



Memorandum

Date: September 1, 2015

To: Jill Franks, GDOT Railroad Liaison Engineer

From: Nick Castronova, Project Manager, URS

Subject: **GDOT Project BRSTL-2932-00(001) Troup County
CSX Transportation Railroad –Comment Responses.**

CSX Transportation Railroad and their consultant Arcadis have provided comments for Project BRSTL-2932-00(001) Bridge Replacement on Greenville St over CSX Railroad LaGrange, Georgia dated February 10, 2015. The following are the responses to each question:

1. **The use of MSE walls on CSXT right-of-way is prohibited. Please propose an alternative retaining wall type with design details:**

As directed by GDOT, a design variance memo was submitted to CSX for approval on June 29, 2015 and has been attached to the memo.

2. **Provide drainage area maps that include general flow characteristics for the pre-development and post-developed conditions for all areas producing stormwater that discharges towards CSXT right-of-way. Clearly identify each pre-development and post-developed discharge location, and respective peak rates of flow.**

Drainage area maps have been provided in the plan attachments (53 series sheets) to show the specific drainage areas and pre and post project runoff discharging to CSXT drainage ditches from the roadway outfalls.

3. **Reconcile CSXT right-of-way lines using the attached VAL map information.**

A meeting was held August 6, 2015 to discuss updates to Railroad ROW on the plans and is being coordinated between GDOT surveyors and the Railroad.

4. **If the State is in possession of an easement agreement with CSXT for this crossing, please provide that document in order that we may determine the need for purchase of permanent easement area. The project was handed off to CSX Property Services to investigate this matter as well.**

There is an existing agreement between the Railroad and the City of Lagrange. After the meeting on August 6, 2015, it was determined a new agreement would be entered between GDOT and the Railroad.

5. **CSXT has assessed the State's request to turn over two abandoned communications poles situated with railroad right-of-way. Its initial assessment is that the poles will be handed over to the State for preservation. Please indicate how and when that transaction will**



occur.

The museum that expressed interest in the poles is now unable to accept them. Direction to dispose of the poles during construction was provided in email correspondence dated February 23, 2015 from Amber Rhea with GDOT.

6. **As requested, a higher insurance justification letter is attached for your files. \$5M/\$10M RPL will be required of the contractor for this project.**

GDOT will include the higher insurance letter with agreement package.

7. **A request for utility information within the work area was requested of CSX. Additional utility data will likely be provided following review of the revised preliminary plan package.**

Any additional utility data received will be added to the plans.

Attached are email correspondences between CSXT and GDOT regarding comment #1 and between URS and GDOT regarding comment #5. Also being submitted are a complete set of revised PDF plan sheets and the initial railroad submission checklist for reference. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
URS Corporation

Nick Castronova, P.E.

attachments

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