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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DISTRICT 8

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SBd I-15 Truck Descending Lane)
and Pavement Rehab Project)
From South of Bailey Road to)
North of Yates Well Road in)
San Bernardino County,)
California)
Contract No. 08-4393U4)
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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF
CALTRANS DISTRICT 8 PRE-BID MEETING

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2 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007, 10:05 A.M.

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4 PATTY ROMO: We will go ahead and get started. In
5 introduction, my name is Patty Romo, and I am the design
6 chief for the design division here in District 8. This
7 is the second prebid meeting we've had for a project so
8 we're new at this, trying it out.

9 We're focusing it on certain things that we just
10 want to bring awareness to as you're looking through the
11 package. This is not a forum for question and answers.
12 That's the typical process, where you go through the
13 typical bidder inquiry process. But what we wanted to do
14 was focus on certain things in the contract that were
15 unique to this project and discuss them so that you could
16 all hear that.

17 So we do have a court reporter that's taking
18 notes, so that will be up here on the website, the same
19 website as when you make bidder inquiries. There's
20 questions and answers. It's the same website that you go
21 to. So all of that will be there. The presentation will
22 be there as well for everyone to see. And like I said,
23 if you have any questions, you just -- no cards -- you
24 can jot them down or just go through the bidder inquiry
25 desk and do it that way.

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1 So with that, we'll go ahead and get started here
2 for this project. Jesus Paez is the lead design person
3 on this project. And he'll go ahead and go through the
4 presentation and talk about certain items that we want to
5 discuss with the project.

6 JESUS PAEZ: Good morning. My name is Jesus Paez,
7 and I am the design manager -- one of the design managers

8 in Caltrans District 8. And so I'm going to go briefly
9 through the slides showing the major features of this
10 project: San Bernardino I-15 Truck Descending Lane and
11 Pavement Rehab Project, Contract No. 08-4393U4.

12 Basically the limits of the project at the west
13 end, beginning of construction, is just west of
14 Bailey Road Bridge, and the southbound portion of the
15 project ends construction just east of Nipton Road. You
16 can refer to your data sheet for more information about
17 the exact limits. The northbound construction for the
18 truck descending lane ends just east of Yates Well Road.

19 The general work description of this project
20 basically consists of the construction of a northbound
21 truck descending lane and pavement rehabilitation; also
22 pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction of the
23 southbound truck climbing lane with jointed plain
24 concrete pavement. Also extension of existing drainage
25 systems and installation of new on-site and off-site

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1 drainage systems.

2 As you can see here, this is an A plus B contract.
3 Please pay attention to special provisions for more
4 information about that.

5 Major project features. Install the new double
6 three beam barriers. There's correction of
7 super-elevation, installation of concrete barriers,
8 correction of vertical clearances under some of the
9 bridges. Slope paving.

10 And for the widening of the northbound, there will

11 be some shifting staging-wise for the traffic. There's
12 also cuts, excavation along the embankment or the cut
13 slopes. And there's also, you know, widening, shifting
14 from left to right and then from right to left.
15 Basically that's for staging purposes.

16 I already mentioned there's some concrete barrier
17 in the median and correction of vertical clearances.
18 There's some rock excavations. Basically your excavation
19 consists of roadway and rock excavation. There may be
20 blasting involved. Please refer to your handouts.

21 Retaining wall construction. There's construction
22 of a top of cut ditch. Also we're going to call your
23 attention to the construction of a joint where we
24 construct the PCC pavement along the southbound lane
25 where it ties in with the existing AC pavement. There is

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1 a special joint required here on this project.

2 There's rehab of ramps and upgrade of AC dikes
3 along most all of the interchanges. I think there's
4 three interchanges there.

5 Same thing here. Rehab of ramps and
6 overcrossings. And here we're showing the layout sheet
7 of just west of Wheaton Road where there is a major
8 excavation on the slope. That's the second sheet here
9 near Wheaton Bridge Wash.

