

**Pickering, John**

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**From:** Pickering, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2004 11:04 AM  
**To:** Purvis, Keith; Amy Mood; David Seal; Reese, John; Reinike, Chet; Richard Pittman; Williams, Greg  
**Cc:** Foster, David  
**Subject:** FW: US 61 Intersection at Devereux Road - Proposed Flyover Ramp - Adams County Project No. NH-0009-01(113) PE

On all consultant projects, there needs to be discussion regarding whether or not there needs to be a meeting between MDOT staff, including Jayne Buttross, before the negotiation meeting with the consultant. I would think most projects will not require these additional meetings, but it needs to be discussed anyway. If a pre-negotiation meeting is determined to not be done, I need to inform Jayne Buttross of that fact.

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**From:** Buttross, Jayne  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2004 9:19 AM  
**To:** rdickerson@mdot.state.ms.us; O'Reilly, William; Sansing, Ed; Miller, Daniel W.; Ferguson, Sean; Barnwell, Claiborne; Purvis, Keith; Pickering, John  
**Cc:** James, Harry Lee; Foster, David  
**Subject:** FW: US 61 Intersection at Devereux Road - Proposed Flyover Ramp - Adams County Project No. NH-0009-01(113) PE

John and others,

I do plan to be at the negotiation meeting. I figure this is a good point to mention a goal we have now with negotiation meetings and one I hope we can fulfill with future projects.

It is really in the best interest of each program to meet together and talk before meeting and negotiating with the consultant. There are a number of reasons for this, not the least of which is that program staff has an opportunity to give one another feedback and work out any conflicts or concerns prior to being in front of the consultant. If MDOT staff is collectively ready to present one case on costs, it presents a better, more confident image to the consultant. It's rarely, if ever, a good idea to hash out project details or prices in front of a contracting party.

One other thing we need to be reinforcing with consultants (and this isn't specific to this project) is that the MDOT mission is not optional and must be fulfilled by the consultant. None of the planks in the mission are contingent on another. Obeying the law is not the mission. Going above the law – on costs, safety and environment - is the mission. No one needs a mission that says "we'll follow the law." That's not a mission. That's a legal duty.

I thought it would be good to share these things before hand. I know it's going to take some time to transition into pre-meetings but we'll get there. I do realize there may be some projects where the meeting should be waved but at least a conference call should take place. I would appreciate any feedback or thoughts anyone has on how to effectively get into a pattern of pre-meetings.

Thanks and hope to see you at 1:30. jb

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**From:** Pickering, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2004 8:57 AM  
**To:** Buttross, Jayne

**Subject:** FW: US 61 Intersection at Devereux Road - Proposed Flyover Ramp - Adams County Project  
No. NH-0009-01(113) PE

Jayne – I should have sent this to you a couple of weeks ago, but did not. Sorry about the late notice. I hope you can attend this afternoon.

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**From:** Williams, Greg  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2004 1:52 PM  
**To:** Dickerson, Randy; O'Reilly, William; Sansing, Ed; Miller, Daniel W.; Ferguson, Sean; Barnwell, Claiborne; 'Joce Pritchett'; 'wruff@abmb.com'; 'jmckee@abmb.com'; 'AdeSa@abmb.com'  
**Cc:** Pickering, John; Purvis, Keith  
**Subject:** RE: US 61 Intersection at Devereux Road - Proposed Flyover Ramp - Adams County Project No. NH-0009-01(113) PE

The Negotiation Meeting for this project has been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 1:30pm in the Roadway Design conference room. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** Williams, Greg  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2004 7:43 AM  
**To:** Dickerson, Randy; O'Reilly, William; Sansing, Ed; Miller, Daniel W.; Ferguson, Sean; Barnwell, Claiborne; 'Joce Pritchett'; 'wruff@abmb.com'; 'jmckee@abmb.com'; 'AdeSa@abmb.com'  
**Cc:** Pickering, John; Purvis, Keith  
**Subject:** US 61 Intersection at Devereux Road - Proposed Flyover Ramp - Adams County Project No. NH-0009-01(113) PE

I would like to schedule a Negotiation Meeting concerning the design fees for the subject project. Please check your calendars for dates during the week of Sept. 7th and let me know when you would be available.

Thanks.

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