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Subject: Cyclical Pavement Resurfacing  
State WINs: 025823.00 & 025825.00  
Location: **Carmel, Etna, Hermon,  
Newport, Palmyra & Bangor**  
**Amendment No. 2**

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following question has been received:

**Question:** Is it the Department's intent to pave the Shoulder Shim Widening Area at a 2" depth independently from the roadway shimming, as Detail A shows the shoulder shim tapering to 0 and not covering the entire shoulder area or would this area be paved concurrently with the main line paving?

**Response:** The Department's intent is to pave the shoulder widening area concurrently with the main line shim operations.

**Question:** If the intent is to reuse the shoulder grindings from shoulder narrowing operations, is there any concern that this material being full of grass, winter sand, debris and large HMA chunks from the grinding process which could be a very difficult material to reuse again? If so and additional material is needed for project work, how will that be handled?

**Response:** The Department's intent is to grade, compact the shoulder grindings and leave in place. Any excess grindings will become the property of the Contractor.

**Question:** Could the department provide additional information regarding locations of spot shims for item 461.216 Hot mix asphalt (shimming)?

**Response:** Spot shims are not anticipated; the Department's intent is to place a variable depth shim course over the entire length of the project. The paved width will vary tapering to 0 inches on the shoulder as directed by the Resident, except for areas where shoulder widening is planned. In areas of shoulder widening the shim will be placed the full width of the travel lane and shoulder.

**Question:** Could the department provide the state of Maine wage determination for this contract?

**Response:** State of Maine wages are no longer required on federally funded projects

**Question:** In the typical sections WIN 25823.00 sheet 6 of 6 calls out to sawcut edge of existing pavement to prep for widening (incidental) is a sawcut required or is a ground edge acceptable?

**Response:** Pavement joints must be butted as per MaineDOT specifications. The Department will accept a ground edge if the Contractor can provide a clean joint by means of grinding.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **March 29, 2023**.

Sincerely,



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