

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 08-007174

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SBd I-215 IMPROVEMENT )  
PROJECT IN THE CITY OF )  
SAN BERNARDINO, SEGMENT 3 )  
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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PRE-BID MEETING

DATE AND TIME: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2007  
1:02 p.m. to 1:31 p.m.

PLACE: CALTRANS DISTRICT 8  
State Government Center Building  
464 West Fourth Street  
Eighth Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92401

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PATTY ROMO: I think we're ready to get started.  
Thanks for coming.

This is the first pre-bid meeting that District 8 has had. I know we've done this in other districts, but in our efforts in trying to reach out to the contractors, we thought we'd give this a try.

This particular project is of interest to us in particular. It's our 215 job here through downtown, Segment 3 of a series of segments of improvements on the 215.

And there's a couple of things that we wanted to bring -- make sure that weren't overlooked in the PS&E packages that you got. One of them was the work around -- work around, the order of work, and the right of way obstructions that are of particular importance on this project. We will go ahead and go through that.

What you have in front of you, you've got a Bidder Inquiry Form. This is what's posted on the Web where you can ask questions. We've also got index cards here that we will hand out. You're welcome to write down questions. Those will be answered through the bidder inquiry desk, and they will be posted on line. So we

1 won't be answering those here, but those will get  
2 answered on line via the bidder inquiry desk on line.

3 We have got a court reporter here taking notes.  
4 The presentation that you see here today and the notes  
5 will also be available to everyone who has the plan  
6 package.

7 What we're going to try to do is stick to the  
8 information that we want to share, like I said, to bring  
9 forward and make sure that it's not overlooked as you're  
10 preparing your package to submit your bid. And there's a  
11 sign-in sheet also going around.

12 So the design senior here for this project will go  
13 ahead and give his presentation.

14 DIBORO KANABOLO: Welcome, everybody. As you see,  
15 this project is for San Bernardino I-215 in the city of  
16 San Bernardino. We call it Segment 3. And it's located  
17 just north of I-10 on the way from Orange County. Right  
18 off the 10 you run into where the project is located.

19 This segment in red is the segment that we refer  
20 to as the Segment 3. And it is one of five original  
21 project segments between 10 and 30 right there, and the  
22 old intersection, interchange of 30 and 215.

23 Recently we found out that what used to be  
24 Segments 1 and 2 have been combined into one project for  
25 construction purposes. And that project is going to be

1 coming into construction while Segment 3 is under way.

2 Also Fifth Street Bridge, which is the one right  
3 there, is already under construction. So this is 1 and  
4 2, and then you have 3. And then I think it's 4 and 5.  
5 They all come out to be five total.

6 The project -- the major features of our project  
7 include, if you are going northbound, they include  
8 widening the mainline from three mixed-flow lanes, as  
9 they are today, to four mixed-flow lanes and one HOV.

10 We are reconstructing the Inland Center Drive  
11 bridge right there, and we are also reconstructing the  
12 Mill Street bridge right there. We are reconstructing  
13 the interchange at those two locations, that is, Inland  
14 Center Drive and Mill Street drive, so that you have  
15 connection from every direction on the freeway.

16 Then we are constructing a brand new braided --  
17 what we call braided ramp for this offramp going to  
18 Inland Center and for an onramp coming from Orange Show  
19 into the freeway going northbound. And then we are  
20 constructing a slip, what we call a slip onramp, coming  
21 from Inland Center Drive right there into the freeway  
22 going north. And, of course, Mill Street is going to  
23 have all of the exits and entrances to the freeway.

24 Now, going southbound, we are constructing a  
25 brand-new -- we are widening the freeway from three

1 mixed-flow lanes to four mixed-flow and one HOV in the  
2 southbound direction. In addition to that, we are  
3 constructing a brand-new slip offramp that takes you from  
4 the freeway going to Inland Center. It takes you right  
5 off there. You can just exit right there and exit off  
6 the freeway to get to Inland Center.

7 At Inland Center we are reconstructing the bridge;  
8 from here to there we are constructing a braided ramp,  
9 braided ramp going southbound. So if you are going south  
10 from Inland Center, you will go over an exit ramp or exit  
11 that is going to Orange Show.

