

## **Forsyth County Procurement**

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## **ADDENDUM #4**

## Bid 21-109-5211

For:

Providing all materials, equipment, and labor for the rehabilitation, restoration, and renewal of the Big Creek Greenway, Phase 2, from Union Hill Road to Fowler Park, approximately 0.859 miles. We are requesting 3 alternates in construction, timber deck, FRP Deck and concrete deck – it will be at the discretion of the County which solution is chosen.

This addendum supersedes and supplements all portions of the bidding documents and becomes part of the contract documents for the above-referenced project.

Where any item called for in the specifications or indicated on the drawings is supplemented hereby, the original requirements shall remain in effect.

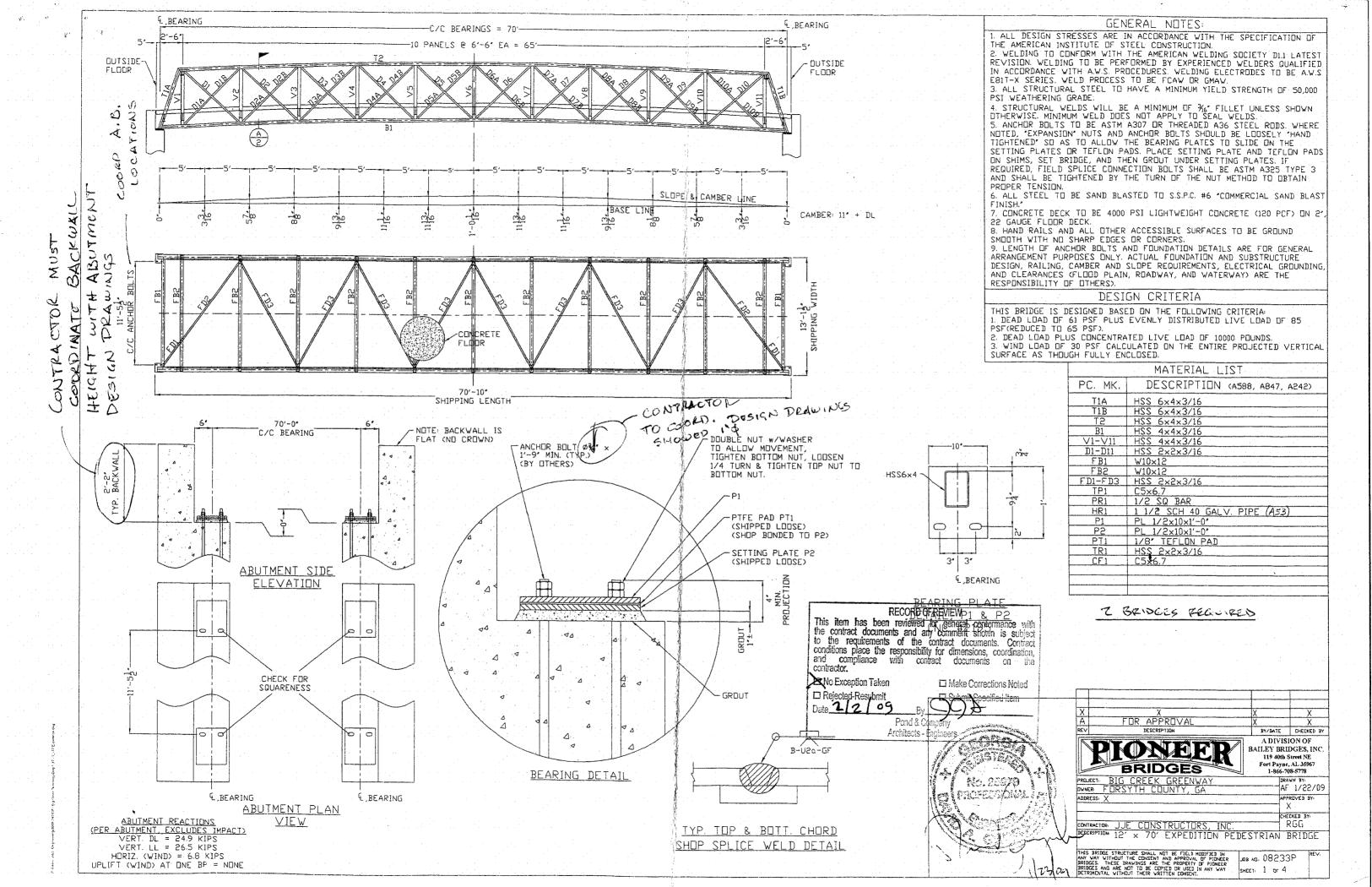
Where any original item is amended, voided or superseded hereby, the provision of such item not so specifically amended, voided or superseded shall remain in effect.

