# TANY 24-34B / D215005

Replacement of Meadow Hill Road Bridge over I-87, NYS Thruway at MP 60.95 in Orange County

# **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- Q1. We noticed that the Completion Date for this Contract is November 20th, 2025, as per Proposal Book 1 and the Bid Proposal Document provided by the Thruway Authority. By industry standards, the lead time for structural bridge steel and bearing delivery is 8 to 10 months from the Notice to Proceed. Assuming notice to proceed is January of 2025, the steel and bearings would be delivered by September or October of 2025 which will not provide us with sufficient time to complete this Contract. We kindly request the Authority to revisit this contract completion date to account for the delivery of these long lead items.
- A1. The Authority has not had issues completing bridge replacements in one season with lettings as late as February in the past. Section 108 of the Standard Specs allows for the Authority to provide for extensions of time without the assessment of Liquidated Damages and Engineering Charges in specific situations. It is the Authority's intent to complete this bridge replacement project in one season.
- Q2. The Insurance portion of the Standard Specs states any deductibles in excess of \$100k will need to seek approval from the Authority. We have a \$500K deductible. Please provide the following information:

How do we go about seeking approval?

Who do we have to reach out to?

What information will be needed?

A2. Refer to the Thruway Addendum (TA) to the Standard Specifications for our Thruway Authority Insurance requirements. TA Section 107-06 includes Insurance requirements starting on page 21 of 51:

https://www.thruway.ny.gov/business/addendum/2024-02-22-ta-24.pdf

In general, a larger deductible would require a letter for review which includes the following: A statement showing the deductible exceeds the \$100,000 amount.

A description of how the larger deductible would be funded (i.e. a cash reserve, securitized fund, etc.).

A description of how claims are managed within that deductible (i.e. A separate claims department, the fund manager if securitized fund, etc.).

- Q3. Can you please clarify the scope of the asbestos abatement work. Bid Item 210.3313 is titled removal and disposal of bond breaker/filler ACM. It appears that the original backwalls may have been modified under previous contracts and the bond breaker material is no longer present. The ACM Inspection report refers to a white paint coating on the substructures. Is this item supposed to be used for the coating? Shouldn't it be 210.481XXX item and possibly paid for by SF rather than Lump Sum?
- A3. The Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) white paint listed in the January 2024 inspection report is considered a miscellaneous asbestos material. Therefore, the bid item should be 210.4812XX, Removal and Disposal of Miscellaneous ACM (BV14), SF. In an upcoming amendment the following changes will be made:

Delete Item 210.3313

Add Item 210.481201 with a quantity of 1,300 SF.

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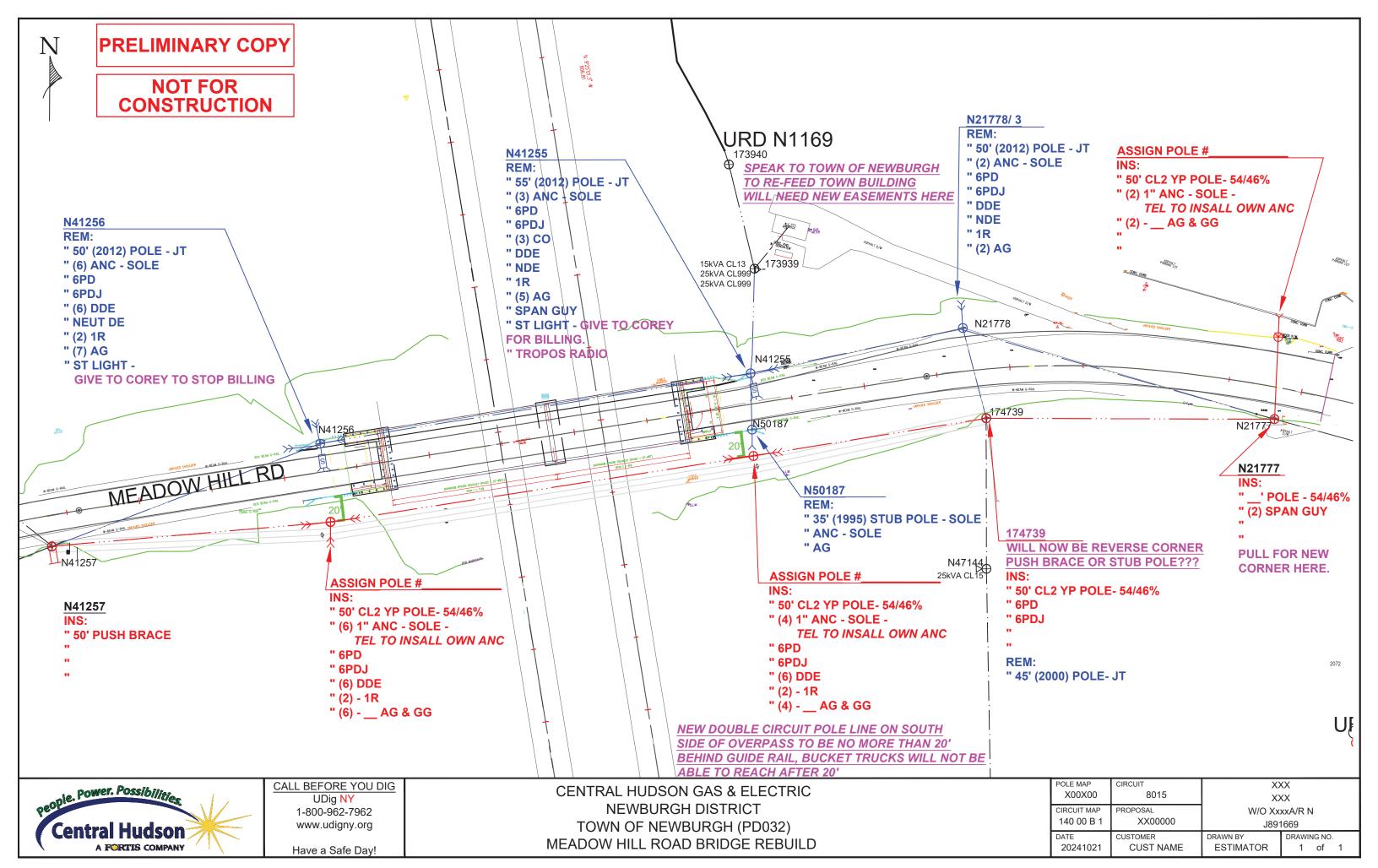
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- Q4. Drawing ST-04 points to two inbound conduits as the ones needing abatement on the bridge and paid for under Item 210.3013. However, indicate that the smaller inbound conduits are 3" galvanized steel and the outer, larger 4" conduits are fiber conduits. Please confirm that it is the larger conduits and outer conduits that are to be abated.
- A4. Since all the materials were not able to be seen or tested and are presumed to be ACM in the January 2024 Inspection report, they all must be considered ACM. However, if during the demolition of the areas of concern, and if the conduits are galvanized steel, then the galvanized steel conduits can be disposed of as non-asbestos containing material. Please refer to the Special Notes listed in (BV14) for Item 210.3013 for additional information.
- Q5. Can the utility relocation plan and schedule for the overhead utility please be provided?
- A5. The preliminary utility relocation plan from Central Hudson is attached. All work to relocate the utilities and poles is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2025.

