Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference Minutes Fayette County New Circle Road (KY 4) Between Georgetown Road - Broadway Item No. 7-366

A Pre Bid Conference was held on February 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Large Conference Room of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's District 7 Office, 763 West New Circle Road, Lexington, Kentucky. The following were in attendance:

David Deitz	Palmer Engineering
Stephanie Blain	Palmer Engineering
Kevin Damron	Palmer Engineering
Derrick Hutchinson	Central Seal
Kelley Oram	Spectrum
Adam Tilley	Kentucky American Water
Mark W. Johnson	Bluegrass Contracting Corp.
Gilbert Newman	MAC Construction
Joe Bironas	Central Bridge Co.
Matt Schaaf	Superior Construction
Harry Burchett	ATS Construction
Eric Patrick	ATS Construction

Provided Material

Materials were provided by KYTC for the Contractors.

- 1. A printed copy of SPECIAL NOTE FOR GENERAL UTILITY COORDINATION.
- 2. CDs with utility plans.
- 3. Handout including a link to where the utility plans can be found from the State's FTP Site.

Introduction

The meeting was opened with a brief introduction of KYTC staff and a brief introduction of the purpose of the meeting.

- 1. The Pre-Bid meeting is for the New Circle Road widening from the Georgetown Road Interchange to Boardwalk.
- 2. The purpose of the Pre-Bid Meeting was to introduce and clarify the special note pertaining to general utility coordination to the prospective contractors.
- 3. The Pre-Bid Meeting was recommended by FHWA.

Meeting Presentation

- 1. The text of the SPECIAL NOTE FOR GENERAL UTILITY COORDINATION was read aloud and briefly explained as pertaining to its purpose and related issues.
- 2. The purpose of the special note is for the construction contractor to coordinate their work with the work being done by the utility companies in an effort to reduce construction time. This coordination may involve modifying construction phases to work around the schedule of the utility companies.
- 3. Currently, the anticipated relocation of all utilities is January 2020.
- 4. KYTC is currently working with KDL-Windstream to get their line on Newtown Pike moved. This relocation will probably be the first to move.
- 5. KYTC is working with KU Distribution to get their lines moved from Newtown Pike to Boardwalk. The relocation of this line is another critical item that will open things up for construction.

- 6. KYTC Utilities Section will still be responsible for reviewing and paying invoices for the utility relocations.
- 7. KU Distribution is the critical utility to get moving, especially along Georgetown Road and parts of New Circle Road before KU Transmission relocates. KU Transmission is currently acquiring easements. Once all easements are cleared, KU will then order the structures needed for the relocation.
- 8. Level 3 has utility lines within the project limits, but it is believed that those lines are inactive and will be relocated by Spectrum. Spectrum also has lines in the area that need to be relocated.
- 9. Lexmark has communication lines in the area of the rock cut on New Circle near the Lexmark Bridge. Lexmark has already been compensated to relocate temporarily for construction before moving to the permanent location. These lines are identified on the cross sections and plan sheet. There shall be no disruption to any communication line during construction.
- 10. As part of the CAP note, Lexmark must be notified before work is done in the vicinity of the communication lines. John Archer is the contact.

Future Addendum

An addendum will be created with several items including remove structures for bridge structures and Lamar Signs. These structure removal items will be broken out for more defined bidding.

1. The bid item to remove structure for the Lamar signs will be for the removal of the large footer. Everything above the footer remains the property of Lamar. The current schedule for removal is April 2.

Questions and Answers

Several questions were brought up and addressed during the meeting.

