SECTION 02949 – TREE PROTECTION, REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 PURPOSE

A. This Section includes the protection and trimming of existing trees that interfere with or are affected by the execution of the Work; as well as, the removal and replacement of trees required by the Work, whether in the right-of-way or in easements – temporary or permanent.

B. Definitions:

1. Tree Protection Zone – Area surrounding individual trees or groups of trees to remain during Work and defined by the Drip Line of individual trees or the perimeter Drip Line of groups of trees; unless, otherwise indicated in contract documents.
2. Drip Line – Area defined by the outermost circumference of the tree canopy.
3. Diameter Breast Height (DBH) – The outside bark diameter of an existing tree measured 4.5 feet above the ground, on the uphill side of the tree.
4. Caliper – Diameter of the stem or trunk of a tree measured above the existing grade. For trees up to 4.5 inches in diameter, Caliper shall be measured six (6) inches above the existing grade. If the Caliper measured at six (6) inches is greater than 4.5 inches, then the Caliper shall be measured at 12 inches above the existing grade.

1.02 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

A. The Contractor shall provide all material, labor and equipment required for the items listed in the table, as shown in the Drawings and specified herein. Based on the contractor's lump sum bid, the following shall be included in the schedule of values and will be paid accordingly:

Existing Tree Protection Measurement and Payment Units

Item	Unit
Tree Protection Fencing	Linear Feet
Tree Removal	Each
Tree Replacement	Each 2-inch caliper replacement tree

1.03 RELATED SECTIONS

A. Section 01300 – Submittals.

1.04 REFERENCE STANDARDS

A. The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only. Comply with reference standards in effect as of date of the Contract Documents, unless otherwise indicated by the City/Design Professional:

AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI)

ANSI Z60.1	The American Standard for Nursery Stock.
ANSI A300	Tree Care Operations – Standard Practices for Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Maintenance.
GRI GT13 (a)	Test Methods and Properties for Geotextiles Used as Separation between Subgrade Soil and Aggregate.

1.05 SUBMITTALS

A. Preconstruction Submittals:

TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN.

TREE REMOVAL IDENTIFICATION.

TREE PROTECTION PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE.

1.06 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.07

A. The Contractor is responsible for the quality assurance and quality control of the Work.

B. Tree Service Qualifications – All tree work shall be performed by an experienced tree service firm that has successfully completed tree protection and trimming work similar to that required for this Work and will assign an experienced, qualified Arborist to the project. The Arborist shall be certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.

C. Tree Pruning Standards – Comply with ANSI A300 Part 1, "Trees, Shrubs and other Woody Plant Maintenance-Standard Practices (Pruning)."

1.08 QUALITY CONTROL

A. A qualified Arborist as identified in Part 1.06, A. shall be on-site on a full-time basis during execution of the tasks related to Section 02949.

1.09 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING (EQUIPMENT)

A. Do not store construction materials, debris or excavated material inside the Tree Protection Zone(s).

B. Site utilization shall protect root systems from damage caused by runoff or spillage of noxious liquids while installing, placing or storing construction materials; and shall protect root systems from ponding, eroding, compacting or excessive wetting caused by dewatering operations.

C. Neither vehicular traffic nor foot traffic is permitted within the Tree Protection Zone(s).

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 TREE PROTECTION FENCING

A. Tree protection fencing shall be orange in color and a minimum of 48 inches in height – Mesh Construction Fencing by Conweed or approved equal. Fence posts shall be metal T-posts.

