

**CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION FOR  
CONCRETE SIDEWALK AND CONCRETE RAISED MEDIAN**

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## TS 3.70.01 SCOPE

This Specification covers the requirements for the construction of plain or reinforced concrete sidewalks and concrete raised medians.

## TS 3.70.02 REFERENCES

This Specification refers to the following specifications and publications:

### Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, Construction

OPSS 180	-	Management and Disposal of Excess Material	(Jan. 1994)
OPSS 919	-	Formwork and Falsework	(Jan. 1995)

### City of Toronto Specification

TS 310-	-	Construction Specification for Hot Mixed, Hot Laid, Asphaltic Concrete Paving	(June 2001)
TS 3.50	-	Construction Specification for Concrete Curb and Concrete Curb and Gutter	(June 2001)
TS 3.80	-	Construction Specification for Interlocking Pavers	(June 2001)
TS 3.85	-	Construction Specification for Impressed Concrete Feature Strip	(June 2001)
TS 4.50	-	Construction Specification for Utility Adjustments	(June 2001)
TS 501	-	Amendments to OPSS 501 – Construction Specification for Compacting	(June 2001)
TS 1010	-	Amendments to OPSS 1010 – Material Specification for Aggregates - Granular A, B, M, and Select Subgrade Material	(May 2004)
TS 1350	-	Amendments to OPSS 1350 – Material Specification for Concrete – Materials and Production	(December 2004)

### City of Toronto Drawing

T-310.010-2	-	Concrete Sidewalk with Boulevard	(December 2003)
T-310.010-4	-	Combined Concrete Curb and Sidewalk	(December 2003)

### Canadian Standards Association (CSA)

CAN/CSA-A23.1	-	Concrete Materials and Methods of Concrete Construction	(Current Edition)
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## TS 3.70.03 DEFINITIONS

**Base Course:** means a layer of specified or selected materials of planned thickness constructed on the subgrade for drainage and to distribute pavement loads.

**Contraction Joint:** means a cut or formed joint to regulate the location and degree of cracking in the plane of the pavement.

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**Expansion Joint:** means a physical separation between the concrete and appurtenances, or between parts of the sidewalk or raised median, which allows both horizontal and vertical movement.

**Slipform:** means the placing, consolidating and extruding of plastic concrete in a machine without the use of fixed side forms.

**Subgrade:** means the soil prepared and compacted to support a structure or pavement.

## **TS 3.70.04 SUBMISSION AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

### **TS 3.70.04.01 General**

Any required submissions shall be in writing. All submissions shall be submitted to the Commissioner at least three weeks prior to the beginning of the work.

The requirements for submissions and design requirements are given in TS 1350.

### **TS 3.70.04.02 Materials**

Prior to starting the work, the Contractor shall supply the Commissioner with material safety data sheets (MSDS) for all the materials to be incorporated in the work.

The Contractor shall be responsible for selecting the concrete materials and for the mix design for the concrete. The concrete mix proportions shall be selected in accordance with Section 14 of CAN/CSA-A23.1 and this Specification.

The certificate of ready mix facilities and/or the certificate of mobile mix concrete production facilities along with the City of Toronto Form A or B (concrete mix details) shall be submitted as required by Specification TS 1350.

Details of the method of curing and curing materials (including manufacturers' literature, where applicable) shall be submitted to the Commissioner.

One copy of the concrete delivery ticket shall be submitted to the Commissioner for each load of concrete delivered.

## **TS 3.70.05 MATERIALS**

### **TS 3.70.05.01 Supply of Materials**

Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the Contractor shall supply all materials necessary for the execution and completion of the work.

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**TS 3.70.05.02            Concrete**

The materials for and the production of concrete sidewalks shall meet the requirements of TS 1350 and the following:

(i) Cement type	Type 10 Normal Portland
(ii) Minimum 28 day cylinder compressive strength	32 MPa
(iii) Class of exposure	C-2
(iv) Nominal maximum size of coarse aggregate	19 mm
(v) Slump at point of discharge (formed concrete)	80±30 mm
(vi) Total air content	6.5±1.5%
(vii) Maximum water/cementing materials ratio	0.45

**TS 3.70.05.03            Granular Base and Backfill**

Granular base and backfill, if required, shall be Granular 'A' and shall meet the requirements of OPSS 1010.

**TS 3.70.05.04            Welded Steel Wire Fabric**

Welded steel wire fabric shall meet the requirements of TS 1350.

Unless otherwise specified, all welded steel wire fabric detailed on the plans or ordered by the Commissioner for incorporation in the concrete sidewalk or raised median shall be 152 x 152 - MW 13.3 x MW 13.3 welded steel wire fabric @ 1.46 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

**TS 3.70.05.05            Expansion Joint Material**

Expansion joint material shall be bituminous fibreboard having a minimum thickness of 12 mm and shall meet the requirements of TS 1350.

**TS 3.70.06                EQUIPMENT**

**TS 3.70.06.01            Forms**

Forms shall be steel, wood or metal plate forms and shall meet the requirements of OPSS 919. They shall be of sufficient cross section and strength, and so secured as to resist the pressure of the concrete when placed, and the impact and vibration of any construction equipment they support, without springing or settlement.