12 Those are the major elements or major features for  
13 the project. There are several other minor elements of  
14 work to do there that are too -- too many to actually  
15 mention at this point in this presentation. The  
16 contractors are going to find out all of those later as  
17 presented in the contract plans.

18 As far as people that we have been working with to  
19 implement this project, besides our department, which is  
20 the California Department of Transportation, we have been  
21 working with San Bernardino Associated Governments,  
22 SANBAG, and with, of course, the Federal Highway  
23 Administration, and then City of San Bernardino.

24 Now, as far as the rest of the presentation from  
25 here going forward, we are going to attempt to highlight

1 three major areas. One of those areas is how the right  
2 of way obstructions that we are going to have -- which we  
3 know, because there are some parcels that are meant for  
4 this project that are currently being acquired. They are  
5 not fully acquired yet. So we are referring to those  
6 parcels as obstructions, or right of way obstructions.

7 We want to show you how those obstructions impact  
8 the early stages of construction that we've identified in  
9 the set of plans that you have. This essentially is the  
10 entire, comprehensive list of all of the identified  
11 obstructions at this time.

12 It is anticipated that these improvements will be  
13 vacated and removed by March 1st, 2008. And by the way,  
14 we are diligently working on the acquisition process to  
15 make sure that we have those parcels by that date.

16 This slide here shows what we call Stage 1A and  
17 the impact of the obstructions on Stage 1A. This cyan  
18 color represents all of the work elements, elements of  
19 work for this stage, Stage 1A, right there. And the  
20 areas shaded in red are the elements of work that we  
21 believe are the parcels that are currently outstanding  
22 and how those outstanding parcels impact the work  
23 elements at Stage 1A

24 And then Stage 1B, you can see the green  
25 represents the areas of work that are free to be worked

1 on. And the same thing as the previous slide that I  
2 showed you, the cyan color. Again, the red depicts the  
3 areas of conflict that we believe are outstanding parcels  
4 or outstanding right of way obstructions that preclude  
5 the contractor, whoever gets the contract, to work.

6 Okay. Stage 1C, again the yellow, which shows in  
7 green here, this is the area of work that's significant  
8 for Stage 1C. The red areas or the red patches represent  
9 again the areas that we believe the outstanding  
10 obstructions, right of way obstructions are going to  
11 prevent the contractor from beginning work on day 1 after  
12 contract approval.

13 And this stage is Stage 1D. The purple color  
14 depicts the areas of work, and the red again depicts the  
15 areas of obstruction.

16 The same thing on this, the brown depicts the work  
17 allocated -- that we've allocated to Stage 2. And the  
18 red again depicts the area of obstruction, right of way  
19 obstructions.

20 Now, the second part of our discussion has to do  
21 with the order of work and the windows that -- the sites  
22 on the project and the windows within which work has to  
23 be performed. The first location of right of way  
24 obstructions that have restricted construction window has  
25 to do with what we call "Orange Show 2 retaining wall"

1 construction.

2           The order of work requires that the element of  
3 work between this from here all the way to there depicts  
4 the limits of Orange Show 2 wall. The green portion  
5 depicts an area that does not have the May 1, 2008,  
6 restriction as far as when that can be constructed. The  
7 reason for that is that we believe that the abutment of  
8 this braided ramp -- this is one of the braided ramps  
9 that we had mentioned earlier. The abutment of that  
10 braided ramp may in the construction process impact the  
11 construction of the retaining wall. So that's why the  
12 green portion has no restriction as far as date and when  
13 that has to be completed.

14           However, the portion in pink from here to there  
15 has to be done before May 1st, 2008. We believe that at  
16 this point it is necessary, based on our negotiations  
17 with this particular property, that this access to this  
18 TCE, what we call TCE, Temporary Construction Easement,  
19 here in the yellow, has to be released after the  
20 construction of the retaining wall work shown in pink,  
21 and has to be completed and this yellow area released  
22 before May 1st, 2008.

23           The second location has to do with work windows  
24 between the different construction work on this site; and  
25 so we are calling that a restriction because of the

1 construction window restriction. It also in a sense is  
2 an obstruction. The area colored yellow depicts the TCE,  
3 what we call it, the Temporary Construction Easement.  
4 The area in brown depicts our right of way that we are  
5 going to acquire. We are going to own that in fee.

6 If you look at the order of work, it is pretty  
7 much -- all of these things that I'm talking about are  
8 listed there. This is item No. 2 on that list.