2.02 PERMEABLE LINER

A. Permeable liner shall be comprised of non-woven (with elongation greater than or equal to 50 percent) polypropylene staple fibers, conforming to the following property requirements as specified in GRI GT 13(a):

Permeable Liner Required Properties

Property (unit)(min/max)	**Class 1**	**Class 2**	**Class 3**	**Test Method (or approved equal)**
Grab Tensile Strength (lb.) (min)	203	158	113	ASTM D4632/D4632M
Trapezoid Tear Strength (lb.) (min)	79	56	41	ASTM D4533/D4533M
CBR Puncture Strength (lb.) (min)	440	320	230	ASTM D6241
Permittivity (sec-1) (min)	1.0	1.0	1.0	ASTM D4491/D4491M
Apparent Opening Size (inches) (max)	0.024	0.024	0.024	ASTM D4751
Ultraviolet Stability (% of strength retained at 500 light hours) (min)	80	70	60	ASTM D7238

2.03 TREE REPLACEMENT

2.03.1 TREE REMOVAL IDENTIFICATION – Submit on any trees to be removed that were not specifically identified for removal in the Drawings. Tree removal identification submittal shall include the following:

2.03.1.1 Location of tree with northing/easting points.

2.03.1.2 Species of tree.

2.03.1.3 DBH of tree.

2.03.1.4 Reason/Purpose for removal.

2.03.2 TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN – The Contractor shall submit a tree replacement plan for all trees removed not specifically identified for removal in the Drawings. The tree replacement plan shall include the following:

2.03.2.1 Location of replacement tree(s) with northing/easting points.

2.03.2.2 Species of replacement tree(s).

2.03.2.3 Caliper of replacement tree(s).

2.03.2.4 Replacement trees shall be in accordance with KCMO Parks and Recreation Street Tree Planting Guidelines.

2.03.2.5 Service and Maintenance activities for tree establishment.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 PREPARATION:

A. Trees, tree roots and limbs within the construction limits shall be protected against injury or damage for the duration of the Work. All trees and vegetation shall remain and be protected unless otherwise designated by the City/Design Professional.

B. Any trees damaged or destroyed during construction due to construction activities shall be treated or removed at the Contractor's expense per Part 3.02, E. and/or F.

C. Construction Access:

1. Submit construction access location and duration of access.

2. There shall be no construction traffic within the Tree Protection Zone(s). If no other access is obtainable, place four (4) foot by eight (8) foot sheets of three-quarter (3/4) inch plywood atop nine (9) inches of shredded wood pulp/mulch over the entire area proposed for construction traffic.

3. After removal of mulch and plywood, the Contractor shall aerate the surface soil, per Part 3.02, E.

4. All disturbed areas shall be re-sodded per the contract documents.

D. Project Conditions:

1. Tree protection fencing shall be installed prior to commencing construction operations.

2. Proceed with the Work only when existing and forecasted weather conditions are suitable for the Work.

E. TREE PROTECTION PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE – Before tree protection and trimming operations begin, the Contractor shall conduct a meeting with the City/Design Professional at the Site to review tree protection and trimming procedures and associated responsibilities. The Contractor shall submit the tree protection methods to be used during construction.

3.02 INSTALLATION

A. Tree Protection:

1. Install tree protection fencing around the Tree Protection Zone(s) to protect the trees and the vegetation in the protection zone from damage due to execution of the Work. Maintain the tree protection fencing for the duration of the Work and remove when Work is complete.

2. Preferred Fencing Installation Method – Where trees are located in open areas and not constricted by existing pavement, utilities or proposed grading, the tree protection fencing shall be installed a minimum of one (1) foot outside the Drip Line of the tree.

3. Alternative Fencing Installation Method 1 – Where trees are located in areas constricted by utilities or proposed grading, the tree protection fencing shall be installed as close to the Drip Line as possible or as follows:

Alternative Fencing Installation Method 1 by Tree Size

Tree Size (DBH)	Fence Placement Requirement
Small Trees (<9 inches)	Minimum of 5 feet from face of tree along the side of constriction. All other sides shall be 1 foot outside the dripline of the tree.
Medium (10 inches to 15 inches)	Minimum of 10 feet from the face of the tree along the side of constriction. All other sides shall be 1 foot outside the Drip Line of the tree.
Large (>15 inches)	Minimum of 15 feet from the face of the tree along the side of constriction. All other sides shall be 1 foot outside the Drip Line of the tree.

