

**US 101 / UNIVERSITY AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS
CITY PROJECT No. ST-14
CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA**

**Responses to Questions
Original 3/6/2023
Updated 3/7/2023**

The “Responses to Questions” is not an addendum to the construction contract.

- 1. Will the bid opening date be extended?**

Answer: No.

- 2. What is the engineer’s estimate of probable construction costs?**

Answer: Between \$11 million and \$12 million

- 3. Exhibit E for the insurance requirements calls out the General Liability Insurance limits of \$25 million per occurrence. Most subcontractors carry a General Liability policy with \$1 Million/2 Million per occurrence/aggregate limits and increasing to the higher limits is very expensive to purchase. Will the subcontractor performing the fence and gates scope of work be required to furnish the higher limits?**

Answer: This City of East Palo contracts with a prime contractor. The City of East Palo Alto does not dictate subcontractor’s insurance provisions in a contractor-subcontractor agreement, unless explicitly required in the contract documents.

- 4. Exhibit E for the insurance Requirements calls for the Automobile Insurance coverage of \$10 million per accident. Most subcontractors carry an Automobile Liability policy with \$1 Million limits and increasing to the higher limits is expensive to purchase. Will the subcontractor performing the fence and gates scope of work be required to furnish the higher limits?**

Answer: This City of East Palo contracts with a prime contractor. The City of East Palo Alto does not dictate subcontractor’s insurance provisions in a contractor-subcontractor agreement, unless explicitly required in the contract documents.

- 5. Question 5. Exhibit E for the insurance Requirements calls for Builder’s Risk (Course of Construction) Insurance. This type of insurance is not typically carried by most subcontractor’s and is expensive to purchase. Will the subcontractor performing the fence and gats scope of work be**

required to furnish the Builders Risk (Course of Construction) Insurance Policy?

Answer: This City of East Palo contracts with a prime contractor. The City of East Palo Alto does not dictate subcontractor's insurance provisions in a contractor-subcontractor agreement, unless explicitly required in the contract documents.

- 6. Please clarify the size of the Falsework Openings. The plans show roughly 48' between K-Rails and the Special Provisions call out 61' openings.**

Answer: See Addendum No. 4, Specification Section 12-4.03(1).

- 7. Are there specific requirements for handling the Express Lanes (times/accounting for lost revenue)?**

Answer: Lane closures on US 101 are not permitted during express lane revenue hours. The contractor shall have all lanes open during express lane revenue hours.

- 8. Refer to specification section 20-2.06B(2)(a), irrigation controller price is good until December 30, 2022. Please advise.**

Answer: See Addendum No. 4, Specification Section 20-2.06(B)(2)(a).

- 9. Specification section 20-4.01A shows Type 2 plant establishment period. However, section 20-10.02C(4) shows type 1 plant establishment period. Please clarify.**

Answer: Plant establishment period shall be Type 2. See Addendum No. 4, Specification Section 20-10.02C(4).

- 10. Please provide the ratios for Soil Amendments, Packet Fertilizer and Slow-Release fertilizer for planting group A and group B for bidding purposes.**

Answer: Refer to "Plant Quantities" table on Plan Sheet PQ-1 for Packet Fertilizer and Slow-Release Fertilizer. For Soil Amendments, refer to Addendum No. 4, Specification Section 20-3.01(B)(3)(a).

- 11. Please provide the installation detail for item 37 – Rock mulch for bidding purposes.**

Answer: See detail added in Addendum No. 4, Plan Sheet PL-1.

- 12. According to sheet ISS-1, irrigation sprinkler schedule shows (3) each of sprinkler riser assemblies for X Chitalpa Tashkentensis 'Pink Cloud'.**

However, irrigation plan (IP-1) shows only (2) each of sprinkler riser assemblies for this type of tree. Please advise.

Answer: See Addendum No. 4, Plan Sheet ISS-1.

13. Please confirm the quantities on the Transition Railing (Type WB-31) The Bid Items call out for 2 EA Transition Railing (Type WB-31) but the plans and the summary of quantities only show 1 EA Transitions Railing (Type WB-31). How many Transitions Railing (Type WB-31) are there?

Answer: The bid schedule was revised to show a quantity of 1. See Addendum No. 4, "Bid Schedule (Revised 03-06-2023)."

14. On the Bid Items it calls out for 1 EA - End Anchor Assembly (Type SFT) but the plans and summary of quantities calls out for 1 EA - End Anchor Assembly (Type SFT-M). What End Anchor Assembly does the City want to use? An End Anchor Assembly (Type SFT) or End Anchor Assembly (Type SFT-M)?

Answer: The End Anchor Assembly shall be Type SFT-M. The bid schedule was revised. The "End Anchor Assembly (Type SFT)" bid item was replaced with "End Anchor Assembly (Type SFT-M)" bid item. See Addendum No. 4, "Bid Schedule (Revised 03-06-2023)."

15. There is no Typical Cross Sections for the "D" Line. Please confirm face of rail to hinge point for the guardrail being installed at 272+75.10 (Bent 2) Location.

Answer: Refer to contract documents, including contract plans and Caltrans Standard Plans.

16. There is no Typical Cross Section for the "R2" Line. Please confirm face of rail to hinge point for the guardrail being installed at 74+67.28 (Bent 4) Location.

Answer: Refer to contract documents, including contract plans and Caltrans Standard Plans.

17. Please confirm the pipe diameter for the APC Downdrains. Bid Item 83 states 8", but plans (sheets 29 thru 36) show 18".

Answer: The bid schedule was revised. The "8" Alternative Pipe Culvert Downdrain" bid item was replaced with the "18" Corrugated Steel Pipe Downdrain" bid item. See Addendum No. 4, "Bid Schedule (Revised 03-06-2023)."

3/8/2023 Update

1. Question: Can you inform me if the requirement for GGL and CSL acceptance testing of the CIDH piles is to be provided by the city or by the contractor. For Caltrans standard specs section 49, CIDH pile acceptance testing is performed by the owner (Caltrans). In this case would this be the city or the city's CM firm?

Has the city selected a CM firm or Testing firm for this project? If so, can you list who?

Answer: Refer to contract documents.

2. Question: Please confirm that there are no Specification changes numbered 3-11 (numbering goes from 2-12) on the 2nd page of Addendum 4/5.

Answer: On page 2 of Addendum 4 and 5, the specifications items are not numbered correctly. There are no Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11.

3. Question: I have been going through the drawings and there are no fiber termination plans.

Answer: Refer to contract documents.