10 And the stage construction. Obviously with all
11 the traffic, that's an area where you want to pay special
12 attention. We have stages for the northbound
13 construction of the truck descending lane, widening and
14 construction of the truck descending lane. I'm not going

15 to go into the details of each, but I think they're
16 pretty clear in the plans.

17 And then the southbound, which I think starts
18 right here, for the construction of the rehab of the
19 southbound truck lane, there are some special
20 requirements as far as staging. And I'll get to that on
21 the next slide, I believe.

22 Basically for the southbound order of work of this
23 truck climbing lane, we're breaking it up into four
24 segments. And the idea is to have the first segment
25 constructed, must be finished before you can start on the

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1 next. However, the contractor will be allowed to work at
2 two nonconsecutive segments at the same time.

3 There's electrical plans. We're referring you to
4 the plans for that. Nothing special.

5 Landscape plans, same thing. We have landscape
6 plans included in the package. Some of the bridge
7 construction or widening or rehab involved here. This is
8 on Wheaton Bridge, there will be widening. This is the
9 left bridge, basically the southbound portion of the
10 structure. There will be widening to the left and the
11 right, the inside and the outside. And this work must
12 start no earlier than August 30, 2008, and this is
13 because of some utilities that need to be relocated under
14 the structure. And I'll get to that when we get to the
15 utility sheets.

16 This is the right bridge or basically the
17 northbound side of the bridge. There will be widening to

18 the inside.

19 There's another structure that will have to be
20 widened, Ivanpah Ditch. Dry Lake Ditch, widening to the
21 inside. There's some environmental sensitive areas that
22 have to be fenced. This particular location is over near
23 Wheaton Bridge. Those will have to be fenced.

24 And drainage plans. There is a little bit of work
25 as far as drainage. Most of it consists, as I mentioned

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1 earlier, of extension of culverts and some new on-site
2 systems.

3 The next few slides will show some of the details
4 and just general standards that we use typically on most
5 projects. For example, here we have a drainage profile
6 sheet. Nothing unique about this.

7 Drainage structures. There's some instructions
8 here about to pay special attention to plan profiles and
9 details, flow-line elevations, headwall information,
10 cable railing that will be required in some of the
11 headwalls, median depression, structural protections, and
12 so forth. There will be some construction of metal beam
13 guardrail along the RCB/RCPs headwalls.

14 Here are some standards, some details, as we say,
15 of typical AC overside drains, AC aprons, and also rock
16 slope protection details that you have in the plans.
17 Rock slope protection again at RCB outlets, and basic
18 concrete collar details. Pipe/RCB junction structure
19 details.

20 Utilities. Very important. As I mentioned
21 earlier, Wheaton Bridge work cannot start until

22 August 30th of 2008. And basically, this is near
23 Wheaton, there is some CLNV petro lines that have to be
24 protected. And there are some wastewater lines and water
25 lines that will have to be relocated prior to beginning

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1 construction of the structure, of the widening of the
2 structure. There's another petro line there near
3 Wheaton.

4 Basically this slide shows the fiberoptic line,
5 the fresh water or water line there -- two water lines,
6 actually, that will have to be relocated. There is also
7 a cable TV line that will have to be protected and a
8 wastewater line, which may be in the next slide actually.
9 Maybe I already passed it. Right here. There is a
10 wastewater line that will have to be relocated prior to
11 any work taking place there near the structure.

12 There will be upgrading and installing new
13 guardrails throughout the project. And water pollution
14 control general, pay attention to that. There will be
15 line items for some of the storm water work for temporary
16 and permanent BMPS.

17 Order of work will pretty much show you or go over
18 some of the main points that I've presented so far. Just
19 pay attention to that. Work at Wheaton Wash Bridge shall
20 start, again, on August 30, 2008, or before or earlier if
21 the relocation of utilities takes place before that. If
22 the utilities are relocated before that date, the
23 contractor will be allowed to do the work.

24 Lane closure charts. We have several

25 requirements. Let you go through those in the special

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1 provisions or detail as far as when you are allowed to
2 close lanes and so forth.

