

Question & Answer Session

Route 35 Restoration, (Sandy Restoration), Mantoloking to Point Pleasant

(MP 9 – 12.5) - New Jersey Department of Transportation

Boroughs of Mantoloking and Bay Head, Ocean County

Date: Friday April 5, 2013
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Engineering & Operations Building
1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

A Meeting for the Route 35 Restoration, (Sandy Restoration) project, was held in the NJDOT's Multi-purpose Room in Trenton, NJ to review highlights of the Project, and provide an opportunity to ask questions. The Meeting was held to provide the contracting industry with information about the current bid FOR INFORMATION ONLY, and the actual bid Contract Documents will govern over any information disseminated at the Meeting. Formal questions on the Contract Documents should be submitted using the Bid Express process.

Ahmad Qureshi, NJDOT-PM, provided the introduction and closing comments, Nigel Newton of Parsons together with Nabil Hourani (McCormick Taylor & Associates) and Vas Serpikov (Arora and Associates) presented a project overview, scheduling assumptions and information related to drainage and utilities using a PowerPoint presentation (ATTACHMENT 1)

A summary of comments received from the attendees and the responses provided by the NJDOT/Parsons team is as follows:

Q: Has NJDOT identified a location for excess material?

A: It is the contractor's responsibility to identify locations for excess material.

Q: Is there an anticipated completion date for the Gas utility work?

A: This will be provided in a future addendum.

Q: Is flagging required 24/7?

A: Flagging is required at all times that the contractor is providing one lane alternating traffic as shown in Stage 1 and 2.

Q: How much interference will there be from local property owners during construction?

A: The contractor is directed to review the requirements for access in the MPT Plans and Specifications. The Department will be utilizing a public relations firm to coordinate request for access with the intent that access will be granted on one or two occasions in any segment.

Q: Does the township have the ability to inspect at so many locations?

A: The Township has been informed of the anticipated workload requirements associated with this project.

Q: Are the large propeller pumps Explosion proof?

A: The large propeller pumps are to be explosion proof. A specification change will be issued in a future addendum.

Q: Do the Power cables to the gazebos need to be continuous?

A: Yes

Q: Are side streets included in the 18-day segments. Can they be closed?

A: They are not included in the 18 Day Segment. Access must be maintained.

Q: Will NJDOT make arrangements with Town to certify sanitary sewer work? Suggest that NJDOT should inspect / certify.

A: This will be answered in a future addendum.

Q: The project calls for flagging 24/7. Were temporary signals considered?

A: This will be addressed in a future addendum.

Q: Is there a Buy America Clause in this project

A: Yes, for predominantly steel or iron products subject to certain exemptions on miscellaneous off-the-shelf components in accordance with FHWA guidelines.

Q: Have we spoken with police departments. Will they allow flaggers access etc?

A: The Department has coordinated with local officials regarding this project.

Q: Will the department postpone the bid date?

A: No

Q: Stage 3 Final Surface Course constructed in segments is there a reason?

A: Please refer to Addenda 2 for changes to this plan sheet.

Q: Will NJDOT consider Questions within 3 Days rather than 5 days of bid.

A: No

Q: For construction inspection is there a shared responsibility between the state and the township?

A: This will be answered in a future addendum.

Q: DI Sewer calls for cement lining Specification and epoxy on the plan discrepancy.

A: This will be answered in a future addendum.

Q: Will all three projects be working at the same time.

A: Yes all three projects will be working at the same time.