

Pre-bid Meeting and Questions from Contractors

Addendum 1 has been posted. This included informational plans for MG&E electric and gas along with cleaned up sanitary sewer sheets. This addendum also included a spec change to require compact fittings in the base bid for water, along with an alternate to construct the main & fittings per the standard specifications.

An additional informational item has been requested. An overall plan of the project is posted. This plan is not part of the bidding or construction documents and will not be updated with any revisions. This plan shall be used for informational/reference purposes only.

Q: Can the single travel lane weave through the project limits?

A: Yes. The single open travel lane can weave as necessary to suite the construction activities, but modifications to the phasing, traffic control and temporary paving may need to be approved in advance.

Q: There are several potential storm sewer conflicts with AT&T, and the timeframe for utility extends almost the entire project duration.

A: Some ULOs have already been performed on the AT&T facilities, and additional ULOs are in the contract. At certain locations AT&T may be required to relocate. AT&T and MG&E Gas will be starting work in advance of the contract. As indicated in the Cooperation by the Contractor section, it is expected that the contractor will need to coordinate work throughout the project, and with the available space, there should be locations where the utilities can be working outside of where the Contractor is working. Pre-coordination meetings will be setup with the utilities.

Q: Is dewatering paid or incidental to the contract?

A: Dewatering Type II will be paid per the standard specifications. However, in locations with contaminated ground water, dewatering to the sanitary sewer with any applicable permitting, will be considered incidental.

Q: There are locations where the proposed sanitary sewer will be raised and moved away from properties. Will the laterals drain?

A: It is expected that the laterals along this line are on rising off the existing main. The Engineer may call for additional ULOs to confirm the lateral depths if something different is found. As part of the revision, this part of the sewer main has been revised to be deeper.

Q: Edgewood College calendar was provided in the specs. Do the campus school and the high school follow a similar schedule?

A: The campus school and the high school likely mimic the MMSD calendar, and the size of those schools are significantly smaller than the college.

Q: Can additional borings on side streets be provided?

A: We will review our records for additional borings and provide that information with Addendum 2.

Q: Can the liquidated damages section be clarified to account for a situation where the work cannot be done before weather prevents the work from proceeding next winter?

A: Language has been added to the liquidated damages section of the special provisions to clarify how this would be handled.

Q: Does the interim date of 8/30 for the Grant-Regent & Breese portion include all work in the plaza (walls, grading, bioretention, etc.)?

A: Yes, as indicated in the special provisions, all work, excluding the plantings, within the plaza must be completed by the interim date.

Q: Is there a particular concern with the properties that include a backflow preventer?

A: The backflow preventers are required by MMSD.

Q: Are there issues with by-passing through the Arboretum to the next manholes?

A: Any by-passing through the Arboretum will need to stay within the existing sewer easements.

Q: What is the total depth of the Rock Trench item?

A: This will be clarified on the detail in the addendum, but the depth of all backfill is 3 ft.

Q: Rock Trench detail indicates 6" PVC pipe, spec indicates 8" PVC pipe. Please clarify.

A: This issue has been resolved on the addendum for the spec & detail to match.

Q: 6'x6' in Wingra Park structures appear to be missing some information. Can more be provided?

A: Additional information will be provided on the revised sheet in the addendum. Structures will be field poured, no sump, rim to match existing grade in the park.

Q: What is the thickness of the walls for the outside box of the screen structure?

A: The wall thickness of the outside box should match the City Standard for access structures, but with modifications to the reinforcement per the details.

Q: How is the existing storm sewer at Pickford routed? Does the new crossing also require control of a significant amount of flow?

A: The existing storm sewer at Pickford all crosses to the east side of Pickford and across Monroe St. There is a stub provided out the structure that will be connected into on the north side, but it is plugged. The connection on the south side of Monroe is expected to have water within the existing pipe/structure.

Q: Does the water main to be abandoned at Pickford need to be maintained as live?

A: No. This is a dead-end main that can be capped. There are several other locations/intersections within the project that function similarly.

Q: The plan shows existing sewer lateral to the Arboretum. Do these need to be reconnected?

A: No. These laterals are not live and can be plugged/abandoned.

Q: Do all water valves need to be installed per plan or can they be relocated?

A: Most can be relocated as necessary to account for construction phasing. Proposed locations were based on an anticipated phasing of the work. There is a pressure boundary valve near Western that the Contractor shall take into account. Coordinate valve locations with water designer & inspector.

Note on the water main: addendum will include information requiring installation of gaskets and clay plugs in areas of contaminated soil.

Note on sanitary sewer main: Not certain how the pressure main near Knickerbocker was previously abandoned. Contractor may need to install additional plugs when crossing the abandoned main.

Q: If requested, would the Contractor be allowed to start work early?

A: Yes. The City would allow early start, but this may require additional coordination with utilities and the building project at 1603 Monroe St.

Q: Would work still be allowed between Nakoma & Glenway after two-way traffic is restored to this area?

A: Yes, work would still be allowed, but, as indicated, no interruptions to the two-way traffic would be allowed as this is need to provide bus service back to the area.

Q: Will the overhead electric remain in the Pickford area?

A: Yes. Undergrounding of overhead lines will only be done in some locations, but this area will remain overhead.

Q: Will trenching be allowed to install temporary pipes for by-passing?

A: Yes. Trenching of these pipes will be allowed and pavement patching/restoration of these areas will be considered incidental to wastewater control. This is addressed in the addendum.

Q: Will the City provide CAD files for the project?

A: CAD files won't be provided during bidding, but the City may provide some additional data to whoever is ultimately awarded the contract, if requested. However, that data won't be considered part of the construction documents; all work must be completed per the issued plans and specs and any revisions. The City won't guarantee the accuracy of any supplied CAD data as the information may not be up-to-date with any issued plan revisions or field changes.

Q: If additional traffic switches/phasing are necessary, will additional temporary pavement be paid/approved?

A: Prior to the start of work, the Contractor may work with the Engineer to establish alternative phasing from the traffic control plans included in the documents. If phasing is approved, and if additional temporary pavement is necessary to achieve the approved phasing, then the additional temporary pavement will be paid.

Q: Can the quantity of the standard bid items within the plaza area (between the curb lines) be provided?

A: These quantities won't be separated out for the proposal or bid pricing, but the approximate quantity of 7" Concrete Sidewalk in this area is 11,000 SF and the approximate quantity of the topsoil & sod is 560 SY.

Q: Are there approved manufacturers for the precast pervious concrete panels?

A: City crews had previous installed a product manufactured by Spancrete, but any product that meets the specified criteria will be approved.