3 Safety meetings. There's a requirement in the
4 special provisions for biweekly construction progress and
5 safety meetings. Contractor will be required --
6 representative will be required to participate in those.

7 And for questions, please, like Patty mentioned,
8 if you have any questions in writing, you can e-mail
9 those to that website, to the e-mail address shown there.
10 District 8, D8@PBI@dot.ca.gov. Or you can mail it at
11 that address. That's all I have.

12 PATTY ROMO: If there was something in particular
13 in one of the slides that you want to go back and look
14 at, if there was some more explanation that you need, we
15 can go into that. But if there is specific other
16 questions, as you've gone through the plans, that you
17 would like to ask, those will have to be handled
18 separately.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is that all you're going to say
20 about the staging?

21 PATTY ROMO: We can go back.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You said you'd have a meeting to
23 discuss the staging.

24 PATTY ROMO: Can you discuss the staging in a
25 little greater detail.

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1 JESUS PAEZ: I can go maybe slowly and go over the
2 staging plans.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just to clarify, Caltrans is
4 going to be the relocater on the utilities?

5 JESUS PAEZ: Correct.

6 All right. So this is the first stage
7 construction sheet, and it shows some work needs to be
8 done as far as widening prior to the phase of putting
9 traffic. Basically the work area will be on the inside
10 lane on the northbound.

11 Owen, please feel free to correct me as I go.

12 OWEN SPENCER: The first stage on the southbound.
13 The northbound, the first stage on the northbound is to
14 get rid of the rumble strip and to help clean that out
15 and pave it back. There's a dimension there that you can
16 get.

17 The second stage is to rehab the existing lane and
18 shoulder.

19 (Reporter interruption)

20 OWEN SPENCER: So this first stage is you're
21 taking care of the rumble strip on the right-hand
22 shoulder. The second, this part, is to do the
23 rehabilitation on the existing lanes going northbound.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're milling out that whole
25 shoulder, right, 9 inches?

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1 OWEN SPENCER: Per the cross-sections in your
2 plans. Don't forget your layouts and the other plans
3 that reference that.

4 Then also you can see the different stages here on
5 this. Just follow the stationing there 'cause it's a
6 little different depending on the stage that you're in or
7 the stationing there.

8 Stage 2, then, here you're doing the widening in
9 the median on the northbound. And then if you notice the
10 stationing, some of it is the full width, some of it is
11 just a portion of the shoulder. So pay attention to the
12 stationing and do that.

13 Stage 3. Stage 3 then takes care of the widening
14 that's on the other side, and that's where the big cut is
15 there. And again you got the stationing here to pay
16 attention to.

17 And then Stage 4, you're just putting open grade,
18 open grade over all of the lanes there.

19 On the southbound portion, Stage 1, again you're
20 getting rid of the rumble strip on that shoulder. You're
21 rehab'ing that shoulder.

22 Stage 2, you're going to widen the median shoulder
23 so we move the traffic over there.

24 Stage 3. You're putting the K-rail in in Stage 3.
25 And then you start the concrete rehab portion. And then

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1 there's a stage 2-A in here to notch out this little
2 piece here to prepare yourself for that concrete notch
3 that has that special detail. Stage 3, then, you're
4 doing the concrete portion here. And then at the end
5 you're going to rehab the existing AC lanes that are
6 left, Lane No. 1 and 2 in there.

7 And then that brings you back to that slide.

8 Hopefully that helps.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do we have to follow your
10 staging?

11 PATTY ROMO: I think that this is probably the
12 most important part of following these segments here, and
13 that segment 1 is done first. That's the part that's
14 going southbound upgrade, so that as the trucks are
15 climbing, they've got a place to go when Stage 1 is done
16 and so forth, rather than the other way. We don't want
17 it going the other way. That will cause problems. But
18 you can work on 1 and 3 at the same time.