## **November 22, 2024**

- Q6. As per drawing GNP-1, it is indicated that the existing utility pole will be relocated by the utility owner. Could you please provide details regarding the relocation of the overhead cables, including the new location and whether they will remain overhead or be relocated underground? Also, could you please share the anticipated timeline for completing this work?
- A6. This information has been included in the Q&A document, reference A5.
- Q7. We would like to request a two-week extension to the bid deadline to give our subcontractors and suppliers more time to review the project after the holiday break.
- A7. Amendment 1 extends the letting date one week, from December 4, 2024, to December 11, 2024.
- Q8. Drawing GNP-2 indicates clearing and grubbing is limited to an area on the North side of the east abutment. Please confirm that there will be clearing and grubbing required on either side of Meadow Hill Road at least up to the limits of fill placement and that this quantity will be included under pay item 201.07.
- A8. Item 201.07 is shown in other locations within the plan set. Clearing and grubbing will be required on either side of Meadow Hill Road at least up to the limits of fill placement. All of this work will be paid for under Item 201.07. Some of the area on the South side of the bridge will be cleared for the utility relocation.
- Q9. After speaking to several long lead item vendors, suppliers, and subcontractors, including MWBE firms, it will be difficult for them to provide a competitive quote with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.
- A9. Amendment 1 extends the letting date one week, from December 4, 2024, to December 11, 2024.



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### **December 3, 2024**

- Q10. Addendum 1 indicates to delete Item No. 210.3013 Removal and Disposal of Concrete Encased Pipe ACM (BV14); however the electronic bid file indicates deleted items 210.3313 Removal and Disp of Bond Breaker/Fil ACM, which is also referenced in Q&A #3. Please advise which item is to be deleted.
- A10. Amendment #1 as issued on November 22, 2024 contained several inadvertent typographical errors. Where it was instructed to delete Item 210.3013, Removal and Disposal of Concrete Encased Pipe ACM (BV14), it should have identified Item 210.3313, Removal and Disposal of Bond Breaker/Filler ACM (BV14), instead. In addition, the **Descriptions** of Items 619.0803 and 619.100103 should have been "Cover Existing Pavement Marking Stripes (Removable Tape)" and "Cover Existing Pavement Marking Stripes (Removable Tape)", respectively. The changes as noted in the electronic bid file (D215005.001 ebsx file) are correct. The letting has been postponed to December 11, 2024, Item 210.3313 has been deleted, quantities to Items 619.0803 and 619.100103 increased, respectively, Item 210.481201 added, and four plan sheet drawings have been substituted.
- Q11. Items 210.3013 and 210.3313 were in the initial bid form. Addendum #1 directed us to delete Item 210.3013. However, the expedite file for Addendum #1 still has item 210.3013 and Item 210.3313 was deleted. We kindly request the Authority to reissue an expedite file to reflect the changes in Addendum #1 in which Item 210.3013 is deleted and Item 210.3313 is added back in as per the original bid form.
- A11. Please refer to the response (A10.) to Question 10 (Q10.) above.

#### **December 6, 2024**

- Q12. In speaking with multiple ready-mix concrete vendors, it seems like they are having issues with the recently implemented changes to the Dept's Standard Spec 501 for Performance Concrete, specifically, pricing the new changes. They are saying that to comply with the new requirements, their prices will increase by around 50%. Is there a way for the Department to provide a Force Account for the potential increase in material cost, in order to level the playing field for Contractors?
- A12. The Performance Concrete specifications are to be followed for this contract. Submit a bid based on what is included in the specs, proposal, and plans.