

CONTRACTOR'S INQUIRY RESPONSES

**THE SIDEWALK & BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS OF
STANTON AVENUE
FROM CASTRO VALLEY BOULEVARD TO MIRAMAR AVENUE
IN CASTRO VALLEY, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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1	Does the Stanton Ave project only have MBE & WBE goals and the related good faith efforts, or whether Section 2-1.12 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises apply to this project .	Only MBE & WBE goals and the related good faith efforts apply to this project. Since the project construction cost is not federally funded, Section 2-1.12 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, does not apply to this project.
2	Does PLA only applies to trucking?	Yes, PLA only applies to trucking. However, all workers must be paid prevailing wages.
3	Request for project cross sections. Request for clarification on AC section of the driveway conform detail.	There are no cross sections for this project. There will be an addendum issued to clarify the AC section of the driveway conform detail.

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4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When is the anticipated NTP date and when is the work likely to start? (a date range will do) 2. Who is responsible for paying QAQC testing and inspections for: Asphalt, AB, soil compaction, concrete. Please include any other testing or inspections required. 3. Can Curb & Gutter be poured monolithically with the sidewalk to avoid the key notch? 4. If monolithic pour is not allowed can the notch be replaced by doweling? At what spacing? 5. Is the working days 190 days or 90 days? Also, please confirm workings days or calendar days. (Attendees of the first prebid meeting heard and wrote down 90 when the specs say 190) 6. Please confirm that If our company attended one of the two prebid meetings we can still bid? (we went to the first but not the second one mentioned in Addendum #1.) 7. Is the contractor required to provide a job site trailer for any owner or agency? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NTP may be issued sometime during February 2020. Construction should start after NTP is issued. 2. Under section 6-2.02, your quality control tests are at your expense. For quality control tests that the Agency elects to perform, the Agency deducts testing costs for work that does not comply with the Contract per section 6-2.03. Tests required to be part of your QC plan are described under the various sections pertaining to the material or work, such as, section 26-1.01D(2)(d) for AB. 3. Curb and gutter adjacent to sidewalk or driveway is to be constructed as shown in County Standard Detail SD-304 provided in Appendix H. The Project Specifications do not allow for alternatives. 4. Yes. See County Standard Detail SD-304 provided in Appendix H. 5. 190 working days. 6. Your company's representative attended the first Pre-bid meeting on November 5, 2019, and yes, your company can bid. 7. No.

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5	<p>In the first pre bid meeting we were told that we can work on both sides of the road at the same time in the 500lf section.</p> <p>But in your project specs it calls out that you can only work on one side at a time in the 500 lf section.</p> <p>Is the county going to change the specs per addendum on this? As this will make a big difference in the pricing of your project.</p>	<p>Section 10-1.02 limits the disruption of sidewalk to 500-LF at any given time. This is a cumulative amount that does not limit the location of work. You may work on a 250-LF portion along one side of the street and 250-LF somewhere along the opposite side. However, practically speaking, it may not be possible to comply with section 12-4.04, Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes, if work occurs simultaneously on opposite sides of the street at the same location.</p>

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6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there a Lane Closure Chart for the construction work on Stanton Ave? 2. What are the work hours and traffic changes for either One Way Traffic Control with flaggers or an allowed detour around the work area? 3. Will the contractor be allowed to limit parking on both sides of the street within the 500' Max work zone to allow the work to progress on both sides? 4. We would like to push traffic to one side of the road and use one side to perform the work. Will this be allowed? 5. Can you please confirm the total qty of Bid Item #68 for the 15" RCP, our take-off indicated 305 LF for this item? 6. Do the bid items for the Minor Concrete Curb Ramps #93 thru #95 include the Base Rock and Concrete placement only, but item #85 Detectable Warning Surface is for the ADA Tactile Pads section? Please clarify. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No. 2. See section 12-4.01A(5) for typical work hours for work that interferes with traffic. See section 7-1.03 for additional restrictions. The traffic control measures employed do not change these requirements. 3. Parking may be limited on both sides of the street to maintain traffic during work. Do not unnecessarily limit parking during non-work hours. 4. Yes. One shoulder can be closed to perform work and to allow pedestrians safe passage around work, while the opposite shoulder can be used to maintain traffic. 5. See addendum 5. 6. A bid item includes furnishing all the resources and activities required to complete the work of that item, except that work paid for under one item is not paid for under another per section 9-1.03. So, yes, items 93 thru 95 include base and concrete and all resources and activities required to construct the item of work. The required detectable warning surface is paid for separately under item 85.