9 Now, basically what this is trying to say is that  
10 all of the work associated -- if you see this symbol  
11 here, these diamond symbols represent the limit of the  
12 concrete barrier, and the limit of the half diamonds  
13 represents the retaining wall that has to be constructed.  
14 That retaining wall is identified as retaining wall  
15 No. 7. The work in the yellow portion has the  
16 restriction on it. That restriction is that you can only  
17 access it, in yellow, during the period from February 1st  
18 through September 30th.

19 The last item of discussion had to do with the  
20 concrete barrier. The second item or bullet has to do  
21 with the retaining wall itself. Again there is a  
22 restriction window that you can work in the yellow area.  
23 That restriction is only from February 1st to  
24 September 30th.

25 One of the things that may have gone through your

1 mind is that what happens, say, when you still have one  
2 or two months left in that window and you realize that  
3 you're not going to be able to finish all of that work in  
4 that window. What do you do?

5 This particular item of work tells you what to do.  
6 That is once you determine by August 30th that you cannot  
7 finish the work that is within the TCE area, what the  
8 contractor has to do is pull back the construction area  
9 security fence, that is, the temporary construction fence  
10 that he has running -- he or she has running along the  
11 TCE, pull that all the way back to the face of the  
12 barrier or retaining wall along here, and then regrade  
13 the area in the TCE, pave it with 2 inches of AC on  
14 compacted native material that meets the density  
15 requirements and restripe it per the engineer and meeting  
16 project specifications. And again you can see the rest  
17 of the statement, all these at no additional cost to the  
18 State.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Excuse me. When you're  
20 pointing, we can't hear real well back here so if you can  
21 turn this way.

22 DIBORO KANABOLO: Okay. No problem.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That would help us understand  
24 what you're saying.

25 DIBORO KANABOLO: The next bullet has to do with

1 the Temporary Construction Easement at the Mall site.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Unless you want to stand up in  
3 front and face us and talk while you --

4 DIBORO KANABOLO: Okay.

5 Basically the idea here is that during the  
6 construction of the elements of work that are in the TCE,  
7 or even anywhere else around along this area, you cannot  
8 park or store any equipment or any materials within the  
9 TCE area on the Mall property. Only equipment or  
10 materials that are associated with the construction of  
11 work in that particular TCE can be stored. So you cannot  
12 see that there are parking spaces or empty spaces here  
13 and move equipment in there to store. So, that is that  
14 particular bullet in the order of work.

15 Again, there is no work within the TCE, which is  
16 the yellow area -- no work within the TCE between  
17 October 1st and January 31st. Okay. That window is  
18 closed for work on the TCE because of, what you might  
19 call, the busy season for the Mall. That is an agreement  
20 that we have with the Mall.

21 This -- remember, the previous slide has a typical  
22 section on it or it shows a section on it. Basically  
23 this slide shows that typical section looking north along  
24 the freeway in front of the Mall. And if you notice,  
25 there again, is the yellow area and the yellow area, that

1 depicts the TCE.

2           If you are curious about what we are doing in the  
3 TCE, it includes -- we are constructing a drainage system  
4 and additionally Edison will have to put in their  
5 underground system, and then we have to regrade to make  
6 sure this ties in here. We also have to construct what  
7 we call the Ring Road along the retaining wall right  
8 next -- on the outside of the retaining wall or barrier  
9 on the west side of the site. Again, it's worth  
10 repeating that there will be no work within the TCE  
11 between October 1st and January 31st.

12           And then as part of the Inland Center Mall parcel  
13 is the area where we are raising Inland Center Drive.  
14 The bridge over Inland Center Drive is going to be  
15 constructed higher, wider, longer. So because of that,  
16 we have to transition back to Inland Center Drive from  
17 the Ring Road. The Ring Road here has to be tied into  
18 the raised Inland Center Drive.

19           Of course, this is part of the Mall site, part of  
20 the Inland Center Mall. So everything that applies to  
21 the other part we were talking about also applies here.  
22 And that is when you are working on this TCE, or  
23 Temporary Construction Easement, you cannot store any  
24 equipment for work that's associated with the bridge, the  
25 raising of Inland Center Drive, or anything else from the

1 project. You can only store the equipment that you are  
2 using for the duration of this work on the Inland Center  
3 Mall in the TCE.

