

Ohio Department of Transportation Prebid Questions

Project No. 050527

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Question Number: 1

1. There are conflicting details for the concrete railing cap in the plans. Detail 'A' on sheet 16/36 call out a precast concrete cap, but detail 'B' on the same sheet shows continuous rebar from the parapet into the cap and no construction joint between the two pieces. Please clarify if the cap is to be precast, stone, or cast-in place and sealed.

2. The plan details show cofferdams to protect the rear and sides of the abutment excavations but have no details for the front of the abutments. Please clarify by addendum that it is the contractor's responsibility to design any protection needed for the excavation in front of the abutments.

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Question Number: 2

There is a note on sheet 4/36 that states all existing lanes shall be open to traffic from August 28, 2006 to September 4, 2006. We assume that this means any lanes which exist on August 28th shall be maintained and no additional closures can be made during the County Fair. If the intent of the note is to have both directions of traffic in separate lanes across the bridge, this effectively makes the completion date for the project August 28th. This is not possible due to available structural steel girder delivery dates given by the suppliers. Please clarify the intent of the note by addendum.

In response to the prebid questions, the District feels that the term " all existing lanes" is clear and is defined as the current condition. In other words, the plan requires that two lanes of traffic shall be maintained during the County Fair. As far as the steel delivery, to our knowledge, the steel delivery will not be a factor in having the bridge open by August 28. We believe the plan is clear and there will not be a problem with the steel delivery.

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Question Number: 3

The plan note on sheet no. 17 of 36 regarding structure removal does not include the normal exclusion of hoe ram usage on the phased construction. Is the use of a hoe ram permitted on the abutments, pier and deck?

The plans call out for a full depth cut between the part that is to be demolished and the part of the structure that is to remain for traffic. The space is tight but a hoe ram would be a legitimate piece of equipment to take out the concrete. We believe that any damage to the remaining structure in the first phase for the traffic would be covered under CMS 202.03 Bridges Removed, 2nd paragraph.

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