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**Addendum No. 1
To the bid documents for: IFB #PLA 26-019
Hickory Trail Pedestrian Bridge Reconstruction**

Town of Amherst Response to Questions and Clarifications

- Q1. Will the Town provide connection details for the wood plate to steel beam and joist to wood plate connection?**
A1. Wood plate to steel beam connections are shown on Plan Sheet 2 of the bid documents. See attached Plan Sheet 3 for additional connection details. The Town will be available to provide further guidance if needed during construction.
- Q2. Will shielding be required?**
A2. No, the contractor is responsible to take reasonable precautions to limit debris from falling into the Fort River.
- Q3. What color will the bridge beams be painted?**
A3. Semi-gloss black.
- Q4. Can the bridge be removed with a crane and reset after constructing the bridge in a shop?**
A4. No, the existing beams and footings are to remain in place.
- Q5. Are the bridge beams required to be leveled or adjusted?**
A5. No
- Q6. Are the existing steel beam outriggers required to be removed?**
A6. No
- Q7. What is the expected timeframe for completion?**
A7. Approximately 120 days with a substantial completion date of June 30, 2026.
- Q8. Detail #2 bridge deck framing, there is a note and arrow pointing to the bottom of the joist that states fill solid. Is the intention to install 2x material cut to 1 ½ "x 1 ½" under the joist between the 2x6 sills on all the joists?**
A8. No. Solid fill is only required in two locations on the bridge ends.
- Q9. Please provide a connection detail for the joists to the 2x6 sill.**
A9. See attached.
- Q10. Detail #2 calls out the framing to be 7 ½" a 2x8 is 7 ¼". Do you want larger dimensional lumber ripped to 7 ½" or is the standard 2x8 at 7 ¼" sufficient?**
A10. Standard 2x8 material measuring approximately 7-1/4" or 7-1/2" is sufficient.

- Q11. The existing structural steel is straight and is welded in the middle to create an incline for each side of the bridge. This will require a joint for the decking material in the center of the bridge for all boards. The remainder of the bridge will be staggered seams. Is this approach acceptable?**
A11. This approach is acceptable.
- Q12. Bridge deck framing detail shown on the drawings, specifically the note labeled “Fill Solid” at the deck framing/joist connection. Please confirm the following: Does the “Fill Solid” note require installation of: Solid pressure-treated lumber blocking between joists, or Continuous plywood or sheathing material covering the joists, or Another material or method not shown in the detail?**
A12. The note “FILL SOLID” requires solid pressure treat 2x material on each end of the bridge to provide a solid backer between the concrete base and underside of the sill before applying membrane and backfill.
- Q13. Please confirm the required material type, thickness, and extent/length of the solid fill area.**
A13. See above response.
- Q14. Please confirm if this solid fill is required at all joist locations or only at the bridge ends or connection points shown in the detail.**
A14. Solid fill is only on the bridge ends.
- Q15. Has hazardous materials testing been performed on the existing bridge components, including but not limited to: Existing steel coatings/paint systems and Existing metal railings or fasteners Any associated sealants, mastics, or adjacent materials?**
A15. No hazardous testing has been performed.
- Q16. Is it confirmed there is no paving on this bridge? The pre-bid mentioned there are two bridges elsewhere on the trail system that match this bridge except for one of them is paved and the other is pressure treated southern pine #1. This one is also pressure treated southern pine #1?**
A16. There is no paving in the project. The bridge floor material is pressure treated southern pine #1.
- Q17. Is there lead paint or other lead materials on steel surfaces to be scraped? This is to help make necessary precautions.**
A.17. No testing has been conducted to confirm the presence of lead paint or other lead materials on the steel surfaces.
- Q18. Turtles were mentioned in the debris catching precautions. Is there any training or materials required for turtles so necessary precautions can be taken?**
A18. Training or additional materials are not anticipated for this project. If work occurs during the wood turtle active season, the Town will provide turtle monitors for routine survey of the work area.
- Q19. Are you able to provide a sign in sheet for all the companies at this mandatory pre-bid?**
A19. See attached.
- Q20. Will you be providing questions asked at the pre-bid in writing to prospective bidders?**
A20. Yes, all have been incorporated in this document.
- Q21. The plans show the pressure treated wood deck going down the length of the bridge, yet the one it is supposed to match goes across. Can you confirm which way this wood will be placed on the bridge?**
A21. The pressure treated wood deck boards will be installed as shown on the provided plan.
- Q22. Is there any Engineer’s estimated value for this project?**
A22. The project is estimated at greater than \$50,000.
- Q23. What is the completion date for this project?**
A23. June 30, 2026

