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MEMO TO: Don Lee, Berry Jenkins, Michael Taylor, Jay Bennett, Ron Hancock, Judith Corley-Lay, Stuart Bourne, Randy Garris, Jonathan Bivens, Dennis Wofford, Ed Spencer, Brian Webb, Michael Manning, Gerard Pilcher, Jim Seybert and Ben Lanier, Joe Coleman

FROM: R. A. Garris, PE  
Contract Officer

SUBJECT: AGC/Roadway Subcommittee Meeting

The subject committee met on April 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Riverwood Conference Room at the Century Center with the following in attendance:

Jay Bennett	Andy Gay	Ted Sherrod
Jonathan Bivens	Scott Hidden	Norma Smith
Joe Coleman	Berry Jenkins	Lamar Sylvester
Judith Corley-Lay	Phillip Johnson	Michael Taylor
Jack Cowsert	Ben Lanier	Brian Webb
Ron Davenport	Mike Manning	Dennis Wofford
Randy Garris	Jim Seybert	

**1. UPDATE ON CONCRETE SPECIFICATIONS –FLEXURAL TO COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TESTING**

Jack Cowsert distributed Division 700 and Article 1000-3 for review and discussed the changes. Basically flexural strength has been changed to compressive strength of 5,000 psi. Jack will be meeting with the Concrete Association next week and anticipates more changes.

**2. DISCUSSION ON PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, AGGREGATE SUBGRADE, SELECT GRANULAR MATERIAL**

Scott Hidden distributed the PSPs for Subsurface Drainage, Aggregate Subgrade and Select Granular Material and a summary of the changes. After discussion on all the

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provisions, Randy Garris said that there will be more internal discussion on the Select Granular Material and it will be sent to the Berry Jenkins for another review.

**3. FOLLOW-UP ON SHOULDER BERM GUTTERS AND FRAME AND GRATE USED IN SHOULDER BERM GUTTERS**

Randy Garris said there are no plans to make modifications to the pay items, based on the discussion at the June 19, 2008 meeting.

**4. FOLLOW-UP ON UTILITY SPECIFICATIONS**

There is a small subcommittee evaluating the utility pay items. They have not decided if 4-5 of the items will be added back in to the pay items. Previously a subcontractor spoke to the Committee on the inadequacies on his project; however that was a purchase order contract and was not typical of the Raleigh let projects. The Department asked the Industry to send specific examples of pay items and specific projects, let through Raleigh, to Randy Garris.

**5. STONE PLACED AT TEMPORARY WORK BRIDGES**

The Industry said that at the entrances and exits to temporary work bridges where there is equipment is entering and exiting, DOT requires a stone pad to clean the tracks of silt, etc. before going onto the work bridge to keep it from getting into the wetlands. The Resident Engineers are saying that the stone is incidental to the work bridge, and contractors are saying it is more of an erosion control item than it is a work bridge item and it should be paid for as regular erosion control stone, such as #57, or Class A stone. The Resident Engineers are not consistent with the payment.

The Department replied that ingress and egress is accounted for off the project site onto the main travel way, as DOT's functional areas for construction entrance pads, but not accounted for when accessing work bridges. The Department will take a snapshot view of this issue statewide and review with the field engineers.

**6. OTHER**

**A. DWQ ACTIVITIES ON TIP JOBS**

Ted Sherrod said there have been some inquiries from DWQ on activities of late that occur on our TIP jobs on or near the availability date associated with utility contractors. In many cases, the utility contractors were issued encroachments to get in and perform their relocations, whether, water, sewer or gas, ahead of the TIP prime contractor mobilizing. There is language in encroachment agreements addressing the perimeter control and water quality requirements for the utility contractors to follow. On TIP jobs, when there are utility pay items in the contract, the prime contractor has the utility subcontractors mobilizing in early to

handle the utility relocation. The erosion control plans should address the project's perimeter erosion control measures. The Department asked what concerns the contractors have as they relate to the utility contractors. The Industry replied that they are seeing a number of water quality issues with elevated turbidity sediment off-site from the utility contractors mobilizing ahead of the prime or on or near the DOA. The contractors gave several examples of utility contractors not using any erosion control measures. The residency has someone overseeing the jobs. Many times the Department is compensating the utility contractors. Also, the Municipalities let their own utility contracts to move utilities instead of letting through DOT. The DOT will look into this issue.

**B. OVERSIZED BOXES**

The Industry reported that a couple of months ago, they brought up the issue of oversized boxes being paid for as each. This month, there was an oversized box with an oversized pipe on a per each price basis. The Department was made aware of this on Tuesday and Joel Howerton is checking into it. There was a special detail in the plans. The dimensions and payment were not correct.

**C. ELECTRONIC ADDENDA FOLLOW-UP**

Industry asked about the use of email to notify contractors of addenda in special situations, such as short time frames before the let. The Department said Federal requirements require that addenda be sent out no later than 10 days prior to the letting.

The next meeting will be held on **June 11, 2009 at 9:30 am in the Riverwood Conference Room**, Century Center, Building B.

Future meetings for 2009:                      August 20      October 22      December 17

C:      Victor Barbour, PE  
         Ellis Powell, PE  
         Ron Hancock, PE