

CONTRACTOR'S INQUIRY RESPONSES

THE RESURFACING OF PORTIONS OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS IN THE EDEN AREA, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA SPECIFICATION NO. 2435

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

UPDATED (3-25-2022):

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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*	Are there any detector loops in Specification 2435?	No, there are no traffic loops in specification 2435.
3*	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?	Please see Addendum 1.

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4*	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?	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.
5*	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.
6*	Are there any delay start on any of the project?	Please refer to section 8-1.04C. There are no delay starts.
7*	Will county provide any existing as-builts?	No.
8	Please confirm the project name of Specification 2435. Is it "Hayward and San Lorenzo" or "Eden Area"?	The correct project name of Specification 2435 is "Eden Area".
9	Bid Schedule for Spec. 2435, Items # 20 Finish Roadway, please provide locations where this item applies? There is no bid item for shoulder back for this project bid schedule.	Please refer to section 22. Yes, that is correct. There is no bid item for shoulder backing.
10	On Spec #2435 the Notice to Bidders, the General Work Description notes items that do not have a bid item in the bid schedule, please confirm if these are required and how they are paid A. Please provide scope and bid item for the "Construction Area Signs", the specification also makes mention of project funding signs. Please provide number and detail for these signs	County will provide project funding signs.

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11	Please revise No Parking restriction per specification section 12-4.01A(8) No Parking, pavement rehab., work required on East Ave. We are unable to perform the Base Repair, Keycutting or milling and Overlay within the consecutive time period noted. Please elaborate what this restriction means.	Consecutive time periods of parking restrictions on each roadway for overlay must be limited to no more than the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one 10-hour period for base repair • one 10-hour period for keycutting or milling • one 10-hour period for paving operations
12	Please provide detail for the Base Repair scope as it relates to the streets that are mill 2" and replace with 2" AC. Will the digouts be performed prior to the full width 2" milling operation or follow the street milling operations? See detail you provided for Base Repair that does not consider the full width grind operations	Please see Addendum 1, Appendices Information Handout M: Construction Detail TD-2. Mill first, then do digouts.
13	Per Spec #2435, specification section 5-1.36D Survey Monuments are "Not Used", the project bid items include Survey Monuments and various related work. Please confirm what specification section is required for the project.	Please see Addendum 2.
14	Please confirm if the County will allow the contractor on East Ave (two lane roadway) to closed a section of the roadway at a time and detour traffic around the work area?	Please refer to section 12-4.01A(6).
15	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.
16	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.
17	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.

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18	Is section 37-4 “fog seals and flush costs” required for this project? If so, please provide quantities and measurement of payment	Not applicable.
19	The resurfacing street summary included in the project documents does not indicate that fabric will be installed at Hackamore Dr. Is this information accurate	Please see updated Addendum 2.
20	Should bidders assume that the existing asphalt contains paving fabric? 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.
21	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.
21	The Bid Item quantity summary for the thermoplastic markings according to the Striping and Marking summary is 2,106 SF and the bid item below is only for 855 SF. Are you going to correct this in an addendum? Also, the Preformed Bike Lane Symbols are not shown anywhere on the plan sheets provided. Are the “Share the Roads ” Markings shown on the plans meant to be green backed Preformed legends or Thermoplastic Enhanced Wet Night Visibility?	Please see updated Addendum 1. The preformed bike lane symbols are the sharrows in the striping plans of Information Handout O. There are no Green-backed sharrows on East Avenue.

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