



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Wastewater Side Sewer Improvement Project: E Mckinley Rd
RFB Specification No. ES24-0034F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Stan Rowden, Senior Buyer by January 2, 2025. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org. Navigate to [Current Contracting Opportunities / Public Works and Improvements Solicitations](#), and then click [Questions and Answers](#) for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1:

For the amount of work/risk associated with this project especially with the private property restoration. The estimate seems very low. How did the Engineer arrive at the estimate of \$600K?

Answer 1: Bids are to be submitted according to the Plans and Specifications as is.

Question 2:

How do the sewer cleanouts without a sewer cleanout number get paid?

Answer 2: Refer to Section 7-20.5 of the Special Provisions for payment details.

Question 3:

What are the restoration requirements if the salvaged tree/shrubs die as they may not be salvageable depending on the timing of the project?

Answer 3: Refer to Sections 7-20.5 and 8-02.3 of the Special Provisions for plant replacement requirements on private property.

Question 4:

How does the rechanneling of the SSMH on Sheet 4 get paid for?

Answer 4: The SSMH on sheet 4 does not need to be rechanneled as noted. Other than plugging the existing pipe, no other work is required.

Question 5:

How do we get paid for abandoning the existing manholes in place in people's backyards and what are the requirements (i.e. remove the top 4' per code or fill to the grade with pea gravel) with limited access with equipment?

Answer 5: Three existing manholes are identified for abandonment in the Plans. The abandonments consist of plugging the existing mains within the manholes, which will be paid for using Bid Item WW32. No other work is required for manhole abandonment.



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Question 6:

How do we get paid for removing and replacing the various items called out to “remove, salvage and protect”? Bid Item WW42 doesn’t mention “remove, salvage and protect” in the payment description.

Answer 6: Per Section 7-20 of the Special Provisions, the Contractor shall be paid for restoration within the defined limits of the work. Payment for work within the right-of-way shall be paid for using Bid Item WW37.

Question 7:

How does the City intend to use Bid Item WW37? Is this only for the miscellaneous restoration within the ROW?

Answer 7: Yes.

Question 8:

There is mention of television inspection in the measurement for the side sewers. Does this mean the Contractor has to CCTV the main and side launch a camera to CCTV the entirety of the new side sewers?

Answer 8: Refer to Section 7-17.3 of the Special Provisions for CCTV inspection requirements within the right-of-way. The Side Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Availability Manual shall be followed for requirements on private property.

Question 9:

If CCTV of the side sewer includes the alignment from the sewer main to the point of connection, how does the contractor get paid to clean the existing sewer main in McKinley Road that we are tying the side sewers into?

Answer 9: Refer to Sections 7-17.5 and 7-18.5 of the Special Provisions for payment details.

Question 10:

What is the sewer main material in McKinley Road that the Contractor is tying into for the side sewer connections?

Answer 10: The material of the existing main is SDR-35 PVC.

Question 11:

Can you confirm that a Romac sewer saddle is needed at the point of connection on the existing sewer main?

Answer 11: Refer to Section 7-08.3 of the Special Provisions and Standard Plan SU-23 for information regarding side sewer connections.



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Question 12:

Schedule B1 has a bid item for CSBC, but no bid item for roadway excavation. How does the excavation of the displaced area for the CSBC get paid?

Answer 12: The excavation will be paid for using Bid Item WW28. No Bid Item is required for roadway excavation in Schedule B1.

Question 13:

How does the temporary patching get paid for that is called out on page 37 of the plans in both the ROW and on private property?

Answer 13: Temporary patches will be paid for using Bid Items WW31 for work within the right-of-way and WW41 for work on private property.

Question 14:

Does the CSTC and CSBC for the temporary patch on the private property side get paid under Bid Item WW42?

Answer 14: Temporary patching, if required, will be paid for using Bid Item WW41. This Bid Item is all-encompassing for the installation of side sewers on private property.

Question 15:

The side sewer construction standards state in Note 1 that the pipe must be a minimum of 4" on private property. Can you confirm the intention of the plans and specification is to install 6" side sewer piping from the main to the point of connection at the house since there is no 4" pipe bid item?

Answer 15: Side sewers shall be 6" diameter within the right-of-way and a minimum of 4" diameter on private property. Side sewers constructed on private property will be paid for using Bid Item WW41.

Question 16:

Is there any shoring plan requirements for shoring the foundations of the home (i.e. Sheet 11 and 13) where the sewer could likely undermine the foundation(s) of the house(s)?

Answer 16: Refer to Section 2-09 of the WSDOT Specifications and Section 7-20.3 of the Special Provisions for information regarding shoring.

Question 17:

What is the requirement for abandoning the existing sewer main piping and side sewer(s) piping other than installing a concrete plug in the manholes or in the side sewer pipe where the point of connection is made?

Answer 17: The existing mains and side sewers are to be abandoned by installing plugs at the connections.



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Question 18:

Do the existing pipes have to be abandoned in place by filling it with CDF and if so, how does that get paid?

Answer 18: No.

Question 19:

On sheet 25, there is a note to intercept the existing standpipe. It appears to be under the basement floor, so can you clarify what all is required as it looks like we would have to dig within the house footprint and remove/replace a portion of the basement floor and concrete wall to complete this work?

Answer 19: Refer to Section 7-21 of the Special Provisions for information regarding the indoor plumbing.

Question 20:

Has any sort of structural assessment been done on these residences to check for existing structural damage (foundation, cracked walls, settlements, etc.) due to the close proximity of the work to these homes?

If so, can this be provided to the Contractor? If not, will the City be performing these assessments prior to the project commencing or is all the risk of existing structural failures in the homes on the Contractor?

Answer 20: The City has not performed any structural assessments. The Contractor is responsible for documenting existing conditions and providing the shoring necessary to protect existing structures during construction. Refer to Sections 7-20 and 7-21 of the Special Provisions for more details.

Question 21:

What is the number of working days for this project?

Answer 21: This project includes 60 working days, per Section 1-08.5 of the Special Provisions.