4. Alternative Fencing Installation Method 2 – Where trees are located adjacent to existing pavement, install tree protection fencing adjacent to pavement. All other sides shall be a minimum of one (1) foot outside the Drip Line of the tree.

5. Alternative fencing installation methods shall be submitted to the City/Design Professional for review and approval.

B. Excavation:

1. Do not excavate within the Tree Protection Zone(s), unless otherwise indicated in the Drawings or approved by the City/Design Professional.

2. Install shoring or other protective support systems to minimize sloping excavations within the vicinity of the Tree Protection Zone(s). Do not allow soil loss from the Tree Protection Zone(s) in instances where the Drip Line is a point of beginning for excavation or grading operations. If soil loss occurs, the Contractor shall correct the problem within 24 hours of the occurrence.

3. Where excavation is required within the Drip Line of the tree, hand clear and hand excavate to minimize damage to root systems. Use narrow-tine spading forks and comb soil to expose roots. Do not allow exposed roots to dry out before placing permanent backfill. Provide temporary earth cover and wrap with burlap. Water and maintain soil in a moist condition. Temporarily support and protect roots from damage until they are permanently relocated and covered with soil.

4. Where utility trenches are required within the Tree Protection Zone(s), tunnel under or around the roots by drilling, auger boring, pipe jacking or digging by hand.

5. Roots damaged during excavation or trenching activities shall be pruned per Part 3.02, D.

C. Regrading:

1. Regrading in the vicinity of an existing tree shall be based on: grade lowering, minor or moderate fill conditions, as defined in the following subsections. Roots damaged by regrading activities shall be pruned per Part 3.02, D.

2. Grade Lowering – When the new finished grade is indicated below existing grade around trees, slope grade away from trees as recommended by the Arborist, unless otherwise indicated in the Drawings.

3. Minor Fill – When the existing grade is six (6) inches or less below finished grade, fill with topsoil. Place topsoil in a single un-compacted layer and hand grade to the required finish elevations. Do not operate equipment within the Tree Protection Zone(s) when placing topsoil above the existing grade.

4. Moderate Fill – When the existing grade is more than six (6) inches but less than 12 inches below finished grade, place: storage aggregate media No. 57 stone, permeable liner and topsoil on existing grade as follows:

a. Carefully place storage aggregate media No. 57 stone against the tree trunk approximately two (2) inches above finished grade and extend not less than 18 inches from tree trunk on all sides. For balance of area within Drip Line, place storage aggregate media No. 57 stone up to six (6) inches below finished grade.

b. Place permeable liner with edges overlapping a minimum of 6 inches.

c. Place remaining fill layer with topsoil to finished grade. Do not compact the storage aggregate media No. 57 stone or the topsoil. Hand grade to required finish elevations.

D. Root Pruning:

1. Root Pruning shall take place only where the roots of existing trees have been damaged by regrading or trenching operations and as directed by the Arborist.

2. If construction is to occur within the root zone of existing plant material, root pruning and special plant care, including fertilizing and watering, is required.

3. Do not cut main lateral roots or taproots. Cut only smaller roots that interfere with installation of Work. Do not break or chop.

4. Remove all weeds prior to root pruning.

5. Root prune using an approved mechanical root pruning saw prior to regrading operations, as directed by the Arborist. Air Spading excavation consisting of hand and/or pneumatic excavation may be required, as directed by the Arborist.

6. For plant material that is to remain in place, if the roots of that plant material are exposed during construction, the damaged root ends are to be removed by cutting them off cleanly.

7. Initial watering shall be performed on all trees which are designated for root pruning. Water trees immediately after pruning by thoroughly saturating root balls and continue to keep root balls thoroughly saturated for three (3) weeks following root pruning. After the three (3) weeks, water as required according to weather conditions, to keep root balls in a moist condition during growing seasons and for the duration of the Work. Test the root balls for optimal moisture once per week using a soil auger.