Forms shall be pinned or staked in place with not less than 3 pins for each 3 m length, and with a pin at each side of each form butt joint. The top surface of the formwork shall comply with the specified tolerances. The inside face of the form shall be vertical. The form shall deviate from grade by no more than 3 mm in 3 m, and in alignment by no more than 6 mm in 3 m.

Forms shall be cleaned and coated with form oil before each use.

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**TS 3.70.06.02          Slipforming Equipment**

The equipment shall be designed for slipforming concrete sidewalks and shall have automatic horizontal and vertical controls to be used in conjunction with at least one stringline.

**TS 3.70.06.03          Finishing Tools**

An aluminum or magnesium float shall be used to float the concrete sidewalk and a small radius edger shall be used to tool the edges.

**TS 3.70.07              CONSTRUCTION**

**TS 3.70.07.01          Excavation**

**TS 3.70.07.01.01      General**

Excavated material shall be removed from the site and disposed of in accordance with OPSS 180, at the Contractor's expense.

For other types of medians, the specifications for the individual components shall be used. The individual specifications shall include, but not be limited to TS 3.50, 3.80 and 3.85 for concrete curb and concrete curb and gutter, interlocking pavers and impressed concrete feature strip.

**TS 3.70.07.01.02      Sidewalk**

The excavation for the sidewalk shall be to the lines and grades specified by the Commissioner. Care shall be taken to prevent damage to utilities, window openings, areaways, and other appurtenances such as hydrants, water services, poles and gas valves which may be in or under the proposed sidewalk.

At the direction of the Commissioner, the Contractor shall make good all damage caused during the course of the work and return the work to its initial condition. This shall be at the Contractor's expense.

**TS 3.70.07.01.03      Concrete Raised Median**

Where a raised median is to be placed on an existing pavement, the existing asphalt shall be removed down to the concrete base in the case of a composite pavement, or in the case of a flexible pavement, the asphalt shall be removed to a minimum depth of 75 mm. The existing asphalt shall be removed to form a straight vertical face by saw cutting to the required depth and to a sufficient offset to accommodate framework, but shall not exceed 150 mm from the face of the curb, gutter or median. The asphalt shall be completely removed to the required depth and all loose material swept from the area over which the raised median is to be constructed.

Where a raised median is to be placed, other than as described above, the requirements of TS 3.70.07.01.01 of this specification shall apply.

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**TS 3.70.07.02            Subgrade**

The subgrade shall be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by TS 501.

**TS 3.70.07.03            Granular Base**

The granular base shall be placed to the required lines and grades. Unless specified in the contract, the compacted depth of granular base shall be 150 mm or as directed by the Commissioner. The moisture content and compaction of the granular base shall be uniform and shall meet the requirements of TS 1010.

The granular base shall be moistened prior to the placement of concrete, but without any standing water. At the time of placing concrete, the base shall not be wet, soft or frozen.

In areas of underground utilities, polyethylene film (100 µm thick) shall be placed on the base, as directed by the Commissioner.

**TS 3.70.07.04            Form Placement**

Forms shall be set true to the lines and grades specified in the contract and in direct contact with the base.

Unless specified in the contract, the crossfall of the sidewalk or raised median shall be at a slope of 2 percent toward the gutter. When the optimum slope cannot be achieved, the Commissioner may instruct the Contractor to adjust the slope to a maximum of 4%.

**TS 3.70.07.05            Utility Adjustment**

All utility adjustments shall meet the requirements of TS 4.50, except that no boxouts will be required. The top portion of the frame shall be encased with 12 mm expansion joint material, placed flush with the surface of the concrete and the frame and cover. The fibre shall be vertical and straight in alignment.

**TS 3.70.07.06            Utility Isolation**

Utility isolations shall be constructed in the concrete sidewalk as shown on drawing T-310.010-4, at the locations specified in the Contract or as directed by the Commissioner.

**TS 3.70.07.07            Reinforcement**

Welded steel wire fabric reinforcement, if necessary, shall be placed in the concrete sidewalk and concrete raised median to the details and location specified in the Contract or as directed by the Commissioner.

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### **TS 3.70.07.08            Placing Concrete**

Concrete shall be placed and consolidated to meet the requirements of Clause 19 of CAN/CSA-A23.1 and the requirements of this Specification. The concrete delivery and spreading operations shall be coordinated so as to provide a uniform rate of progress for the placing operation. Where concrete placing is interrupted for more than 45 minutes, a 12 mm thick bituminous fibre joint filler shall be placed vertically across the sidewalk width, to form an expansion joint, before resuming concrete placement.

The concrete shall be placed to the specified thickness, line and grade. The concrete shall be thoroughly consolidated by the use of 50 mm vibrators and other suitable tools to eliminate voids, honeycombing and entrapped air.

