

PLE SECTION 1 PALEO-CULTURAL SUMMARY PROCEDURES

1. PLE Section 1 is defined on the attached map and includes Division 20.
2. All PLE construction personnel involved in excavations are required to receive Paleontological and Cultural Resources Awareness Training, to understand it and implement it. STS is responsible to immediately notify Cogstone of ANY discoveries of cultural or paleontological resources.
3. STS is responsible to: (a) inform Cogstone of ALL planned excavation 24 hrs in advance, (b) inform Cogstone of the start and end times of each shift (and any changes) at least 24 hours in advance, (c) make sure that the mid-shift break will coincide with the meal time break in each shift , and (d) cooperate with Cogstone as required by their contract.
4. The Cogstone monitor has to authority to temporarily divert work to preserve fossils and artifacts.
5. Full time paleontological monitoring is required for open excavations which include stations, trenches, cross shafts, etc. at any depth below ten ft. No excavations may occur in these areas without a Cogstone monitor. Tunneling, drilling and piles are exempt from monitoring. The monitor will work in close proximity to heavy equipment at the cut face of open excavations.
6. Special Conditions apply to Fairfax Station including full time monitoring of cut and cover beginning at the surface (not 10 ft) and 6” lifts in all terrestrial sediments. Regular lifts are permitted in marine sediments.
7. Damage to historic buildings or unanticipated discovery of cultural or paleontological materials by construction personnel shall be immediately reported to Cogstone.
8. Work shall temporarily halt in the immediate area of a discovery until such time as the find can be evaluated by Cogstone. Work may resume a minimum of 50 feet away immediately. The responding monitor shall clearly stake the area of the find and take any other appropriate protection measures to ensure no additional damage to the resource takes place. Under extreme circumstances, the contractor may be required to construct a temporary barrier fence of high visibility materials.
9. The discovery of possible human remains and/or associated grave items shall be immediately reported to Cogstone. Construction work must be halted within 50 feet around the remains and an Exclusion Zone established by the construction personnel to protect the remains. No work is permitted until the area is cleared by Cogstone.
10. Earth-disturbing activities undertaken without monitoring as prescribed above shall be reported as Non-Compliance to Metro and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
11. Cogstone shall notify Metro and FTA of all discoveries within 24 hours and not later than 48 hours.
12. Cogstone, in consultation with Metro and FTA, shall determine the extent of investigations necessary to adequately evaluate any discovery. The construction contractor shall be issued a formal Notice to Proceed by the Metro upon satisfactory implementation and conclusion of the investigations.

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