

PREFACE

The 2014 Edition City of Seattle Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction (henceforth referred to as the "2014 Standard Specifications") have been prepared by Seattle Public Utilities in cooperation with the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle City Light, and the Seattle Center. These Specifications have been coordinated with the 2014 Edition City of Seattle Standard Plans for Municipal Construction.

The 2014 Standard Specifications apply whenever any public or private construction is performed within the Rights-of-Way of the City of Seattle including work performed by private parties at their own expense under authority granted by ordinance of the City Council or by permit from the Seattle Department of Transportation's Street Use section. All matters relating to financing of such work shall be between the permittee and the Contractor, and the City shall not enter into such matters.

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