

**Revision to Section 203
Excavation And Embankment**

Notice

The Standard Special Provision (SSP) on the following page revises or modifies CDOT's *Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*. The Construction Engineering Services Branch has reviewed, approved, and issued it. Use as written without change. Do not use modified versions of it on CDOT construction projects. Do not use the following special provision on CDOT projects in a manner other than specified in the instructions without approval by CDOT's Standards and Specifications Unit. The instructions for use appear below.

Other agencies using the *Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction* to administer construction projects may use this special provision appropriately and at their own risk.

Instructions for use on CDOT construction projects:

Use the following standard special provision on all projects with excavation and embankment.

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Section 203 of the Standard Specifications is revised for this project as follows:

In Subsection 203.06, delete the third and fourth paragraphs, and replace them with the following:

All organic matter shall be removed from the existing ground surface where the embankment is to be placed per Section 201. The existing top ground surface will be considered topsoil and shall be removed per Section 207, or per plan, before placement of embankment fill.

The cleared embankment surface shall be completely broken up by plowing or scarifying to a minimum depth of 6 inches or as specified in the Contract, the moisture content increased or reduced as necessary, and compacted to the specified embankment density for the material type present.

In Subsection 203.07 (a), add to the first paragraph, make it the last sentence, as follows:

The Contractor may refrain from compacting the final top lift, not to exceed 12 inches in depth, in areas receiving final seeding per Section 207 unless otherwise noted in the Contract or as directed by the Project Engineer.