

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

General Application Special Provision

DATE: November 9, 2023

GASP No. 22-GA0040

EFFECTIVE DATE: TBD

SUBJECT: Machine Grading Shoulders.

Alabama Standard Specifications, 2022 Edition, SECTION 212 shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 212 MACHINE GRADING SHOULDERS

212.03 Construction Requirements.

(a) General.

Subarticle 212.03(a) shall be replaced with the following:

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Clipping, or blading, of grass and soil from the shoulder, as provided by the plans or directed, shall be completed in advance of resurfacing operations. The removed material shall be windrowed a sufficient distance and in such a manner as not to pose a safety hazard to the motoring public. Where directed, the entire width of the shoulder shall be plowed, scarified or otherwise loosened. The shoulder then shall be re-formed by blading the material from the windrows, or by the addition of extra material as specified or directed, with the machine grader and compacting it to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Watering shall be used, as necessary, to aid compaction. The machine grading shall continue until the shoulder is completed to conform to the lines, grades, and typical section shown on the plans or directed. **Permanent stabilization must be initialized by the end of the next business day as these lines and grades are reached.**