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6	<p>7. Are the curb and gutter section of the driveways and curb ramps included in the SF area of the Driveways/Ramps or measure and paid under the Curb Items</p> <p>8. There are items called out for removal, relocation or reconstruction, which do not have a bid item. Can you please clarify how this items will be addressed. For example Arbor Entry @ 19201 Stanton Ave, Wooden Planter Box @ 19531 Stanton Ave, Remove & Replace Bollards @ 20347 Stanton Ave, Remove Retaining Wall, Remove & Replace Short Segments of Wall, Remove & Relocate Chain link Fence, Remove & Relocate Gate, Remove Existing Shed, Remove & Salvage I-Beam, Remove Retaining Curb.</p> <p>9. Is there any Slurry Seal work required at Somerset Ave & Michaels Ct for the Improvement area on Sheet 27 of 99?</p> <p>10. Sheet 56 of 99 Calls out "Install (N) 4' High CMU Retaining Wall @ 20345 Stanton Ave, there is only a bid item for 2'-10" Retaining CMU Wall, Where does this item get paid under?</p>	<p>7. Curb and gutter section of driveways and curb ramps are paid for under the curb items.</p> <p>8. These items are existing facilities as designated under division II, section 15. Section 15 includes general specifications for performing work on existing facilities including removal, relocation, or reconstruction. Section 9-1.03 specifies that full compensation for work specified in divisions I, II, and XI is included in the payment for the bid items involved unless a bid item for the work is shown on the Bid Item List. The bid items involved are those that require the removal, relocation, or reconstruction of these impediments in order to complete the work, ie. sidewalk, curb ramp, etc. Bid items are shown for work on the brick and mortar wall at 2690 Acorn Street because a permit to enter to perform work has yet to be acquired.</p> <p>9. No.</p> <p>10. The callout on Sheet 56 for Note #24 has been corrected to 1'-10" CMU Retaining Wall. This will be paid under Bid Item #51. See Addendum 3.</p>

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6	<p>11. Sheet 56 of 99 calls out (note# 15) Install (N) 1'-2' high concrete retaining wall. This is indicated on the plan for property @ 30317 & 30315 Stanton Ave, What bid item is this Retaining Wall paid under?</p> <p>12. What is the Height for the CMU Wall required on Sheet 57 of 99 @ 2017 Stanton Ave, How is the CMU foundation detailed at the existing 3' high wall and taper into thie existing. Please provide details of the CMU wall footing for an L-Shape (corner).</p> <p>13. What is the detail for the existing CMU Wall Footing we are required to demo at various locations? How wide? How Deep and if there is rebar?</p> <p>14. Will there be any addendum issued to answer questions submitted?</p>	<p>11. Note #15 has been revised. Please see Note #21 for installing concrete retaining wall which is paid under Bid Item #63 – Minor Concrete (Curb Wall 13" – 22"). See Addendum 3.</p> <p>12. Refer to Grading Plan Sheet #33 for height of retaining wall. Install expansion joint between the existing and new wall and install ½" expansion filler per note 7 of Sheet S-1. The wall shall be laid out (including L shape) per details shown in Sheet S-1. The foundation corner shall also form L shape (standard practice).</p> <p>13. For demolition of existing CMU walls, assume existing CMU wall footing details are similar to what is being proposed for new walls.</p> <p>14. Answers to bidder questions are posted online. Addendums are issued to clarify or amend Contract documents as needed.</p>

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7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Item #53 Bioretention C&G- is this quantity only at the 15BP's or does it include some planters as well as there is roughly +/- 500' and not the 693' listed. 2. Item #54 Bioretention Curb- is this quantity only at the 15BP's or does it include some planters as well as there is roughly +/- 600' and not the 772' listed. 3. Item #55 Bioretention Brace- is this quantity only at the 15BP's or does it include some planters as well as there is roughly +/- 247' and not the 326' listed 4. In areas where the JPCP is adjacent to a BP, is that curb quantity in item #53 or #86? 5. Please clarify per Section 10-1.01 GENERAL, that only 500' at can be open for the entire project at one time or can locations not adjacent to each other be open as well? 6. Please confirm that all C&G shall not be placed monolithically with sidewalk, driveway etc 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Item #53 is only at the bioretention planters. See Addendum 3 2. Item #54 is only at the bioretention planters. See Addendum 3. 3. Item #55 is only at the bioretention planters. See Addendum 3. 4. This curb quantity is in item #53 Bioretention Curb & Gutter 5. Section 10-1.02 limits the disruption of sidewalk to 500-LF at any given time. This is a cumulative amount that does not limit the location of work. You may work on a 250-LF portion along one side of the street and 250-LF somewhere along the opposite side. However, practically speaking, it may not be possible to comply with section 12-4.04, Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes, if work occurs simultaneously on opposite sides of the street at the same location. 6. C&G shall not be placed monolithically with sidewalk, driveway etc. Curb and gutter adjacent to sidewalk or driveway is to be constructed as shown in County Standard Detail SD-304 provided in Appendix H. The Project Specifications do not allow for alternatives.

