

**Transportation Cabinet
Department of Highways
Frankfort, Kentucky 40622**

Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009

Background

A Pre-bid conference was held for project no. FE02 019 0275 B00040, Combs Hahl Bridge (I-275) over the Ohio River in Covington on October 12, 2009.

Present:

KYTC

Brandon Seiter	Rob Harris	Mike Platt
Nathan Fields	Greg Kreutzjans	Bob Hill
Farhad Abad	J. C. Wilhoite	

Contractors

Jeff McMahon	M&M Services	Vicky Sizemore	Kay & Kay Construction
Rick Clary	Free Contracting	Byron Ogger	Intech Contracting
Steve Gerlach	Faulkner Construction, LLC		

Others

Scott Ribble	Burgess & Niple	Craig Klusman	URS
Rick Younce	KTC		

A. Pre-Bid Conference

The meeting was convened at 10:00 A.M (Eastern Time) by Greg Kreutzjans of KYTC District 6.

Question and Answer

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if there was a limit on the temporary lane closures for the preliminary work.

A: Greg Kreutzjans stated no.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked what the purpose of the sealant is.

A: Craig Klusman stated that the purpose was to eliminate the water from getting into the crack.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if the sealant covered the whole plate.

A: Craig Klusman stated no just a ¼ "to keep the water from getting into the gap.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if it needed to be all the way down from top to bottom.

A: Craig Klusman stated just at the top.

Q: Nathan Fields from KYTC asked if there is a note about the sequence of which plates can be off at the same time.

A: Scott Ribble stated yes, but there is not a lot of restrictions.

Q: Brandon Seiter from KYTC asked if they could work on the inboard and outboard in the same location.

A: Scott Ribble stated no.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if there is access to plates on the lower cords.

A: Scott Ribble stated there is a small access of about 10" by 20" opening.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if the plate is small enough to get thru the 10" by 20" hole.

A: Scott Ribble stated yes.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if this plate is to be heated.

A: Scott Ribble stated no.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked since this is during the course of the winter, what is the expectation of having the plates to be in the 300° range.

A: Craig Klusman stated that the key is the temperature difference between the existing steel on the bridge and the plate that is being attached to it.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if it would be possible to rotate the nuts from the inside of the structure to the outside of the structure.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated that KYTC would check into it but as of now they need to be put back the same way.

Q: Byron Ogger from Intech Contracting asked if there is a specific method to removing the clip shown on page 12.

A: Scott Ribble stated that they needed to coordinate that with IMR.

Q: Byron Ogger from Intech Contracting asked if IMR was going to do the removal of the clip.

A: Scott Ribble stated no.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if the clip was inside of the box.

A: Scott Ribble stated yes.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if they could leave their equipment on the bridge behind barrels.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated yes.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if during the initial 12 hour period if the plates are removed they have to be replaced before the bridge is opened back up.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated yes.

Q: Steve Gerlach from Faulkner Construction, LLC asked what the damages are.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated liquidated damages will be assessed according to Transportation Department's specifications except that agreed LD's shall be assessed at the rate of \$10,000 per hour when either the allotted number of working hours are exceeded or the bridge closure is not removed at or before 9 am Saturday or 9am Sunday after each full closure.

Q: Steve Gerlach from Faulkner Construction, LLC asked if the contractor went past February 2nd do normal project damages kick in.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated yes.

Q: Steve Gerlach from Faulkner Construction, LLC asked if the contractor works past the completion date and still has hours remaining in the contract can they still work the next weekend without penalty of \$10,000 per hour.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated if they went past the completion date the \$10,000 per hour penalty would still be in affect no matter when they did the work.

Q: Steve Gerlach from Faulkner Construction, LLC asked if the engineers had checked on the availability of the materials to be used for this project.

A: Brandon Seiter stated it would be up to the contractor to check on the materials.

Q: Vicky Sizemore from Kay & Kay Construction asked how soon will there be a contract to start work on this project.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated that he would finish going through the notes and that might answer that question.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked just for clarification if there is a bridge closure for Saturday and Sunday.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated yes.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if it was possible to get the work done with just few closures.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated yes.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if the type of barrels were specified.

A: Bob Hill stated barrels for night work.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked if more than six portable changeable message signs were required would KYTC compensate the contractor.

A: Greg Kruetzjans stated that with this contract, six would be all that is required.

Q: Nathan Fields from KYTC asked if the intent was to have one police officer on the bridge.

A: Bob Hill stated not necessarily.

Q: Nathan Fields from KYTC asked if the contractor could reuse the 325 bolts that will be taken out. He stated that KYTC normally does not do that.

A: Rob Harris and Greg Kruetzjans stated to use new bolts.

Q: Nathan Fields from KYTC asked if the contractor needed to paint the steel, especially in the slip critical locations.

A: Byron Ogger stated that it is addressed in the proposal.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked how could they paint the heated plates.

A: Byron Ogger stated that during the last set of repairs they painted the steel after it was in place with one coat of calcium sulfonate. Greg Kruetzjans stated that he would not deviate from the way it was done the last time.

Q: Craig Klusman from URS asked if they were referring just to the plates that were to be heated.

A: Nathan Fields stated that was correct but it is also at the time of year when conditions are not suitable for painting. Greg Kruetzjans stated that they would call Mike Baase about painting questions.

Q: Nathan Fields from KYTC asked if the outside bolts on U16 should be tightened first.

A: Scott Riddle stated yes.

Q: Jeff McMahon from M&M Services asked how much debris is in the lower cords that need to be cleaned out.

A: Brandon Seiter stated that it varies from each location.

Q: Nathan Fields from KYTC asked if the debris (droppings) in the lower cords had to be treated as hazardous.

A: Byron Ogger stated if it is collected yes but if it is being washed off then no. Scott Riddle stated that it is more road debris than droppings.

Addendums will be posted for this project.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.

Minutes submitted by: Rick Younce

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