

Pre-Bid Conference
Project 005-01-34397
PRB.32627
Ashe County
February 18, 2026
9:00 A.M.

Chad Loftis - NCDOT, Kicked off the meeting. Project to be opened for bid February 25, 2026

Kristin Moyle - NCEM Deputy Project Manager, Welcomed and thanked all in attendance

Jackie McSwain

PRB.32627, Ashe County.

A bridge Replacement over South Fork New River, located on Rustic Road in West Jefferson

Bid Open Wednesday, February 25th at 2pm in the Division 13 office

Date of Availability, March 27th, 2026

Completion November 1, 2026 with Liquidated Damages of \$600 per calendar day.

Discussed the Special Provision for permits. All paperwork will be prepared and the contractor just signs and pays for the permit. The contractor will be reimbursed dollar for cost of the permit.

UBO plan refer to utility line. Permanent Utility Easement to be acquired and utilities will be moved prior to date of availability.

This is a NCDOT and NCEM project, please make sure to submit complete package as written in Instruction to Bidders.

Questions

The Proposal Stated that Contractor has the option of Work Bridge or Causeway .On Sheet S-4 it stated PERMITTING. REV-1 (12/17/25): REVISIONS FOR CHANGE TO TEMPORARY WORK BRIDGE FOR PERMITTING. There are conflicting statements on sheets EC-004 and EC-005 of Causeway .

1) Is a Causeway still a useable option ?

2) If Not can Causeways be used at the Interior Bents to accommodated the drill rig for pile Excavation ?

Answer: Flow in the South Fork New River cannot be impounded (permit condition)

Temporary access across the river can be a combination of causeway and work bridge or entirely work bridge. However, total continuous span of work bridge must be at minimum of 80' between the banks. Temporary rock causeways may be used in areas around the bents as long as no more than two of these areas are in place at any given time. These areas can be accessed by temporary work bridge as well at the Contractor's option.

12" RCP pipe is may not be sourced regularly, would 15" RCP be acceptable for use?
Yes, please bid existing item

There appears to be an overhead utility line directly over the bent that is closest to 1923. Is anyone doing anything about that or are we going to?

Answer – NCDOT will look into this situation

Discussion of precast slabs and the time it takes for manufacture.

Answer: NCEM team will look at the contract duration and make any necessary adjustments.

Concrete Washout Structures – how is the determination made of which one to use

Answer: Field decision

Response for Erosion Control - it is not in the contract

Answer: Correct

Who will be performing inspections in the field

Answer: NCEM will be supplying the project inspection

Chad Loftis

NCDOT refers to Section 100 of the Standard Specifications specifically about bid acceptance.

Jackie McSwain

Any further questions should be directed to Chad Loftis by COB February 11, 2026

Meeting Adjourned.