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January 24, 2023  
Subject: I-95 Bridge Preservation  
State WIN: 025061.00  
Location: **Waterville, Fairfield**  
**Amendment No. 3**

Dear Sir/Ms.:

On page 14, "NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS", CHANGE the bid opening date in the first paragraph which reads "January 25, 2023" per Amendment No. 1 to now read "**February 1, 2023**". Make this change in pen and ink.

In the Bid book: **Remove** pages sixty-two to sixty three titled SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 107 TIME dated December, 5, 2022 and **Replace** with the attached SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 107 TIME dated January 21, 2023

SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 652 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC (Portable Changeable Message Sign) totaling two pages

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** Section 107 of the bid book currently contains the following excerpt:

For Work associated with I-95 NB Bridge over County Road (Bridge #5816) and I-95 NB Bridge over Messalonskee Stream (Bridge #5817), the following applies:

The Contractor shall be permitted to close I-95 northbound and detour traffic on to the median crossovers with one lane of northbound traffic and one lane of southbound traffic utilizing existing I-95 southbound. Closure of I-95 northbound and implementation of the detour shall not begin prior to 7:00pm October 9th, 2023 and traffic shall be returned to normal operations by the project completion date.

Would the department consider changing section 107 to include the following time restrictions?

For Work associated with I-95 NB Bridge over County Road (Bridge #5816) and I-95 NB Bridge over Messalonskee Stream (Bridge #5817), the following applies:

The Contractor shall be permitted to close I-95 northbound and detour traffic on to the median crossovers with one lane of northbound traffic and one lane of southbound traffic utilizing existing I-95

southbound. Closure of I-95 northbound and implementation of the detour shall not begin prior to 7:00pm September 5th, 2023 and traffic shall be returned to normal operations by November 18th, 2023.

Contract Completion Date is December 15th, 2023.

We believe that the original time restrictions will significantly increase bid prices. With overnight temperatures receding into the lower 30s during that time of year, it will be increasingly difficult and costly to maintain sufficient temperatures for multiple work activities including installation of the polyester polymer concrete headers, membrane, pavement, striping, and final striping of Southbound after barrier removal. We also believe the extension in the contract completion date provides contractors with the time needed to return the Expressway Median Crossovers to the extent required by the contract.

**Response:** Please see the revised Special Provision Section 107 TIME and new Special Provision Section 652 PCMS in response to this request.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **February 1, 2023**.

Sincerely,



George M. A. Macdougall P.E.  
Contracts & Specifications Engineer

**SPECIAL PROVISION**  
**SECTION 107**  
**TIME**

(Incentives, Supplemental Liquidated Damages, and Completion Date)

**For all Work associated with this Contract, the following applies:**

Single lane closures between the hours of 7:00pm and 7:00am are allowed Sunday evening through Saturday Morning.

The Contractor will be assessed supplemental liquidation damages\* for each lane closure outside the time periods specified herein. The charge will be assessed for each lane restriction as follows:

First 15-minute increment, or any portion thereof	\$1,500
Second 15-minute increment, or any portion thereof	\$5,000
Third 15-minute increment, or any portion thereof	\$10,000
Fourth 15-minute increment, or any portion thereof	\$25,000
Each additional 15-minute increment, or any portion thereof	\$2,500

These charges will be accumulative in nature as described. For example: 1 to 15 minutes, the contractor shall be assessed \$1500.00. From 16 minutes to 30 minutes the contractor will be assessed \$5000.00 + \$1500.00 = \$6500.00, and so on. However, the escalation shall reset after the conclusion of each lane closure. For example, if a single lane closure was removed 45 minutes late on the first work night, and then 10 minutes late on a second work night, or on a second unrelated lane closure, the supplemental liquidated damages incurred on the second night would be \$1,500.

Applicable charges will be deducted from any monies due the Contractor for Work performed. Deduction will be based on the applicable rate for any and all closures whether Work is being performed or not.