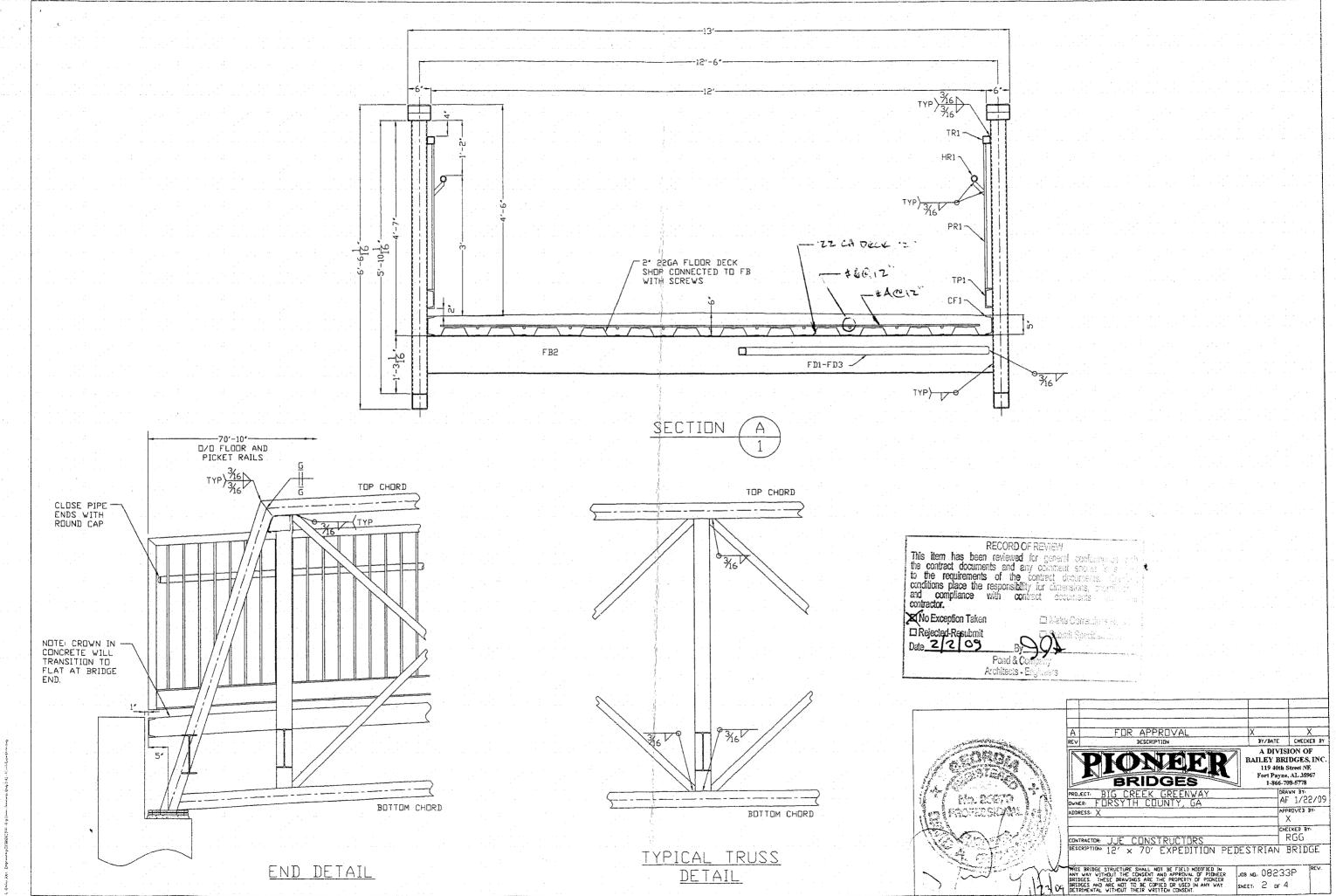
## Response to questions received: (response in italics)

