

I-59 Bridge Widening Project
Pearl River County, Mississippi

Project No. IM-0059-01(105)/ 105447301

QUESTIONS RECEIVED AS OF May 29, 2009

1. The soil boring or soil profiles were not included for the existing bridges. Is this info available?

MDOT has provided all the information that it has available for these bridge sites. MDOT has no soil boring or profile information in its records. Pile driving information was provided to all bidders along with the plans for the existing bridges.

2. Notice to Proposers No. 1374 DB on page 32 contains the following restriction:

"1. It is the intent of this Notice to Proposers to prohibit lane closures from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Northbound lanes and from 6:00 am to 8:00 am in the Southbound Lanes from Sta. 478+00 to Sta. 779+00. However, if the Contractor fails to remove any lane closure as noted, the Contractor shall be assessed a lane closure rental fee of \$500 per closure for each full or partial five minute period. The Department will consider no exceptions. The referenced stations are from the plans on Federal Aid Project Number IM-0059-01(100)N/104436301. For the purposes of this contract, official time is considered to be the announced time available at telephone number 601-795-2211."

We are unable to locate the plans for project IM-0059-01(100)N/104436301 in plan files. Can these be provided?

Yes, the plans will be uploaded to the project website.

3. Does MDOT have a guideline for placing a lane shift within the 100 feet project limits on the exit side of the bridges?

It is not MDOT's intent that all traffic control, including lane shifts, be confined to within the project limits.

4. Are there any exceptions to the requirement of extending and physically connecting the new substructure caps to the existing substructure caps in cases where the extension of the new substructure will encroach on the existing roadway shoulder beneath?

There are no known exceptions to the Technical Requirements of Section 15.3.2 Bridge Substructures and Note #1 of Table 13.4-1.

5. It was mentioned at the pre-proposal meeting that the contractor would be required to work with the MDOT during hurricane evacuations requiring contra-flow. What is the scope of work required during these events? How many events do we include in our bid? What additional traffic control devices will be required for each event?

The scope of work for the Contractor during a hurricane evacuation event is to cooperate fully with MDOT. As stated in Notice to Proposers No. 1374 DB, the Contractor must maintain two lanes of traffic in both the north and south bound lanes at all times during a hurricane evacuation event. The Contractor may continue work on any portion of the project that does not require lane closures or interfere with contra-flow traffic operations.

The Contractor shall have to make the determination as to the number of hurricane events to include in the bid.

The Contractor will not be required to provide any additional traffic control devices for a hurricane evacuation event.