

workzone shall be setup for lane closure and flagged and signed according to standards. No additional compensation is made for additional traffic devices. The Department stated that a minimum of 6 signs would be required for overpasses of multi-lane routes.

Operation Time: The Contract time of operations is limited to daylight hours. No work shall be performed on Sundays or observation times for State Holidays.

Liquidated damages: Contract Completion date – \$500.00 per calendar day
Intermediate Contract Time #1 – \$1000.00 per calendar day

Litter Pickup: Litter pickup & Removal – Entire cut area shall have litter removed. Any waste material collected shall be hauled at the end of each day to approved dumpsites. No additional composition for dump tickets will be made. Contractor is not responsible for dead animals, or removal of large items requiring equipment.

Vegetation Removal: The Department covered the cut areas as described in the contract. The Department stressed to the contractors the size of cut areas varied depending on location not necessarily based on its route classification. Area of vegetation removal is 20' from furthest point of bridge structure 90°, 20' or to toe of slope whichever is greater forward to the main stream, roadway, or railroad.

The Department stated that standing water did not represent the main stream or satisfy the cut area requirements. However, Contractors were informed if highwater was present cut area would be modified as needed. All cut debris must be removed by hauling or chipping.

The Department stated that the bridge barrier-rail is not always the furthest point. The backwall of approach and wings in some areas shall be the point of measure. When two bridges are side by side the area between bridges shall be cut. Medians shall be cut according to contract.

Guardrail: When present, a total of 300' of guardrail, per corner, is included in the normal cut area of the structure. Area is 3' in front and 3' or to shoulder break behind guardrail. This area is considered incidental to the cut area and included in the bid price.

Maps: Bidders asked if maps were available. The Department referenced website containing bridge maps listed in the contract. Upon awarding of contract any additional maps needed would be provided to the contractor.

Questions/Discussion: NCDOT discussed with contractors the specifications for vegetation removal of 12' diameter trees. Contractors mentioned their concerns that the scope of work will cause challenges and alter the scope of operations. The Department said it would modify the current contract detail and provide an addendum.

Addendum #1 The Department discussed Addendum #1 with contractors as follows:

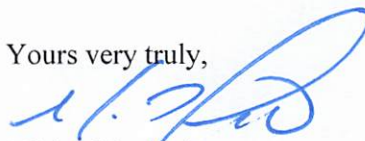
On sheet R-2 of the Roadway Project Special Provisions, third paragraph, "The contractor shall cut all vegetation up to twelve (12) inches in diameter..." shall be changed to (8) inches in diameter.

On sheet R-3, fourth paragraph, "Landscaped areas and additional perimeter cutting around bridges will be cut as directed by the NCDOT Engineer. The contractor shall cut all vegetation up to twelve (12) inches in diameter and to a maximum...." shall be changed to (8) inches in diameter.

Representing the Department as Project Administrator will be Eric Matuszewski. The Project Inspector will be determined after Let Date.

These minutes are prepared as they are documented. Any discrepancies with the content of these minutes should be submitted in writing to this office. Failure to do so will be an indication of agreement.

Yours very truly,



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