specifically designed for use on this type of work. Utilize a minimum of 15 crack gauges and a maximum of 25 to monitor significant cracks on the interior or exterior of buildings located closest to the**

construction activities. Submit the proposed locations of crack gauges to the Engineer for review and approval prior to installation. Use crack gauges that do not damage or stain existing surfaces. Replace missing or damaged gauges at no additional cost to the Department. Repair and restore surfaces back to the pre- installation state.

*\*\*\*Please note that if a Historical property is noted on the plans and is within the distance specified in this Special Provision to require monitoring, crack gauges are required.*

### **154.3.03 Construction**

Obtain Engineer's written approval of the Prequalification documents submitted in accordance with Subsection 154.1.03.A prior to beginning this work.

Perform the preconstruction crack survey prior to starting construction activities on the project.

Install and begin seismograph monitoring prior to starting **excavation, shoring and backfilling** construction activities on the project.

Maintain seismograph **and crack monitoring** until **excavation, shoring and backfilling, compaction of subgrade, base and pavement** construction activities on the project are complete.

#### **A. Seismograph Installation and Monitoring**

Monitor vibrations at building(s) using seismograph(s) when construction activities including, but not limited to, **excavation, shoring installation, backfilling, and compaction of subgrade, base and pavement** are within 75 feet (23 meters) of the building(s), or otherwise have the potential to result in vibrations that may cause damage or complaints. Relocate seismograph(s) as needed. Protect the seismograph from weather and vandalism. Replace missing or damaged equipment at no cost to the Department. Document the following information at the time that the seismograph is installed:

Date and time of installation

Coordinates of installed instrument or Station and offset

Method of transducer attachment

Name and affiliation of the person installing the instrument

#### **1. Monthly Seismograph Data and Data Summary Report and Activity Log:**

Compile a **Monthly** Seismograph Data and Data Summary Report containing the data from the seismograph and a summarization of the data showing time and magnitude of the maximum vibration that has occurred each day.

Maintain an activity log of all construction activities within **500 feet (152 meters)** of the seismograph. Include the following data in each log:

Location of construction activity

Type of construction activity

Types and number of construction equipment being used, including model, manufacture and weight.

Date and times construction equipment was used.

Submit **Monthly** Seismograph Data Summary Report and Activity Log to the Engineer **on a monthly basis**.

**B. Preconstruction Crack Survey**

Complete a preconstruction crack survey on the outside and inside of all buildings located on Parcels **#**. Document building conditions by taking photographs and detailed notes citing location, length and width of cracks. Compile documentation into a Preconstruction Crack Survey Report and submit to the Engineer.

**C. Building Monitoring**

Monitor buildings during construction for any new cracks and or elongation or widening of existing cracks. Provide a report of building conditions to the Engineer regarding cracks or any other damage potentially caused by construction activities as complaints are received.

**D. Post Construction Crack Survey**

Complete a post construction crack survey on the outside and inside of all buildings located on Parcels: **#**. Document building conditions by taking photographs and detailed notes citing condition of cracks or damage identified in the pre-construction survey; also, location, length and width of cracks or any other damage potentially caused by construction activities.

**154.4 Measurement**

The Work under this Contract Item is not measured separately for payment.

**154.5 Payment**

This Contract Item completed and accepted will be paid for at the Lump Sum Price bid. Payment will be full compensation for furnishing **and installing** the seismograph(s) **and crack gauges**, for monitoring and reporting vibration data recorded on the seismograph(s) **and crack gauges**, and completing crack survey and documenting building conditions and providing copies of all data to the Engineer in accordance with this specification. Seismographs, **crack gauges** and all other measuring equipment and devices will remain property of the Contractor.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 154	Construction Vibration Monitoring	Per Lump Sum
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