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|  | <b>Department of<br/>Design and<br/>Construction</b> | <b>SPECIFICATION<br/>BULLETIN</b>                                     | <b>SB</b><br><br><b>25-010</b> |
| <b>Title: SAWCUTTING EXISTING PAVEMENTS</b>                                       |                                                      |                                                                       |                                |
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#### APPLICABILITY:

- This Specification Bulletin (SB) is effective for projects advertised on or after 11/17/2025.

#### SUPERSEDEENCE:

- This SB supersedes the following SBs: **None.**

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. *Section 6.55 (3 pages)*

#### REVISIONS TO THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD HIGHWAY SPECIFICATIONS, DATED 5/16/2022:

All references contained below are to the New York City Department of Transportation Standard Highway Specifications, Dated May 16, 2022. Said Standard Specifications are hereby revised as follows:

- a. **Refer** to Section 6.55 – Sawcutting Existing Pavements  
**Delete** in its entirety Section;  
**Substitute** the revised Section in Attachment 1 (3 pages)

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## SECTION 6.55 – Sawcutting Existing Pavement

**6.55.1. INTENT.** This section describes the full depth sawcutting of the existing pavement at the locations shown on the Contract Drawings, and as and where directed by the Engineer.

**6.55.2. METHODS.** Where directed, or shown on the Contract Drawings, the Contractor shall sawcut through the full depth of the existing pavement with a straight sawcut edge, and do all work as shown on the detail drawing. All work must be done in a workmanlike manner, to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

**6.55.3. MEASUREMENT.** The quantity to be measured for payment shall be the number of linear feet of existing pavement actually full depth sawcut.

No measurement for payment will be made for any partial depth sawcutting of bituminous pavement, the cost of which shall be deemed included in the price bid for this item.

The following table summarizes which pavement sawcuts are payable under Item 6.55, and which sawcuts are included in the costs of other items. Please note that the table is a guide, and the specifications referenced in the table below govern.

| Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Pay under Item 6.55                 | No Separate Payment                 | Specifications   |
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| <b><u>WATER MAIN TRENCHES:</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                     |                                     |                  |
| Full-depth saw cutting of pavements along the initial opening limits of all water main trenches and excavations.                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.A |
| Full-depth saw cutting of pavements along the edges of all trenches and excavations for cutbacks of trenches and excavations required for water mains 24-Inches and larger in diameter and appurtenant structures.                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.A |
| Full-depth saw cutting of pavements along the edges of all trenches and excavations for cutbacks of trenches and excavations required in streets protected by New York City Administrative Code §19-144 (Local Law No. 14) for water mains 20-inches and less in diameter. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | NYCDEP 71.11.3.A |
| Full-depth saw cutting of asphaltic top course along the edges of all water main trenches and excavations for cutbacks of asphaltic top course.                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.A |
| Full-depth saw cutting of pavements across the widths of all water main trenches, excavations and cutbacks.                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.A |
| <b><u>SEWER TRENCHES:</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                     |                                     |                  |
| Full-depth saw cutting of pavements along the initial opening limits of all sewer trenches and excavations                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.B |
| Full-depth saw cutting of pavements along the edges of all trenches and excavations for cutbacks of trenches and excavations required for sewer conduits and appurtenant structures.                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.B |

| Description                                                                                                                                                  | Pay under Item 6.55      | No Separate Payment                 | Specifications     |
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| Full-depth saw cutting of asphaltic top course along the edges of all sewer trenches and excavations for cutbacks of asphaltic top course.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.B   |
| Full-depth saw cutting of pavements across the widths of all sewer trenches, excavations and cutbacks.                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.B   |
| <b><u>CATCH BASINS:</u></b>                                                                                                                                  |                          |                                     |                    |
| Saw cutting of existing sidewalk and curb 1' from the perimeter of the catch basin where sidewalk and curb restoration is not called for under the contract. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 51.41.3.B.3 |
| <b><u>MICROTRENCHING:</u></b>                                                                                                                                |                          |                                     |                    |
| Saw cutting of sidewalks and/or streets for microtrenching.                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 8.00MT.2    |
| <b><u>OTHER TRENCHES AND PAVEMENT RESTORATION AREAS:</u></b>                                                                                                 |                          |                                     |                    |
| Full-depth saw cutting of all sidewalks and curbs along the limits of all sewer and water main trenches and excavations.                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.C   |
| Full-depth saw cutting and/or partial-depth saw cutting of all pavement keys, and pavement adjustment and transition sections.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.3.C   |
| Partial-depth precutting or scoring of existing pavement.                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP 71.11.6     |
| <b><u>PAVEMENTS, SIDEWALKS, AND CURBS:</u></b>                                                                                                               |                          |                                     |                    |
| Saw cutting construction joints for concrete pavement.                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 4.05.5      |
| Saw cutting construction joints for integral concrete curb and gutter.                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 4.08.4.(L)  |
| Saw cutting existing sidewalk for new sidewalk installation.                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 4.13.4.(A)  |
| Saw cutting sidewalks to remain for replacement of curbs (cut existing sidewalk 2' parallel from the curb).                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 1.06.48 (T) |
| Full depth saw cutting of existing pavement to be removed by lifting from the adjacent pavement as part of special care work methods near transit facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 6.02 XSCW.5 |
| Saw cutting the existing joint lines prior to removal of existing bluestone flags.                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 6.07.6      |
| Saw cutting the existing asphaltic wearing course pavement 1-1/2" deep prior to milling.                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 6.75.2.(D)  |
| Saw cutting of curb and sidewalk to be removed by hand demolition as part of special care excavation.                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT 8.02.3      |

| Description                                                                                                                                                                                            | Pay<br>under<br>Item 6.55           | No<br>Separate<br>Payment           | Specifications       |
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| <b><u>NEW SIDEWALK TREE PITS:</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                  |                                     |                                     |                      |
| Saw cutting existing sidewalk to install new tree pits.                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT<br>4.16.5.D.9 |
| The planting of trees requires saw cutting and removal of existing sidewalks, the cost of such work shall be deemed included in the prices bid for the respective Tree Planting items of the contract. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDEP<br>10.06.C    |
| <b><u>TEST PITS:</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     |                                     |                      |
| Saw cutting for test pits.                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT<br>7.16.2     |
| Saw cutting for exploratory test pits for vaults.                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NYCDOT<br>9.00.4     |
| <b><u>SAWCUTS SHOWN TO BE PAID OR AS DIRECTED:</u></b>                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |                                     |                      |
| Full depth sawcuts shown to be paid under Item 6.55 or as directed by the Engineer.                                                                                                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | NYCDOT<br>6.55       |

**6.55.4. PRICE TO COVER.** The contract price per linear foot shall cover the cost of all labor, materials, plant, equipment, insurance, and incidentals necessary to cut existing pavement with sawcuts, do all necessary chiseling, tack coating of edges, etc., and do all other necessary incidental work, all in accordance with the Contract Drawings, the specifications and the directions of the Engineer.

Sawcutting of sidewalk, to allow for curb reconstruction, shall be deemed included in the contract prices bid for curb construction.

Sawcutting of pavement for test pits in pavements designated to be removed under other contract items and to install sewer and water main pipe and/or their facilities shall be deemed included in the contract prices bid for those items, unless otherwise specified.

*Payment will be made under:*

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| Item No. | Item                         | Pay Unit |
| 6.55     | SAWCUTTING EXISTING PAVEMENT | L.F.     |