

CONTRACTOR'S INQUIRY RESPONSES

THE RESURFACING OF PORTIONS OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS IN THE CASTRO VALLEY AREA ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA SPECIFICATION NO. 2433

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This document will be continuously updated. It is the contractor's responsibility to check for updates.

UPDATED (3-18-2022):

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1*	Job Specs refer to Caltrans 2018, which include an oil index fluctuation for asphalt. Is this project also indexed for asphalt oil fluctuation?	Please refer to section 9-1.07. Since this section is not used for Specs 2433, 2434, and 2435, there will be no price adjustments for asphalt oil fluctuation. Please bid accordingly.
2*	Could we stagger the bid opening time? There are a lot of paper work submittals with each bid. Would you allow more time for submittal of these paper work?	No.
3*	Will any dimensions of base repairs be provided? Locations? What are the minimum dimensions for base repair? For bidding purposes, will the county supply a list including dimensions and locations of AC repairs prior to grinding?	Please refer to section 39-3.02C. The dimensions and locations of the base repair would be determined by the engineer and inspector during the construction phase. The county will not be providing a list.

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4*	Is a 3 rd party testing agency required to be hired by the contractor for asphalt paving compaction testing?	Alameda County Material Test Lab will be performing AC compaction testing. The contractor has an option to enlist a 3 rd party testing agency for their own use/benefit. However, official compaction testing results are generated by the County.
5*	Is section 36-3 "pavement smoothness" required for this project? If so, please provide a bid item or advise on method of payment.	For pavement smoothness, please refer to Section 39-2.01A(4)(i)(iii)(A). This would be included a separate bid item, per payment section 9-1.03.
6*	Are there any paving fabric in AC grindings? For bidding purposes, will county supply records of previous overlays to determine fabric in the milling areas?	There is a possibility that paving fabric could be in the grinded material during cold planning. Please refer to Section 14-11.13G(3). In terms of disposal, please refer to section 39-3.01D. Payment for removal of pavement fabric is included as part of the bid items involved.
7*	Are there any delay start on any of the project?	Please refer to section 8-1.04C. There are no delay starts.
8*	Will county provide any existing as-builts?	No.
9	Are CMS boards required for this project? If so, please advise how many and durations	CMS boards are not required for this project, and it is up to the contractor to devise a traffic control plan.
10	Is section 37-4 "fog seals and flush costs" required for this project? If so, please provide quantities and measurement of payment.	Not applicable.
11	The resurfacing street summary included in the project documents does not indicate that fabric will be installed at Villareal Drive. Is this information accurate? If so, please adjust the bid unit quantity	Please see Page R-2 (Addendum No. 1) for an updated resurfacing street summary. The fabric is already included in the original bid list quantity, therefore there are no changes to the total..
12	Section 12-4.01 A(5) has the work hours from 8:30am – 5pm. Section 7-1.03 contradicts with section 12-4.01 A(5) and has the work hours as 8:30-4:30pm. Please clarify what the work hours will be for this project?	Please see Page 139 (Addendum No. 1) for updated section 12-4.01 A(5).

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13	Please clarify if the work hours apply to only Monday – Friday or if Saturday and Sunday’s are an option?	Final construction schedule would be worked out with the construction department before the construction phase.
14	Section 39-3.04 states “Schedule cold planing activities such that the pavement is cold planed, the HMA is placed, and the area is opened to traffic during the same work shift.” Section 39-3.04C states “If you do not complete placing the HMA surfacing before opening the area to traffic, you must: 1. Construct a temporary HMA taper to the level of the existing pavement. 2. Place HMA during the next work shift by the third calendar day from when you commenced cold planing at the same location.” Please confirm that it will be acceptable to follow section 39-3.04C?	Yes, it is acceptable to follow section 39-3.04C. For longer roads, avoid grinding more than you can pave to avoid unsafe conditions.
15	How are the speed humps and speed tables paid for on this project? Can you please provide a bid item for these?	Please refer to section Section 39-2.01D for payment. Please see Page BB-1a (Addendum No. 1) for updated bid item on speed table.

****Project Bid Inquiries received in the March 8, 2022 Virtual Pre-Bid Meeting***