

# Cumberland County CNQ901 Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

## **Opening Remarks**

Mr. Wes Hughen, Region 2 Project Development Director, began the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and providing a general overview of the CNQ901 projects;

The grading, drainage and paving on S.R. 101 from Firetower Road to near Lakeview Drive and the Utility Relocation on S.R. 101 from Firetower Road to east of Westchester Drive/Catoosa Boulevard.

The importance of conducting the pre-bid meeting to provide clarity regarding the job complexities was discussed. Mr. Hughen emphasized that this is a mandatory meeting, and contractors who plan to bid must sign the meeting sign-in sheet in order to bid on this project.

Ms. Lori Lange, Assistant Director of Construction, provided an overview of the meeting agenda and mentioned that the meeting minutes would be posted on TDOT's web-site for review. In order to provide the same information to everyone, Ms. Lange mentioned that the responses to questions asked at the meeting would also be posted.

Project staff was introduced.

## **Project Overview**

Mr. Hughen discussed the changes since the project was last advertised in December. The discussion focused on the removal of building items, barrier rail and attenuator, guardrail, steel bar reinforcement, and the polyachlamide items.

Mr. Brian King with Fischer and Arnold discussed the VEC portion of the project including the contract limits. An aerial display was used to describe those limits. Discussion focused on the availability of steel poles, access to construction within the peninsula, environmental commitments as related to clearing and grubbing, and contractor pre-qualifications.

## **Constructability**

Mr. Ken Flynn, Region 2 Operations Director, discussed the location of the project and importance of maintaining property access. The phasing of traffic and temporary road construction was discussed. It was noted that the majority of existing pavement would require removal. The use of portable barrier rail and attenuator was discussed due to the grade changes along the project.

### **Environmental Commitments**

Mr. Bo Hoskins, Operations Engineer District 27, discussed that the Department will clear all trees by the March deadline for seasonal bat limitations within the VEC easement. The requirements regarding the VEC easement area noted in the environmental permit will be reviewed and clarified by revision. Access to the peninsula work will be reviewed by VEC.

### **Questions**

It was discussed that responses to questions from the meeting will be posted prior to the letting date. The following questions were asked at the meeting;

1. Does the VEC easement area require Grubbing?
2. How will the VEC easement area within the peninsula be accessed?
3. Will precast boxes be considered?
4. Where is borrow on the project?
5. Is burning permitted within the VEC easement?

Those in attendance had no further questions.