19 Any other questions about staging that maybe Owen
20 can answer?

21 OWEN SPENCER: Just look at your order of work
22 and, you know, follow the contract as you bid it, is the
23 best advice I can give you.

24 PATTY ROMO: Do the lane closure charts have --

25 JESUS PAEZ: Special provisions of the lane

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1 closure charts. There is a total of 11 charts. I think
2 they're pretty clear. They will show the requirements
3 for lane closure for the freeway itself and for ramps and
4 so forth. Special closures for during the holidays and
5 so forth. There is a District 8 special events list too.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The presentation is on the
7 website, you say?

8 PATTY ROMO: It will be on the website.

9 Owen and Larry, did you have anything that you
10 wanted to add to this?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is there going to be CAD files
12 available, digital files, or is it strictly plans? Or is
13 that a question I've got to write in? How can we obtain
14 those?

15 PATTY ROMO: The contractor that wins the contract
16 will have the digital plans once you win, but not for
17 bidding. If there's something specific, we can go over
18 that.

19 CALTRANS PARTICIPANT: Now we call them lane
20 requirement charts so we switched to show how many lanes
21 you're required to have open. And they're no longer lane
22 closure charts.

23 PATTY ROMO: The reason we're going to be so
24 sensitive to the staging here and the order that this is
25 being done, you know, the heavy volume of traffic on the

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1 I-15, trucks trying to -- they're slow moving. And then
2 of course we wanted to bring up the utilities conflicts
3 as well, make sure you're aware of those and that those
4 need to be out of the way before certain work can get
5 started.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You mentioned that the utilities
7 will be handled by Caltrans?

8 PATTY ROMO: Right.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You guys will just notify each
10 when those are finished?

11 PATTY ROMO: Right.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: When those are done?

13 PATTY ROMO: Right.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: When those are available?

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15 PATTY ROMO: And the August date was put in there
16 because, for certain, the utilities will be done.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The deadline.

18 JESUS PAEZ: Was there a sheet, a sign-up list?

19 PATTY ROMO: There should be one going around.
20 Be patient. Wait for this to go around and, that way,
21 that will be posted as well. And then you'll know
22 everyone who attended.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And obviously this will be on
24 your website, but is that "D8 at, space, PBI?" I haven't
25 seen the "at, at" before.

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1 JESUS PAEZ: No. There shouldn't be any space.
2 Will you confirm that please, Alex. I think it should be
3 dot instead of at.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do we have to e-mail to get the
5 sign-in sheet?

6 PATTY ROMO: No. This will be available on the --
7 there should be a website. Let me go get that.

8 JESUS PAEZ: It's in the special provisions.
9 District 8 construction, slash construction. It is on
10 the second page, top left. There is a website there.
11 They are going to confirm the information in a few
12 minutes.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You said you had some bidder
14 inquiry forms there?

15 JESUS PAEZ: Yeah. Usually our construction
16 department brings those forms. Are there some here, the
17 bidder inquiry forms?

18 OWEN SPENCER: I didn't see any here, but I can
19 bring some.

20 RICHARD NAVARRO: Can I share a couple of pieces
21 of information while we're waiting?

22 JESUS PAEZ: Sure.

23 RICHARD NAVARRO: My name is Richard Navarro.
24 Good morning. I'm the district labor compliance manager,
25 and I just had a couple of items here that I'll leave

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1 here on the table. If you wish to take one, you're
2 welcome to do that.

3 One of them is the actual website of the
4 Department of Industrial Relations where the prevailing
5 wages that are applicable can be found. They're included
6 in our project red books so you'll find it there, but if
7 you need to access the website, the website's on this
8 page here. This is the actual web page here where you'll
9 find that.

10 I bring that up because I notice that we do have
11 some interest from the Nevada side, the Nevada
12 contractors. So you want to make sure that you're
13 familiar with California prevailing wage requirements.

14 I'll also leave some of my cards here so once you
15 get a chance to look at that, if you have some specific
16 questions, you're welcome to give me a call and we will
17 get that information for you also. So that is one item
18 that I'll leave here.