8. All pruning shall be overseen by the Arborist. All pruning shall be done according to the National Arborist Association's Pruning Standards.

9. Any damage to the root zone, as determined by the Arborist, will be compensated by pruning an equivalent amount of the top vegetative growth of the material within one (1) week following the root damage; additionally, fertilization and supplemental watering may be required, as determined by the Arborist.

E. Tree Repair:

1. Promptly repair trees damaged by construction operations within 24 hours of the occurrence. Treat damaged trunks, limbs and roots according to the Arborist's written instructions.

2. If the soil within the Tree Protection Zone(s) becomes compacted during construction, aerate the surface soil a minimum of ten (10) feet outside of the Drip Line and no closer than three (3) feet from the tree trunk. Drill holes two (2) inches in diameter a minimum of 12 inches deep at 24 inches on center or use a turf aerator that is approved by the City/Design Professional. Backfill holes with an equal mix of augured soil and sand.

F. Tree Replacement:

1. The Contractor shall obtain written approval from the City/Design Professional prior to removal of trees not specifically indicated for removal in the Drawings.
2. Trees not indicated for removal in the Drawings that die or are damaged during construction operations shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense if the City/Design Professional determines that the trees are incapable of restoring to their normal growth pattern.
3. Trees removed shall be replaced with two (2) inch Caliper tree(s) at a rate based on the DBH of the existing tree, as follows:

Tree Replacement Requirements

Size of Tree Removed (DBH)	Rate of Replacement (2-inch Caliper)
2 inches - 5 inches	1:1
6 inches - 10 inches	2:1
11 inches - 16 inches	3:1
17 inches - 23 inches	4:1
24 inches - 31 inches	5:1
32+ inches	6:1

4. Replacement trees shall be planted per KCMO Parks and Recreation Street Tree Planting Guidelines.

3.03 TOLERANCES

A. Trees shall be measured according to ANSI Z60.1 with branches and trunks or canes in their normal position.

B. Do not prune to obtain required sizes.

C. Replacement tree Calipers shall measure equal to or greater than size specified in Part

3.02 Installation, Paragraph F – Tree Replacement.

3.04 DISPOSAL OF MATERIAL

A. Materials no longer in use shall be removed and disposed of by the Contractor per the contract documents.

3.05 PROTECTION

A. The Contractor shall maintain the tree protection/Tree Protection Zone(s) for the duration of the Work unless otherwise identified in the contract documents.

3.06 MAINTENANCE

A. Remove tall grass or weeds by mowing and pickup all trash within the Tree Protection Zone(s) for the duration of Work.

B. The Contractor shall be responsible for the maintenance and health of the tree(s) planted and/or trees identified for protection through the duration of the Establishment Period. The Establishment Period, defined as follows, shall commence at Substantial Completion and shall extend through the duration of the Performance and Maintenance Bond.

C. Maintenance activities and frequencies shall be defined in the Tree Replacement Plan and shall be implemented for the duration of the Establishment Period.

3.07 POST-CONSTRUCTION TESTING

A. Not applicable.

3.08 WARRANTY

A. Trees, tree roots and limbs within the limits of the Work shall be protected against injury or damage through the duration of the Establishment Period. Any trees located in the Tree Protection Zone(s) that die or show more than 25 percent canopy dieback shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense per Part 3.02 Installation, Paragraph F – Tree Replacement.

B. The Contractor is responsible for all installed plantings for the term as defined below:

1. The Contractor shall warrant through the duration of the Establishment Period.

2. If at any time during the Establishment Period the plantings die, become damaged due to improper erosion control, improper administration of maintenance activities or frequency of maintenance activities, the Contractor shall replace the plantings and fully restore the area as determined by the City/Design Professional, at no additional cost to the City.

END OF SECTION