### **TS 3.70.07.09            Finishing Concrete**

The concrete surface shall be finished while it is sufficiently plastic to achieve the desired grades, elevations and texture, with no water on the surface. The surface shall be uniform, dense and free from undulations and projections apart from those specified in the drawings.

The top surface shall be screeded to true grade and cross-section and finished with a magnesium or aluminum float. The final finish shall have a light broom or swirl float texture.

The application of water, neat cement or sand to the surface shall not be permitted. Localized surface imperfections shall be dug out and repaired with fresh concrete before the concrete has set.

Sidewalks on grades of more than 5 percent shall be broom finished transversely to the slope of the sidewalk.

The concrete adjacent to all formwork and joints shall be finished with a tool that produces a 5 mm rounded edge and a smooth, horizontal surface with a maximum width of 50 mm. All tooling shall be uniform and straight and shall be depressed no more than 1 mm below the adjacent surface. Any ridges along the tooled marks shall be removed.

The surface of the concrete sidewalk shall not have irregularities exceeding 6 mm when checked with a 3 m straight edge placed in any direction.

### **TS 3.70.07.10            Identification Stamp**

The Contractor shall mark with an approved stamp at each end of the work, at each tenth bay, and all others places directed by the Commissioner. The stamp shall be located on the centre of the bay parallel to a transverse joint.

The stamp shall identify the Contractor's name and the year of construction.



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**TS 3.70.07.11          Joints**

**TS 3.70.07.11.01      General**

All concrete sidewalk joints shall conform to Standard Drawings 212 and 214, or as specified in the contract.

All joints shall match the type and location of the adjacent concrete curb, curb and gutter or the concrete road base.

**TS 3.70.07.11.02      Contraction Joints**

Contraction joints shall be placed transversely as shown on drawing T-310.010-2. Contraction joints shall also be placed longitudinally (parallel to the curb) and 1.5 m from the curb when the slab is 3 m or more in width. The depth of the contraction joint shall be one quarter the concrete thickness.

The maximum distance between joints, in the raised median, shall be 2 metres.

Contraction joints shall be saw cut as specified.

**TS 3.70.07.11.03      Expansion Joints**

Expansion joints shall be constructed to the full thickness of the sidewalk or raised median and shall be a maximum of 6 metres apart.

Expansion joints shall be filled with 12 mm wide bituminous fibre expansion joint material. The top surface of the bituminous fibre shall be flush with the concrete surface. The fibre shall be vertical and straight in alignment.

Full depth (isolation) joints shall be formed where the concrete abuts buildings and rigid structures, changes direction, encounters appurtenances and shall be constructed as shown on the drawing T-310.010-4. If the face of the structure is rough or irregular, preventing a tight seal, the joint shall be placed 150 mm to 300 mm from the structure.

**TS 3.70.07.11.04      Construction Joints**

At the end of each day's work, or in the event of an unavoidable stoppage of concrete placement extending more than 30 minutes, an expansion joint shall be constructed at the planned location of a joint. Any excess concrete is to be removed and disposed of, off the site in accordance with OPSS 180.

**TS 3.70.07.12          Concrete Curing**

Concrete curing shall meet the requirements of TS 1350.

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**TS 3.70.07.13            Concrete Protection**

Concrete protection shall meet the requirements of TS 1350.

**TS 3.70.07.14            Headers**

Where directed by the Commissioner, wooden headers, 40 mm thick and 160 mm deep shall be placed at all unpaved entrances or driveways. They shall be held in place by 40 mm x 80 mm stakes driven into the ground at least 700 mm at 1.0 m centres and with the tops flush with the surface of the sidewalk.

**TS 3.70.07.15            Ramps**

Sidewalk accessibility ramps conforming to drawing TS 310.020 shall be incorporated at each corner radius.

**TS 3.70.07.16            Restoration of Asphalt**

The additional asphalt removed for framework is to be restored in accordance with TS 310. The asphalt shall be placed in lifts not to exceed 50 mm in depth after compaction.

**TS 3.70.08                QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Quality assurance shall meet the requirements of TS 1350.

**TS 3.70.09                MEASUREMENT FOR PAYMENT**

**TS 3.70.09.01            Concrete Sidewalk  
Concrete Raised Median**

Measurement for the above item(s) shall be the area placed in square metres (m<sup>2</sup>) regardless of the depth, without any deduction for maintenance holes and appurtenances.

**TS 3.70.10                BASIS FOR PAYMENT**

**TS 3.70.10.01            Concrete Sidewalk - Item**

Payment at the contract price for the above item shall be full compensation for all labour, equipment, materials and incidentals to do the work. Payment shall include, but not be limited to, the supplying and placing of the formwork, the supplying, placing, consolidating and finishing of the concrete and the curing and protection of the concrete sidewalk.

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**TS 3.70.10.02            Concrete Raised Median - Item**

Payment at the contract price for the above item shall be full compensation for all labour, equipment, materials and incidentals to do the work. Payment shall include, but not be limited to, the removal and disposal of the asphalt and granular material, the supplying and placing of the formwork, the supplying, placing, consolidating and finishing of the concrete and the curing and protection of the concrete raised median.