19 The other item is, I know this meeting here is
20 specific to this project, but at other times we've had
21 meetings where we attract vendors looking to sell

22 something to the department or other contractors looking
23 to do nonconstruction type contracts. So I have a copy
24 here of the first page of a publication that will answer
25 probably the vast majority of your questions about how to

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1 do business with Caltrans. So I'll leave that. The
2 website is also at the top of this page where you can
3 access this entire publication. I'll leave copies of
4 that for you also.

5 That was it.

6 OWEN SPENCER: We don't have any forms. You'll
7 have to do it through the internet.

8 JESUS PAEZ: There's no forms. I'm sorry. You're
9 going to have to do it electronically.

10 OWEN SPENCER: K.C. is with the inquiry desk.

11 JESUS PAEZ: Could you please verify the e-mail
12 address.

13 K.C. CHU: The e-mail address is on the second
14 page, page 2.

15 JESUS PAEZ: That's incorrect.

16 K.C. CHU: If you can turn to page 2. Notice to
17 Contractors, the second page. And the first paragraph.
18 That's related to the bid inquiry. And indicate the
19 phone number, fax number, and also the e-mail address.
20 It's in the special provisions.

21 JESUS PAEZ: We'll correct that before we post it.
22 When we post this on the web page, we'll correct it.

23 PATTY ROMO: They are printing some forms out that
24 show you where to e-mail. Did you find it?

25 JESUS PAEZ: The address? It's on page 2. We're

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1 going to correct that before we post it, because that's
2 incorrect. The District 8 website, which is www, dot,
3 District 8 -- just like it's here but before
4 construction. Right?

5 PATTY ROMO: Yes.

6 JESUS PAEZ: In here it shows as
7 www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/construction. That's our website,
8 District 8 website. Forward slash, construction will
9 take you to the construction website for our district.

10 If you have any questions or for some reason
11 cannot access it, call that phone number here, and we'll
12 direct you to the right place.

13 Unless there are any other questions, I think we
14 can conclude this.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: A few minutes ago you said
16 cross-sections will be available?

17 PATTY ROMO: Cross-sections are available.

18 JESUS PAEZ: Correct.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How do we get those?

20 JESUS PAEZ: It's a bid inquiry basically.

21 K.C. CHU: I am responsible to send out the
22 cross-sections once I receive the request. So far I have
23 already given out four copies of cross-sections. So
24 there are four contractors already request the
25 cross-sections of this project.

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1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can we get a disc from you
2 today?

3 K. C. CHU: Today, because I didn't know how many I
4 am going to receive, the requests, I have only several
5 copies left. So I prefer -- this is the policy, that
6 when I receive the request, I will arrange and give out
7 the C. D.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can we give you a written
9 request today before we leave?

10 K. C. CHU: Yes. Of course.

11 JESUS PAEZ: Do you have any request forms so that
12 they can do it? Or just do it on a piece of paper?

13 PATTY ROMO: Kathy is printing out some request
14 forms right now.

15 K. C. CHU: The normal procedure is that they send
16 me the request through the PBI, the e-mail address, so I
17 will receive all the requests. At the same time I
18 receive the requests for cross-sections. When I receive
19 that, I will try to arrange to make more copies to get
20 ready and call them back to see what time they will come
21 in to pick up the file.

22 JESUS PAEZ: They are here already.

23 K. C. CHU: I know they are here, which is fine,
24 but I don't know how many requests I'm going to receive.
25 I have only a few copies.

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1 JESUS PAEZ: Can you raise your hand maybe so we
2 can get an idea how many. Looks like two.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We sent an RFI, and they sent a

4 copy to us.
5 JESUS PAEZ: So you already have it.
6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's easier to send in an RFI.
7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can we take it with us today,
8 then, or not?
9 PATTY ROMO: Yes.
10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is the October 11 bid date going
11 to hold?
12 PATTY ROMO: Yes.
13 (TIME NOTED: 10:47 a.m.)
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