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### 4-2201 General

The contract item known as “finishing roadway” provides payment for the final cleanup operation so that the completed project, upon acceptance, will be neat, presentable, and functional, as required by the *Standard Specifications*. This contract item does not require any specific construction work to be performed, but it does involve the performance of numerous small details.

The contract item includes such operations as grading slopes and contour areas to remove vehicle tracks, obliterating haul roads, removing debris from the pavement, cleaning out culverts, cleaning culvert markers, guideposts, and signs.

The *Standard Specifications*’ requirement that the entire roadway and right-of-way be left in a neat and presentable condition implies that the contractor must pick up trash and debris on the entire right-of-way. However, this requirement does not mean that Caltrans can require any clearing or grubbing work outside the limits indicated in the *Standard Specifications* unless these limits are modified in the special provisions. In other words, any brush, structures, foundations, old slabs, or logs in the area outside of the clearing limits will be removed at Caltrans expense, if required.

Although not specifically mentioned in the *Standard Specifications*, the contract item also includes removing stakes and lath used for construction, which present an unsightly appearance.

### 4-2202 Before Work Begins

Before work begins, take the following steps:

- As portions of the work near completion, review the site and begin noting items of finishing roadway to be performed.
- To be economical and help prevent delays in completing the contract, encourage the contractor to finish work as it progresses.

### 4-2203 During the Course of Work

During the work, take the following steps:

- Ensure the finishing operations do not result in material stockpiling on or drifting across the finished pavement.
- Keep a list of the cleanup details, and add to and subtract from the list as new details develop or are completed. During the project’s latter stages, when final cleanup operations can normally begin, give the contractor a written details list so the contractor can plan to complete them in an orderly and efficient manner. Do not wait until the date the contractor requests contract acceptance before pointing out these details.

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- If the contractor requests relief from maintenance and responsibility, as provided in Section 7-1.15, “Relief from Maintenance and Responsibility,” of the *Standard Specifications*, ensure the contractor has completed all the finishing roadway details.
- Ensure measures for permanent erosion control are installed as soon as finishing roadway activities are completed.

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In the daily report, record the activities the contractor performs to complete the finishing roadway item. Carefully segregate the finishing roadway work from the work required to complete other items of work.