

**RFI #1**  
**2020 Roadway Improvement Project**  
**“Cambridge Drive Neighborhood”**  
**Bid No. 20-15**  
**Town of East Hartford**

**February 28, 2020**

The following responses are provided to questions received from prospective bidders.

**Question #1:**

*Please clarify how curb removal is paid for each of the road treatments (mill, removal of HMA, full depth reconstruction).*

**Answer:**

Removal of existing bituminous concrete curbing will be incidental to each type of roadway treatment. See Addendum #1 for clarification to the contract documents.

**Question #2:**

*Please clarify the start date considering there is a hard date to finish rather than contract days.*

**Answer:**

The Town will issue a notice to proceed as soon as contract documents are signed.

**Question #3:**

*Please direct attention to where in the contract plans a snow shelf detail and a gravel driveway detail can be found.*

**Answer:**

See Addendum #1 for snow shelf and gravel driveway details.

**Question #4:**

*On roads where HMA is removed and existing base is being fine graded and left in place, who is responsible for determining proctor values of existing base material? How often will the proctor sample be taken?*

**Answer:**

The Engineer or their representative will be responsible for determining the proctor values of existing base materials. See special provision Item #202530A – Remove Existing Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement for testing and sampling requirements.

**Question #5:**

*Handel Road shows 4122 SY of partial depth patch but is a road shown on the typical sections to be having all HMA removed. Please confirm that quantity is intended for Handel and not another road.*

**Answer:**

Partial or full depth patch is not required on this roadway. See Addendum #1 for revised quantities.

**Question #6:**

*Item 0913903 10' Chain link double gate 4' high fence has a quantity of 0 Each*

**Answer:**

See Addendum #1 for revised quantity.

**Question #7:**

*The project only has 90 days to complete an approx. \$5.5-7 million project? Is this a typo? This will increase OT costs to the town dramatically.*

**Answer:**

See page 43 of the Project Manual for project completion dates. Page 29 of the Project Manual has been revised to be consistent with these requirements. See Addendum #1.

**Question #8:**

*There are 2 trees on Evans Ave (+- station 24+15) that are within the 3' horizontal limit defined under the clearing and thinning item but are not denoted as to be removed. They currently encroach on the roadway and have disturbed the sidewalk and the curb. Are these trees to be removed completely or just trimmed to the vertical limits over roadway (16') and sidewalk (8').*

**Answer:**

The trees are to be removed and are added to the project as part of Addendum #1.

**End of RFI #1**

**Question #9:**

*Item #913903 10' Chain Link Double Gate 4' High has 0 for a quantity.*

**Answer:**

See Addendum #1 for revised quantity.

**Question #10:**

*Item #813001A and #813011A seem to have the quantities reversed. The only straight granite curbs indicated on the plans are at the HC ramp areas and the granite curb in these areas is predominately radius curb.*

**Answer:**

The quantities have been updated. See Addendum #1.

**Question #11:**

*Will a town owned staging area be provided for this project?*

**Answer:**

The Town has not identified any Town-owned properties that would be acceptable staging areas for the project.

**Question #12:**

*Will the Town provide the "Drains To Waterway" metal plaques for all the Catch Basin tops where applicable?*

**Answer:**

Yes, the Town will provide the plaques.

**Question #13:**

*Is Pollution insurance, Builders Risk insurance or Owners and Contractors Protective insurance required for this project?*

**Answer:**

Pollution insurance, Builders Risk insurance or Owners and Contractors Protective insurance are not required for the project.

**Question #14:**

*If detours are used is it still necessary to provide flaggers and if so how many?*

**Answer:**

Every traffic control situation needs to be evaluated in the field. Detours are allowed, but their use should be limited. The normal traffic control should be one-way alternating as these are local/residential streets. Every operation of one-way traffic control tends to require at least 3 flaggers. Detours, if allowed, require flaggers at every point where approaching traffic can either bypass to another street or enter the construction zone. Traffic control measures must be reviewed and approved by the Resident Engineer. No construction operation will be permitted without that approval.

**Question #15:**

*Please review Note 25 on Sheet 21 of 294 regarding 12" concrete edge protection at the concrete ramps. All of the concrete ramps are using radius granite curbs with transition and drop curbs and there are no curb returns. Reference Ramp Detail Type 2a which is the predominant ramp type. Is this edge protection still required under these conditions? Is this edge protection a concrete haunch? Can you provide a detail as to the extent? There are a lot of ramps on this project. We don't want to put money in the estimate for something that is questionable.*

**Answer:**

Edge protection is required for all sidewalk ramps. The plan sheets have been modified as necessary to show the 1' edge protection. See Addendum #1.

**Question #16:**

*Some of the drainage that is shown to be cleaned on this project is located on private property in residential back yards. Has there been agreements made with the affected property owners to gain access to these structures? Who will be responsible for contacting and coordinating this work with the property owners? And in at least one situation as observed from google maps the location of a catch basin is located in a rear yard that is fenced in on all sides. Due to the size of the equipment required to clean these existing catch basins and culverts how does the engineer propose to gain access to these areas?*

**Answer:**

Pipes shown on private property should be cleaned to the limit that the equipment can access. The Town will obtain the necessary right of entries.

**Question #17:**

*There is a quantity of 40 catch basins call out to be cleaned. But upon review of many of the culvert runs, some of the culverts run "through" some catch basins that are not highlighted on the plan sheets to be cleaned. How will these be addressed? As they will be required to be cleaned due to the pipe run and cleaning process.*

**Answer:**

The plans have been updated to show all catch basins that should be cleaned before construction begins. The quantities have been revised accordingly. See Addendum #1.