

# Pre-Bid Meeting Notes

## Project: James Bypass Bridge Replacements on Manning Ave

Contract: 20-15-C

Attendance at this meeting was not mandatory to bid.

Bid Opening: Thursday, March 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM

### 1. Introductions

#### County Personnel

- Jennica Geddert, Design, Public Works and Planning
- Joseph Harrell, Design, Public Works and Planning
- Thien Xuan Truong, Design, Public Works and Planning
- Nicolette Nobuhiro, Design, Public Works and Planning
- Alexis Rutherford, Design, Design, Public Works and Planning
- Erin Haagenson, Design, Design, Public Works and Planning

#### Consultant

- Mark Weaver, Cornerstone Structural Engineering Group

#### Contractors

- Bill Hauff, Granite Construction
- Matthew Grewal, Rain for Rent
- Saifuddin Misbah, Clark Bros. Inc.
- James Duff, MCM Construction Inc.
- Bob Servadio, Agee Construction Corp.
- Jacinto Moreno, American Paving Co.

### 2. Bid Submission

Submission of bids electronically is encouraged. While submitting paper bid bonds and paper bids are still possible, we encourage electronic bid submission and the bid opening itself will take place over Zoom. The software used by the County, Bid Express, is free to submit bids for County Public Works & Planning projects but contractors need to select “Pay as you go” to avoid paying subscription fees. In addition, the software allows for saving, submitting, and resubmitting your bids and only the bid that is submitted at the time of the bid opening will be viewed by County staff. More resources are available on the [County website](#) and via [DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov). We encourage bidders to set up their accounts and try the software out in advance.

A presentation for those who have not bid electronically before is coming up on March 26, 2021 at 1:30 PM PT. Details have been posted on the planholders website (<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/planholders>) under “How to bid electronically on our projects or:

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-works-planning/contractor-bids-planholders-electronic-plans-bid-results/electronic-bidding>

The offices are closed to the public, so communicate with us ([DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov) or 559-600-9908) if you intend to submit a paper bid or bid bond so that we can make arrangements to receive them.

## 1. Discussion of Project – Joe Harrell / Mark Weaver

**Road Closures** – The importance of notifying the community in advance when closures would happen and reopening on time was emphasized. It was suggested the East Bridge closure could be completed in fewer days than specified, in which case contractors could request transferring those closure days to the longer, more complex West Bridge. The full road closure schedule was reviewed for the four separate closures, totaling 23 closure days, and included the option of extended work hours

**Pile Constructability** - Contractors should recognize the possibility of groundwater being present during construction. Installation of inspection pipes is required for all piles regardless. There is a potential for cave-ins while drilling holes due to subsurface soil characteristic.

### Utilities

Note that the overhead electric lines are live and will be energized at all times.

Note that there is an gas line on the West bridge is in the process of being decommissioned. The pipe will be purged and will be left in place to be removed during bridge removal.

**Falsework** - Note the requirements for designing falsework (see more details in Q&A section)

### Permitting Constraints

The impact of nesting swallows and the seasons permitted for channel work under the Central Valley Flood Protection Board were discussed.

Note that the County will provide a biologist for the environmental support of this project with the exception of bird exclusion. The contractor will hire a biologist to prepare the plan. The installation and maintenance of the bird exclusion devices is also the responsibility of the contractor. The contractor is reminded that the ability to perform work during the bird nesting season is dependent on preventing birds from nesting adjacent to the contractor's work.

Prior to September 1st, any work within 250ft of an active nest is prohibited. If inspections reveal the birds have vacated their nests early, it may be possible for construction to commence before that date.

Note that the Encroachment Permit allows in-channel work until October 31. The County will apply for extensions in 2-week intervals. Once those extensions are no longer granted by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), no in-channel work will be permitted until the next season or a date identified by the CVFPB.

Note that the surrounding area contains grassland and other habitats that are classified as an environmentally sensitive area (ESA). The County biologist will provide a training for the contractor's on-site staff and identify ESAs on the site prior to the commencement of work. Refer to the Habitat Impact Map in the Project Details for areas which must be avoided.

**Addendum** – An addendum will be issued to correct the typo in liquidated damage of \$6,800.00 under section 12-4.02C(3)(o) and include an encroachment permit.

**Hydroseeding** – The third order of work allows for 1 year for the grass to grow, but it is dependent on weather conditions. Under the Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) measures, the contractors submit reports of the grass for growth. The project will close once the grass growth has been established.

### **3. Questions**

Questions and responses will be posted to the project website under "Supplemental Information."

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-works-and-planning/construction-bidding-opportunities/20-15-c-james-bypass-bridge-replacements-on-manning-ave>