

MINUTES

2009 CONTRACTOR/DEVELOPER/ENGINEERS MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2009

8:00 – 11:00 MEETING

I. Opening Remarks by Rob Phillips, Interim City Engineer

II. Review minutes from August meeting

III. Affirmative Action – Contract Compliance

AA plan required every 2 years. Data update is required on alternate years.

Private Development: Work that connects to City facilities falls under prevailing wage.

Private plats and prevailing wage: need a white sheet for that specific project or use annual sheet City of Madison uses

Contractors would like to see BVC ordinance revised because they are required to hire apprentices even when some journeyworkers have not been hired back.

IV. Comments by City Water Utility

No comments

V. Comments by City Traffic Engineering

Lane closures: Need Lane closure sign even with arrow board

Bike lane closures: need signs, etc per standard detail 6.30

VI. Comments by Parks Department

Peace Park is scheduled for bidding in December

VII. Tree Protection Specifications During Construction

Involve residents

- Identify problems sooner in plan preparation process.
- Specs are being worked on at this time.
- There will be penalties in contracts for negligent damage to trees including roots, trunk and branches.

- Plan prep process will include attempting to locate and tv laterals in advance of design.
- Want to make foreman aware of penalties.
- Contractor concerns: downtime waiting for decision on what to do with a tree conflict; height of truck boxes is 23' and trees are only trimmed to about 14'; negligence needs to be part of spec.

VII. Contractor/Developer/Engineer Comments

New prequalification forms will have minor changes.

Madison Concrete Pipe is now part of County Materials. They are working on new Apron End gate spec with City of Madison. DOT galvanized gate is acceptable in the interim.

Bid opening dates:

Can bids be opened same day received or three days after due date?

This has been discussed at PWI(Public Works Improvement Team). No action was taken.

Truckers and Prevailing wage: Issue is the truckers used on a project vary day to day even hour to hour. How does this have to be reported on sub contractor lists?

If the original sub list includes truckers and matches SBE Compliance Report commitment, then you don't need to revise sub list. If the SBE Compliance Report commitment does not match the truckers listed on the original sub list, then you need to revise the list with the truckers that will be used to meet the SBE commitment.

Options to consider: Use a trucker supplement list vs. a revised sub contractor list, submit list of truckers with weekly payrolls

Crushed Aggregate Base Course Freeze/Thaw Spec supplier/contractor says spec is misplaced that this is issue for surface asphalt and concrete, quarries that have been in business for years can't meet the state spec., continue with the soundness and wear testing, Platteville limestone doesn't meet freeze/thaw but Prairie Du Chien does meet spec.

Supplier will send data on their quarries. Their product at some sites is only slightly higher than the state spec.

State spec for concretes has section on HPC concrete for structures. Concern is that this spec will eventually be used for pavement, curb and sidewalk. Part of the spec requires that the concrete be wet batched. Also special aggregate is required.

WU and finalizing projects: Request was made to expedite finalizing contracts

Special provisions: Request was made to eliminate the special provision that disallows adjustments in unit prices if actual quantities vary in the contract from the estimated quantities. The standard spec that addresses changes in quantities should be used.

Sanitary laterals: Quantities in the proposal don't reflect the actual quantities installed. Don't include the 5' in the proposal page that is considered incidental to the reconnection to the main.

Request was made for undercut to be separate bid item then unclassified excavation as work involved in each is different.

Finalization process: Asked to have process clarified. It takes all parties to make this process quicker. Send flow chart. Send request for affidavits with substantial completion letter?

MATC representative: MATC helps business contracting and will talk to Norman Davis.

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