Contract Completion Date is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**For Work associated with I-95 NB Bridge over County Road (Bridge #5816) and I-95 NB Bridge over Messalonskee Stream (Bridge #5817), the following applies:**

The Contractor shall be permitted to close I-95 northbound and detour traffic onto the median crossovers with one lane of northbound traffic and one lane of southbound traffic utilizing existing I-95 southbound. Closure of I-95 northbound and implementation of the detour shall not begin prior to 7:00pm on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and traffic shall be returned to normal operations by 12:01pm on

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Northbound single lane closures will be permitted from 7:00am to 3:00pm and southbound single lane closures will be permitted from 7:00am to 7:00pm after returning traffic to normal operations until the Contract Completion Date.

**For Work associated with I-95 NB Bridge over Main Street (Bridge #5818), the following applies:**

Lane closures between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm are not permitted.

**For Work associated with I-95 NB Bridge over the Kennebec River (Bridge #6000) and I-95 NB Bridge over River Road (Bridge #5993), the following applies:**

The Contractor will be allowed a maximum of 20 days of lane closures between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm. Any day or portion of a day between these hours that the interstate is not fully open to traffic will count as a day against this allotment. Single lane closures from 7:00am to 7:00pm are not permitted after June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

**SPECIAL PROVISION**  
**SECTION 652**  
**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC**  
**(Portable Changeable Message Sign)**

652.2.5 Portable Changeable Message Sign: The following paragraph is added.

For Work associated with I-95 NB Bridge over Country Road (Bridge #5816) and I-95 NB Bridge over Messalongskee Stream (Bridge #5817), Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) will be required, at a minimum, to be installed at the following locations, with the following messages, no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and remain through the duration of Work.

1. I-95 SB, Median Crossover North of Exit 138, Hinckley Rd in Clinton
2. I-95 SB, Right Shoulder, 1,000 FT North of River Road Overpass in Benton
3. I-95 NB, Median Crossover North of Exit 112, Civic Center Dr in Augusta
4. I-95 NB, Median Crossover South of Exit 127, Kennedy Memorial Dr in Waterville

From date of installation of the PCMS to activation of the median crossover detour, all PCMS shall read:

MILE 130  
ONE LANE  
TRAFFIC

ON OR  
ABOUT  
SEPT [date]

Upon activation of the median crossover detour until removal of lane closures, PCMS 1 shall display Message A and PCMS 2 shall display Message B during the following time periods:

Fridays 10AM to 6PM  
Sundays 10AM to 7PM

During Indigenous Peoples Day weekend, PCMS 2 shall display Message C during the following time periods:

Friday October 6, 2023 10AM to 8PM  
Saturday October 7, 2023 10AM to 2PM  
Sunday October 8, 2023 10AM to 7PM  
Monday October 9, 2023 10AM to 7PM

Upon activation of the median crossover detour until removal of lane closures, PCMS 3 shall display Message A and PCMS 4 shall display Message C during the following time periods:

Monday-Thursday 3PM to 6PM  
Friday Noon to 7PM

During Indigenous Peoples Day weekend, PCMS 4 shall display Message C during the following time periods:

Friday October 6, 2023 10AM to 8PM  
Saturday October 7, 2023 10AM to 2PM  
Monday October 9, 2023 Noon to 6PM

All other times, PCMS 1 and 3 shall display Message D and PCMS 2 and 4 shall display Message E.

Message A: MILE 130  
ONE LANE  
TRAFFIC  
  
EXPECT  
DELAYS

Message D: MILE 130  
ONE LANE  
TRAFFIC  
  
USE  
CAUTION

Message B: LANE  
CLOSURE  
AHEAD  
  
EXPECT  
DELAYS

Message E: ONE LANE  
3 MILES  
AHEAD  
  
USE  
CAUTION

Message C: LANE  
CLOSURE  
AHEAD  
  
EXPECT  
STOPPED  
TRAFFIC