- 1. Is a CAD file of the proposed boardwalk alignment available? As presented in the plans the general intention is to replace the existing boardwalk to the same plan and profile alignment as existing with the exception of those areas, designated within the plans, where the profile is to be raised to achieve 30" clearance from the existing ground or as otherwise noted to provide a smooth and pleasing visual alignment with no "jogs" or discontinuities. A CAD file of the alignment as shown in the plans can be provided; however, it is for information only and likely does not represent the as-built condition which is what must be replaced.
- 2. Is a geotechnical report available for use in foundation design? A geotechnical report was not completed. The loads required for the helical piles are specified on the plans and specifications and shall be proved by the contractor per installation.
- 3. Project General Note 6 on sheet 04-0001 requires all construction to be completed top-down with no equipment permitted in wetlands or streams at any time. The details on sheet 35-0006 show a tall frame foundation to be used in areas where the boardwalk is elevated. This will nearly impossible to construct top-down. Will equipment be allowed to operate from the ground in the areas where the boardwalk is elevated greater than 6' as shown in the details on sheet 35-0006? Equipment may be allowed to operate from the ground provided it is within the 20' existing easement, erosion control is provided, and the equipment remains outside of all wetlands and streams.

- 4. The design details for Alternate 3 on sheets 35-0003 and 35-0004 show steel beams to support the precast concrete deck panels. Will precast concrete beams be acceptable as an alternate to the steel beams? County will consider additional alternatives only after the contractor has been selected through the established bidding process.
- 5. General Note 1 on sheet 35-0003 requires the design of the structure to follow AASHTO standard specifications. Note 2 calls out a vehicular load of H-5. This conflicts with AASHTO Pedestrian Bridge Guidelines which requires a 12' clear width boardwalk to be design for an H-10 vehicular load. It is understood that the design vehicle conflicts with AASHTO Pedestrian Guidelines. However, the AASHTO Pedestrian Guidelines are recommended practices and are not standards. The design vehicle called out on the plans is the County's desired vehicle.
- 6. General Note 2 on sheet 35-0003 includes a construction load of 18,000 lbs. Can you provide a make and model for the basis of the load? The wheel/track size and spacing greatly impacts the design loads and reinforcing required to support the loading. The assumed construction loading including track size was included in the revised plans as part of Addendum #3, note #3, on sheet 35-0001.
- 7. General Note 3 on sheet 35-0003 requires a 2" clear on all reinforcement. This conflicts with ACI code which allows 1 ½" clearance for reinforcement in precast concrete. Will the ACI code be acceptable? ACI 20.5.1.3.3 establishes that faces of precast concrete that are exposed to weather should have <u>at least</u> 1.25" concrete cover to #5 bar reinforcement or smaller. Therefore, a 2" cover does not conflict with ACI code. A 2" cover on the travel surface provides better protection for the reinforcement in the top of the precast panel.
- 8. The reinforcing details on sheets 35-0003 and 35-0004 imply that a precaster could follow these reinforcing details to produce a precast deck panel system that meets applicable codes and is structurally sound. The design does not appear to check for the design loads noted. General note 8 requires the contractor to submit shop drawings for the concrete panels. If the contractor produces precast panels in accordance with reinforcing details included in the plans, will Heath & Linebeck be responsible for the design? The provided design has been checked for the noted design loads. The contractor shall stamp any drawings utilizing a different design than the plans. Shop drawings will be required regardless of the design used.

Existing Bridge Shop Drawings provided for Question #13 on Addendum #3:





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