

MEMO TO: 2011 Street Reconstruction File

April 14, 2011

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SUBJECT: Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2011

Is the Machine Grading, Modified pay item measured as the length of the street?

Machine Grading, Modified will be measured as indicated in the Special Provision. If existing material meets Class II Sand Specifications, consideration will be given to leaving the material in place.

If there are conflicts between MDOT and City specifications, which prevail?

As stated in the Special Provisions for Technical Specifications, the contract documents will prevail over other parts in the following order:

- A. Special Provisions
- B. Supplemental Specifications
- C. Project Plans and Drawings
- D. MDOT Standard Plans
- E. MDOT Standard Specifications
- F. City of Mt. Pleasant Standard Construction Specifications

How is Slope Restoration being paid for, by the linear foot or square yard?

Slope Restoration will be measured and paid for by the square yard. The Proposal Description and Pay Unit will be corrected and re-issued.

Our research indicates that mulch blanket is available in four-foot (4') width rolls; therefore, there will be no change to the Special Provision for Slope Restoration.

Can MDOT 22A or MDOT 23A natural stone be used as a substitute for Aggregate Base, 6-inch, Modified?

No.

Can crushed concrete be used as a substitute for Aggregate Base 6-inch, Modified?

No.

Can MDOT 21AA crushed limestone be used as a substitute for Aggregate Base 6-inch, Modified?

Yes, provided the material meets or exceeds material requirements of the Special Provision.

Are the sanitary sewer leads to be completed after all of the mainline sewer in both phases is completed?

No. The sanitary sewer leads are to be completed in each phase prior to beginning the next phase.

How will the travel lane be maintained where the concrete has been removed for the sewer leads?

Maintenance gravel will be used in areas of concrete removal in the driving lane.

Is the intent of the travel lane to keep the street open to all traffic?

No. The traffic will be closed to through traffic, but the travel lane will provide access to local residents. The travel lane will be closed when excavation is taking place adjacent to it.

Can the contractor use the travel lane when it is closed to local traffic?

No. The travel lane is for local resident use only.

What depth is the sanitary sewer leads required to be at the right-of-way?

The sanitary sewer leads are to be installed at minimum grade. This will provide adequate depth to reroute the buildings in the future from the backyard sewer.

Is blue shell pipe required for the water main?

No. Blue shell pipe will be accepted, but blue stripe pipe meeting the requirements of the Special Provision for Water System Materials and Construction will also be accepted.

Will adjusting rings be allowed for structure adjustments?

Yes.

Are the water services on Chippewa Street to be open cut?

No. Water services are to be directionally bored. Water services are to be installed below the storm and sanitary sewer mains.

Who will be inspecting the project?

The City of Mt. Pleasant will inspect the project.

Will a disk with points be available to use GPS?

A point plot file indicating location and elevation is available.

Is the drawing scale accurate?

Yes.

Have the quantities in the proposal been inflated?

No. Some items have been rounded up, but the quantities are estimations and have not been inflated.

How often will the contractor be paid and will the City hold retainage?

Pay requests can be submitted to the City Commission for approval twice per month. Prior to submitting a pay request, the contractor and the engineer must agree on the quantities, and the contractor must sign the pay request. Approved and signed pay requests must be submitted to the Finance Department by the engineer by noon on the first and third Mondays of the month in order to be considered at the City Commission meeting.

Retainage will be withheld in the amount of two percent (2%) of the total contract amount as specified in Section 109.06 A2a of the 2003 MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction.

Liquidated damages will be assessed as detailed in Section 108.11 C of the 2003 MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction.

How will downtime be handled?

Downtime will be addressed in accordance with Sections 104.07 and 109.03 of the 2003 MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, and any additional sections that apply.

General announcements that were made:

The storm sewer pipe has been changed to SDR 35. The electric conduit across Fancher Street at Illinois Street has been raised by the owner and is very near the pavement. Contractor is advised to exercise extreme caution and hand dig to expose this conduit.

The required adjustment on structures is a minimum of six inches (6") and a maximum of 18 inches (18").

Flat tops with a minimum of one foot (1') thickness are allowed for structure cones.

To minimize misunderstandings and to ensure all contractors have the same information when bidding, questions about the project must be submitted in writing by April 19, 2011, and must include the information requested in the specifications.

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