

# Pre-Bid Conference Notes

## Project: Lost Lake Nature Trail

Contract No.: 20-06-C

Date of Meeting: July 8, 2020

Attendance at this meeting was not mandatory to bid.

Bid Opening: August 6, 2020

## Contractors in attendance:

- Jose Arreola, Bush Construction
- Guillermo Barajas, WABO Landscaping
- Nathan Surina, On Point Grading & Paving

## Handouts:

Agenda sent to planholders via email and available upon request by emailing [DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov)

## Introduction of County Personnel

- Manuel Diaz, Parks
- Chris Bernal, Parks
- Ruben Garcia, Inspector
- Nicolette Nobuhiro, Biological Compliance
- Jennifer Parks, Resident Engineer
- Cynthia Zamora, Project Engineer
- Alexis Rutherford, Biological Compliance
- Jennica Geddert, Design Services
- Joseph Harrell, Supervising Engineer

## Bid Submission – Jennica Geddert

Submission of bids electronically is encouraged. While submitting paper bid bonds and paper bids are still possible, we encourage electronic bid submission and the bid opening itself will take place over Zoom. The software used by the County, Bid Express, is free to submit bids for County Public Works & Planning projects but contractors need to select “Pay as you go” to avoid paying subscription fees. In addition, the software allows for saving, submitting, and resubmitting your bids and only the bid that is submitted at the time of the bid opening will be viewed by County staff.

More resources are available on the County website and via [DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov). We encourage bidders to set up their accounts and try the software out in advance. The offices are closed to the public, so communicate with us if you intend to submit a paper bid or bid bond so that we can make arrangements to receive them.

### **Discussion of Project / Walking the Site – Joseph Harrell**

The following comments were made while walking the length of the trail. Not all items of work were identified during the meeting. An addendum will be issued if there are any changes to the scope of work and contract documents.

- There will be a locking gate at the parking lot and handicap accessible path running from the parking lot to the outdoor classroom. Remove one bench from the outdoor classroom.
- **Note:** The inspectors will be watching carefully for no more than 2% cross slope and 5% up slope.
- The extent of the ADA accessible path is from the parking lot to the classroom. The rest of the trail will not be ADA compliant due to the natural base material and grades of the natural features on the trail.
- A binder for the decomposed granite (DG) is not permitted by the environmental permits. It is also ineffective since the trail is subject to annual flooding and the binders are water-based.
- The trail will be lined with river rock provided by Parks, piled near the entrance of the trail.
- The scope in sum is to grade, install the rocks, & place DG.
- The purpose of the tree trimming is to open the canopy. Each tree will be called out and tree trimmings are to be hauled off.
- **Note:** Vehicles must not be refueled within 300ft of the river. Jennifer Parks will be the Resident Engineer and she will approve refueling locations.
- The project will be permitted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. There are strict environmental requirements for this project.
- The trail was constructed approximately 50 years ago so there are some existing rocks and material. The intent is to reuse previously placed resources. The original trail was made of railroad ties, which may or may not have been removed.
- **Note:** If railroad ties are found, they must be removed and properly disposed. Please refer to Addendum #1 for information regarding railroad ties.

- **Question:** Will the trail be closed?  
Yes, a sign shown in the Project Details will be posted for the duration of the work.
- **Note:** There are many existing paths, but not all exposed paths are part of the proposed project. County staff will stake the limits of the trail before the bid opening to clarify the scope of work.
- Graffiti removal is excluded from the scope of this project.
- **Note:** The existing trees to be trimmed were marked but the paint faded. Parks will re-mark trees to clarify which trees are to be trimmed. **Trees are to be trimmed only.** The environmental permits do not allow for removing of whole trees or branches growing from ground level.
- Tree trimmings and cleared vegetation is to be hauled away by the contractor.
- The plans show where the river rock border is to be installed. Sections where boulders or bedrock interfere with the border installation are to be omitted. Communicate areas of concern with the Resident Engineer at the time of installation.

*Oral explanations or interpretations of plans and specifications are not binding. Any explanation, interpretation or clarification of plans and specifications will be in the form of a written addendum to the plans and specifications issued to the planholders of record.*

*It is the Contractor's responsibility to ask any questions he/she might have regarding this project. No allowance will be made after the bids have been received for any errors or omissions due to any misconceptions made by the Contractor.*