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8	<p>Please clarify the following for Item #49, JPCP as Section 40 is included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are transverse joints required, if so what spacing? 2. If transverse joints are required, please confirm epoxy dowel baskets and green sawing of joints is required. 3. Please confirm metal forms are required. 4. Please confirm no tie-bars are required. 5. Please confirm a bond-breaker is not required. 6. Please clarify the acceptance test for the JPCP and whom pays for the all testing; concrete, cores, etc. 7. Is the Vertical curb per Detail 6/8 to be tied into the adjacent sidewalk/driveway? 	<p>For questions 1 to 6, See page 345, Addendum 3.</p> <p>For question 7, see Sheet 8, Addendum 2, and County Standard Detail SD-304, Detail A for key joint or dowel connection.</p>
9	<p>Please clarify the following for Item #25, Roadway Ex:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please clarify that all dirt removal for installation of aggregate base under sidewalks etc, and all excavation for the bioretention areas is to be paid under this item. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The disposal of surplus material resulting from excavating to the described or authorized grade for roadway work, which by definition (under section 1-1.07) includes sidewalks and drainage features, like the bioretention areas, is included as roadway excavation per section 19-2 and paid for under Item #25.
10	<p>Please clarify that the concrete mix requirements for all the sidewalk, c&g etc, is minor concrete, minimum 463# of material, no lamp black and not a 4,000 PSI @ 28 day mix, thank you.</p>	<p>Under section 73-1.02A, concrete for curbs, sidewalks, and their appurtenances must be minor concrete containing at least 463 pounds of cementitious material per cubic yard. Under section 90-2.01D, the concrete mix must be prequalified. Qualifying test data must show a 28-day compressive strength of at least 3600-psi.</p> <p>A lamp black provision has been added by Addendum #3.</p>

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11	Does Bid Item 25- Roadway Excavation 2,148 CY include the excavation for Bid Items: 50- Retaining Wall Dry Stackable Block, 51-Retaining Wall CMU , 62-Minor Concrete Curb Wall 6"-12", 63-Minor Concrete Curb Wall 13"-22", 64-Minor Concrete Fill Wall 6"-13", 65-Minor Concrete Fill Wall 14"-24"?	No. Bid Item 25, Roadway Excavation, does not include excavation for structures per section 19-2.01. Structure excavation is included as part of the individual structure bid items.
12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the other questions regarding the JPCP and RDX be answered as well? 2. I am not sure if it was asked of yet, but an electrical contractor had questions as to #127 if that only pertained to the 2 streetlights and what their portion would be as opposed to PG&E portion. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For questions 1 to 6, See page 345, Addendum 3. 2. Item #127 has been eliminated by Addendum No. 4; the associated work has been reallocated to Item #126. <p>Roles pertaining to electric service connection have been clarified by Addendum No. 4.</p>
13	There was an inquiry #6 question 5 regarding the quantities for Bid Item #68 and the answer says "See addendum 3" but there was no change to Item #68.	See Addendum 5
14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bid item No. 108 Roadside Sign – one post 61 EA shown as (NL, NP Np in plans on sheets 92 – 99)I count 42 2. Bid item No. 8 construction area signs - there is no construction area sign plan.....does one need to be drawn up or is this advance signing for side streets.... 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bid Item 108: Addendum No. 5 amends the quantity. 2. Construction Area Signs: See the construction area sign schedule and location map on plan Sheet 1.

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15	<p>This question is in regards to line item #123 on the bid item list for the Stanton Ave. project. Will a skid resistant Pre-Formed Green Thermoplastic be sufficient for this line item? This product has been used on other roads in the area. Will this line item include Enhanced Wet Night Visibility as this is not an industry standard for green bike lane? Please respond as soon as possible as bidding for this project is today. I appreciate your attention to this matter.</p>	<p>Bid per spec.</p>