

Call 01 Shoulder Reconstruction on US 49 from North of Forrest County Line to Mount Olive, known as Federal Aid Project Nos. HSIP-0008-02(105) / 107181301 & NH-0008-02(096) / 105778301 in Covington County.

Q1. In the bid items it shows, Permanent Casing, 24" Diameter and Permanent Casing, 30" Diameter. There are no references to the casing in the plans. Please clarify.

A1. The casing is to be used as directed by the Engineer for the retaining wall pile holes in the event the holes become unstable.

Q2. Can sonotube be used for the permanent casing?

A2. No

Q3. If the contractor is required to remove a permanent lane closure in order to comply with NTB 6346 regarding lane closure restrictions, will the contractor be compensated under appropriate pay items for the removal and resetting of traffic control devices?

A3. The Department will pay for remove and reset of barriers one (1) time per location due to the Holiday restrictions; however, the Department will not pay for items subsidiary to the concrete barriers. The Department will pay for remove and reset of concrete barriers and subsidiary items should removal be required due to a hurricane.

Q4. What is the wall thickness for the 24" dia. and 30" dia. permanent casing?

A4. It shall be determined by the contractor and shall meet the specification 803.03.2.3.7.5 of the 2004 Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction

Q5. The right of way in the outside lane is very narrow and there are very large trees with canopies that overhang near the lanes and shoulder. A good portion of the trees are on the property lines. Should the trees that are on the property lines only have the canopies trimmed or will the trees be removed and stumps ground?

A5. For trees on the property lines, the canopies will be trimmed.

Q6. Will tree/brush chips be required to be hauled off?

A6. No

Q7. How can I figure out the pipe size for the Type B Silt Basin (Skimmer Basin)? There is no pay item for skimmer basin so I'm thinking it is the Type B?

A7. See the upcoming addendum to the project.

Q8. The plans for this project include erosion control material called out as Flexamat or equal. I am inquiring as to the possibilities of ShoreFlex being qualified as an equal for this project and moving forward. ShoreFlex is designed and tested in an equal way to Flexamat and has been specified in the same category or as equal in the states of TEXAS and Louisiana. Please visit www.Shoreflex.com for more information or feel free to contact me at any time.

A8. As per Special Provision 907-229-1, ShoreFlex will be considered an approved equal.

Q9. The answer to question 6 allows the contractor to leave tree / brush chips on the project. Leaving the chips will result in a thick layer of chips across the median and in ditches on the outside shoulder of the project. How will the contractor be compensated for moving the chips in order to move the dirt on the project? Is there a location the chips can be piled remain of the ROW?

A9. Leaving the chips is not a requirement, but it is an option left to the contractor. There will not be a separate payment for chips. If the contractor chooses this option, then all costs should be included in clearing and grubbing. No chip piles will be allowed and chips must be spread out to no more than a two (2) inch thickness.

Q10. **1.** Where will the additional Double Faced Barricades be used? (Addendum 1) **2.** Where are 70 "B" Lights used? I see 4 on CSD-1 Kola Road, 8 on CS-1 thru 5, and 12 used in each phase of the Wall Construction Closures.

A10. **1.** The additional double faced barricades will be used for driveway and/or local road access in lane closures pertaining to retaining wall construction. **2.** See addendum #2 to the project.

Q11. Do you have any borings that show the thickness of the existing asphalt that will be removed under items 202-B002, 202-B005 and 202-B078.

A11. **202-B002** (Removal of Asphalt Driveways, All Depths)—Information not available, no Cores were taken, **202-B005** (Removal of Asphalt Pavement, All Depths)—Approximately 8 to 18 inches and variable, **202-B078** (Removal of Pavement, All Types and Depths) – Approximately 8 to 18 inches and variable.

Q12. Could you re-evaluate the DBE goal of 10%. That seems high.

A12. No