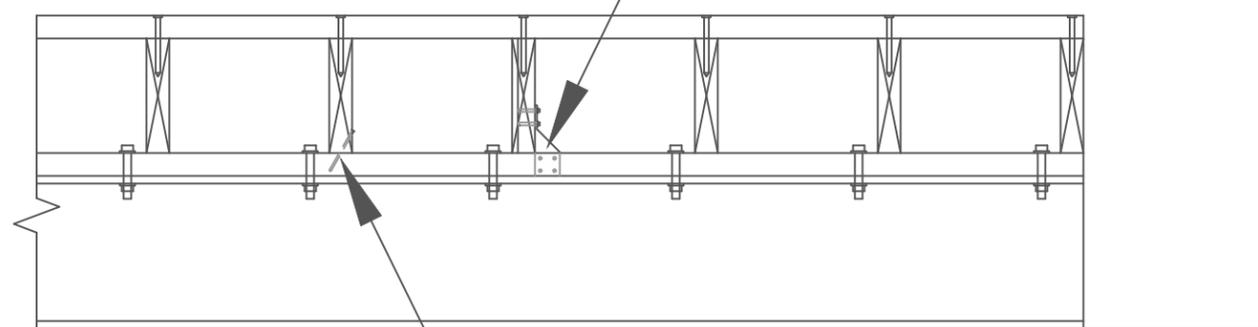
- Q24. Has any testing been performed/ is it anticipated that the existing steel beams, outriggers, or metal rail may contain lead paint?**
A24. No testing has been performed.
- Q25. There are other similar bridge structures nearby the proposed bridge where the 4x4 rail posts are secured to the outside of the rim joists, providing a wider deck area. The detail for the proposed bridge has the 4x4 rail posts attached inside of the rim joists and on top of the 2x6 PT sleeper plate. Please confirm the desired location of the 4x4 rail posts.**
A25. Post to be installed as shown on the provided plans.
- Q26. Please provide a detail for the connection between the 2x8 PT joists and the 2x6 PT sleeper plate.**
A26. See attached.
- Q27. Does the existing bridge contain any anchor bolts securing the steel beams to the concrete grade beam? If so, please provide the size.**
A27. No information is available.
- Q28. Is any approach work to the bridge to be included as part of this project? If so, please provide a plan and clarify the scope of work.**
A28. No approach work is included in this project.
- Q29. It mentions "Fill Solid" on the bridge deck frame details. What material is the fill supposed to be?**
A29. See above for answer.
- Q30. It mentions "Apply Membrane Prior To Back Fill". What is meant by membrane?**
A30. Bituthene or similar waterproofing material suitable for underground application.
- Q31. On the guardrail details, for detail 1 it mentions "2x8 pressure treated solid block around each post" while for detail 2 it mentions "pressure treated bridge floor framing". Are these the same thing?**
A31. Both floor joist framing and solid post blocking will be 2x8 pressure treated material.
- Q32. Do the 2, 2x8 blocks around each post extend the entire length of the bridge or are they just 4" on the 2 sides of each post?**
A32. The solid block will be installed across the joist bay and around the post at each post location only.
- Q33. It is clear we need 22 4x4 Posts. However, Guardrail Detail 1 does not clearly show how tall each post is. Can you provide the expected height for the post from the top rail to the plate?**
A33. The guardrail height will be 3'-6" above the bridge deck board. The post will extend below the bridge deck board to the bottom of the 2x8 joist as shown in Detail 1.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged at this time.
There are four (5) pages to this Addendum including Detail Sheet #3 and the Pre-bid Attendees List.

Plan Notes:

1. See Project Specifications.

4-5/8" 18 Gauge HDG Twist Tie. Install (1) Each End Every 4'-0" with HDG Screws



Install (3) HDG 10D Common Nail

JOIST TO SILL PLATE CONNECTION DETAIL

Legend:

Hickory Ridge Trails
Bridge Reconstruction
191 W. Pomeroy Lane

Scale: 1" = 1'

Date: 2-13-26

Hickory Trail Pedestrian Bridge

191 W. Pomeroy Road

Pre-Submission Walkthrough Sign-In - February 11, 2026

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