- 1. Will there be vetting of the qualifications of the Utility Coordinator? Will project management of highway construction qualify? Is there a certain kind of experience?
 - a. Answer: There is no certification for the utility coordinator. Experience with construction management in highway construction could qualify. An Engineer-In-Training will not qualify.
- 2. What if utilities don't get moved by the estimated January 2020 date? The contractor can coordinate with utilities, but cannot control utilities being third party?
 - a. Answer: Contractor should anticipate this and scheduling their work around the utilities. No delay claims will be considered due to utility relocations. The ultimate goal of this statement is to reduce the number of delay claims associated to utility relocations, by making it the responsibility of the contractor to adjust their work schedules to fit. A monthly meeting will be held to coordinate schedules with contractors and utility companies.
- 3. Have all utilities involved bought into coming to the monthly meetings? A contractor cannot mandate the utility companies to attend every meeting.

- a. Answer: No. KYTC cannot guarantee that all utility companies will show up at the meetings. Utility coordination has been done successfully in the Oliver Lewis Way project. Coordination meetings were done on a weekly basis at that time. The work was done with great success and is anticipated that it can be successfully done again in this project. It should be reiterated that the contractor's responsibility is to coordinate their schedules around utilities. The contractor does have control over their own schedule. The project will not be let without utility coordination.
- 4. Looking at the construction phasing, the Newtown Pike Bridge is in Phase 1A, 1B, 1C. What is KYTC's desires in scheduling to get this bridge done?
 - a. Answer: That is one of the reasons for having the General Utility Coordination Note, is to expedite the replacement of that bridge. There is concern for the continued structural integrity of the bridge. The KDL-Windstream line, which follows along the bridge, would be a conflict to the replacement of the bridge. Another line on the other side of the bridge is the LFUCG Fiber Optic line, of which the relocation will be the responsibility of the contractor to relocate.
- 5. Has an incentive to get the bridge done been considered? Will there be a milestone completion date for the completion of the replacement bridge?
 - a. Answer: Not at this time. The bridge is structurally adequate at this time, but it is the desire to replace this bridge early on so that money will not be directed at maintaining the deficiencies of a bridge that will be replaced.
- 6. Will the contractor be responsible for bridge maintenance?
 - a. Answer: Yes. According to the current Spec Book the contractor is responsible for anything that is affected within the travelled way.
- 7. How many utility company agreements does the State already have and still need?
 - a. Answer:
 - i. Columbia Gas No Agreement
 - 1. Plans are complete. Still need to come up with the estimates. Expected to be turned in to KYTC in the next 7-10 days.
 - ii. KY American Water Agreement complete
 - 1. KY American Water is waiting on the removal of the Lamar signs before relocation of their lines can begin. Again, the contractor will be responsible for the removal of the footers from the Lamar signs.
 - iii. KU Distribution Agreement Complete
 - 1. Plan to begin work around the Georgetown Road area. And will proceed on New Circle between Newtown Pike and Boardwalk.
 - iv. KU Transmission Agreement Complete
 - 1. In the process of purchasing easements. Structures will not be ordered until all easements are clear.
 - v. LFUCG Contractor's responsibility to relocate.

- vi. AT&T Permit Complete
- vii. Spectrum No Agreement
 - 1. No schedule or time frame for the relocation plans
- viii. KDL-Windstream No Agreement
 - 1. No schedule or time frame for the relocation plans
- 8. Is the vault, along the transmission route, that belongs to 745 West New Circle going away?
 - a. Answer: Unknown at this time. Joshua Samples will investigate.
- 9. Per the maintenance of traffic plans, most of the ramp work that involved full closures are to be done over the weekends within a defined time period. Were alternatives been looked at if this work cannot be completed during the weekend time period?
 - a. Answer: There is a lot of traffic using these ramps. Because of the utility coordination requirement for this project, it is understood by the department that the maintenance of traffic is fluid, and can be modified based on the changes to the construction schedule that is needed because of utility coordination. Modifications to closure times will depend on which ramp and how much traffic there is. In general, changes can be negotiated.
- 10. How are the liquidated damages determined?
 - a. Answer: The liquidated damages were based from the liquidated damages used on previous New Circle Road projects.

This concludes the meeting minutes.

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