4 And again, your work in this TCE is permitted only  
5 from February 1st through September 30th. You can only  
6 work between February 1st and September 30th in this TCE.  
7 And again, no work within the TCE between October 1st and  
8 January 31st.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you go back one slide. All  
10 right. Thank you.

11 DIBORO KANABOLO: By the way, this slide, this  
12 presentation is going to be converted to some kind of  
13 document and posted on the Web that you will have access  
14 to.

15 The third limitation has to do with a site itself  
16 being contaminated with asbestos material. The site is  
17 actually located -- it's not clear here, but the site is  
18 actually shaded in pink right there and also right there.  
19 So those are the sites that we've identified that we  
20 believe is contaminated, and our test also indicates that  
21 it is contaminated. The exact limit of the contamination  
22 is going to be determined by the contractor per the specs  
23 and the plans.

24 The fourth item that we wanted to share with  
25 everybody is the fact that the utility in Inland Center

1 Drive Bridge has to be maintained, that is, it has to be  
2 kept uninterrupted throughout the entire construction  
3 process.

4 This is the way the bridge replacement phases are  
5 configured. The existing is kind of gray in the  
6 background. The proposed is in white and the two patches  
7 of colors. We believe that Phase 1 has to be constructed  
8 first, which is the northerly strip. That is right now  
9 where the existing railroad used to be. The northerly  
10 strip has to be constructed first and the new sewer line  
11 installed and make sure that it is working and  
12 functioning before you can then start the second,  
13 southerly bridge, which is the south side of the bridge.

14 Notice that the south side of the bridge as it is,  
15 right there, has an existing sewer line. That sewer line  
16 has to be there until this new one is commissioned, is  
17 completed. Then once you switch service into there, then  
18 you can start construction of this one in Phase 2.

19 The way the stage construction has been set up,  
20 there has to be some kind of lag between when you start  
21 this and this, but if you are fast enough, you can  
22 actually commission the new sewer line and after that,  
23 portion of Phase 2 can be done concurrently with the  
24 later part of Phase 1 construction.

25 Again, the facilities identified, the sanitary

1 sewer lines, have to be maintained uninterrupted  
2 throughout the entire duration of the project.

3 With that, I'm done. Any questions?

4 As Patty indicated, according to Addendum No. 3  
5 that just came out, I think, day before yesterday, we  
6 cannot entertain your questions and respond to your  
7 questions on the spot. What we will do now is give out  
8 the bid inquiry forms. If you have any questions, go  
9 ahead and complete it and hand it in before you leave.  
10 And we will respond to it and post it via the bid inquiry  
11 desk for your access. Like I said earlier, this  
12 presentation is also going to be converted to a pdf type  
13 of document and posted on the Web for you.

14 PATTY ROMO: I just thought, one thing that I  
15 didn't do in the beginning is introduce myself. My name  
16 is Patty Romo. I'm the Division Chief for design here in  
17 District 8. Diboro Kanabolo is the design senior for  
18 this project.

19 Like I said, the purpose for having this meeting  
20 is, because of the large amount of right of way  
21 obstructions that you've seen in your SET package, we  
22 wanted to bring those up and discuss them and the order  
23 for -- there's the construction windows that we had on  
24 there, so we just wanted to clarify that.

25 There's some index cards here if you have any

1 additional questions that you'd like to leave before you  
2 go, and you've got the bidder inquiry forms available on  
3 line and here as well if you have any additional  
4 questions.

5 Did everybody sign in?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you going to distribute a  
7 copy of the sign-in sheet?

8 PATTY ROMO: Sure.

9 That's it unless you need some clarification for  
10 the information that was presented.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: When do you anticipate it's  
12 going to be available on line?

13 PATTY ROMO: We will have it this week.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And we go to the website? I  
15 mean, it will be identified so that we can figure out  
16 what it is?

17 PATTY ROMO: Right, right. That way, you can  
18 refer back to any information that was given here. It's  
19 pretty much the same thing that you have in your packet  
20 except for the aerial photos. We will get the sign-in  
21 sheet also and post that on the Web. If you'd like, you  
22 can wait. We will be getting copies of those, and those  
23 will be available to everyone as well.

24 (TIME NOTED: 1:31 p.m.)

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