Call 09 Bridge Preservation on SR 6 between SR 776 & SR 371, Bridge Nos. 148.2 & 146.8, known as Federal Aid Project No. BR-0053-01(016) / 107857301 in Monroe County.

Q1. Section 904 - Notice To Bidders No. 1254 regarding contract time states that the Notice of Award will be issued no later than March 12, 2019 and the Notice to Proceed/Beginning of Contract Time will be simultaneous with the execution of the contract. This leaves the Contractor no time to collect field measurements, prepare shop drawings and fabricate the saddles and bearing pads for this project prior to time starting. Notes of plan sheet 8002 and 8009 indicate that all saddles shall be installed prior to milling the deck. Given that the saddle installation is one of the first items of repair that must be performed at each location, will MDOT consider extending the effective Notice to Proceed date to late May/early June 2019. The average lead time for bearing pad and steel fabrication is 8 weeks from receiving approved shop drawings.

A1. See addendum.

Q2. Is it acceptable to shop cut the 1/4" neoprene pads for the saddle repairs?

A2. Yes.

Q3. The asphalt removal notes on plan sheets 8002 and 8009 state that a milling machine shall be used to remove the asphalt overlay to a depth such that the milling head does not come in contact with the bridge deck. The remaining asphalt shall be shot blasted and cleaned by mechanical sweepers. It is important to note that shot blasting does not work on asphalt surfaces. Asphalt is too soft and the shot blast will do nothing to prep the surface for the sealer. The contractor will need to remove all asphalt from the bridge deck if shot blasting is required. **1.)** Will the contractor be allowed to scratch the surface of the bridge deck with the milling head in order to remove all asphalt? **2.)** If not, what other methods for prepping the surface will be allowed since shot blasting is not appropriate for asphalt surfaces?

A3. **1.)** No. **2.)** Diamond grinding will be allowed as an alternative method for surface preparation.