



TO:	Prospective Bidder and Others	DATE:	July 13, 2026
FROM:	Christopher Malsch, P.E.	HSH PROJECT NO.:	2020104
SUBJECT: Addendum Number 1 for: Northbridge Three Priority Bridges Rehabilitation Project			

Introduction

This addendum provides responses to questions submitted by prospective bidders.

On July 7, 2026, Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) received the following questions submitted by prospective bidders.

AETNA Bridge Company July 7, 2026:

Question 1.) At the Church Street over the Blackstone River, the contract calls for rebuilding 5' minimum to 9' maximum of the concrete masonry wall along the SE masonry barrier wall. Should some of this be new masonry since several of the granite blocks along the top course are missing? It appears the entire length of the masonry wall may have been struck and is leaning up to 4" at the center and several individual blocks have slid up to 1.5". Most of this wall is missing mortar in the joints and it appears the wall is not currently stable and should be rebuilt in its entirety with new mortar. Please consider added repairs for this masonry barrier wall. Will barrier be allowed to be installed along the masonry wall to protect traffic and create a work zone during the wall reconstruction?

Response 1.) The work under Item 690.01 is intended for the reconstruction of the existing masonry barrier wall at the terminal ends. The item specifically notes that removal and repouring of the existing concrete cap is included under the scope of work for this item. The existing wall deficiencies have been previously evaluated and the current scope of work does not include the reconstruction of the entire length of the wall. The repointing of existing masonry blocks is intended to be completed under Item 908. Temporary barrier is intended for use as specified in Item 851 where a MASH TL-2 standard must be maintained throughout construction.

Question 2.) Cement for Pointing item is paid for by the bag. Please indicate what size bag is to be used for payment purposes. Also, is a preblended mortar mix acceptable for use as pointing material?



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Response 2.) The payment under Item 908 is based upon a standard 80 pound bag of mortar mix. A preblended mortar mix may be acceptable provided that it meets the specifications listed under the payment item.