



Infrastructure Professionals

Pre-Bid Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes from 2/17/2026

Ferdinand State Forest Culvert Replacements

ENG2609631099

- Introductions

- Review of Notice to Bidders
 - IDOA certification
 - Bid submittal requirements
 - Bid due date – 1:31 pm (Indy Time) on March 5th. Bid opening at 2pm.
 - Accessing bid documents
 - Public Works certification – Cover what pre-qualifications are listed on the notice to bidders.
 - 7% MBE, 5% WBE, and 3% IVOSB goals

- Review of Instructions to Bidders
 - Project estimated at \$150,000 and above
 - Questions shall be submitted to the DNR Project Manager, John Spears, at JSpears@dnr.in.gov and copied to the Designer, Nick Batta, at NBatta@cmtengr.com.
 - Last day to submit bid questions is Friday, Feb 20, by COB. Addendum expected to be published on the website no later than Feb 24.
 - Answers to questions along with other bidding addenda will be emailed to each plan holder. It will also be posted to the website.
 - Summary of required bid documents
 - Contact the property manager, Jamie Winner at 812-827-2857 or JWinner@dnr.in.gov, to conduct a site visit prior to bidding.

- Project Scope of Work (west to east)
 - CV Ferdinand 1B
 - Replace existing 18" circular corrugated metal pipe at the same invert elevation with an N12 18" pipe or approved equal. CMP have historically

- rusted out on DNR properties & have been a common failure point for culvert failure.
 - Pipe location is at approximately Sta. negative (-) 1+78.0 (38.259604°, -86.791843°)
 - Add scour protection
 - Complete roadway paving
 - Survey data or plan details are not available
 - CV Ferdinand 1A
 - Culvert was recently replaced by the State of Indiana
 - Add scour protection
 - Complete roadway paving
 - CV Ferdinand 2
 - Replace culvert with 5' span by 4' rise reinforced concrete box
 - Add scour protection and associated ditch grading
 - Complete roadway paving
 - CV Ferdinand 3
 - Replace culvert with 9' span by 5' rise reinforced concrete box including wingwalls
 - Add scour protection and associated ditch grading
 - Complete roadway paving
 - Add guardrail
 - Existing stones from the downstream (south) headwall shall be salvaged and delivered to the Ferdinand State Forest office
 - CV Ferdinand 4
 - Replace culvert with 9' span by 5' rise reinforced concrete box
 - Add scour protection and associated ditch grading
 - Complete roadway paving
- Other Project Specifications and Conditions
 - Lump sum bid amount
 - Remediation allowance of \$50,000 is included for potential utility conflict resolution. This number shall be included in the base bid lumpsum amount.
 - Utility exploration
 - Watermain specification

- Applicability of INDOT Recurring Special Provisions, Standard Specifications, and Standard Drawings
- Geotechnical Investigations Report
- Campgrounds project coordination & schedule
- The road shall be closed for construction no earlier than completion of the campground improvement project, which is scheduled to be complete in November 2026. Preparatory activities can begin at NTP with maintenance of traffic. The road shall be open for traffic no later than April 1, 2027. Stone may be used as a temporary wearing surface, if asphalt is not available due to seasonal temperatures. After April 1st with maintenance of traffic, the asphalt wearing surface may be placed. The stone wearing surface shall be removed & asphalt can be placed per specifications. The project shall be substantial complete no later than June 30, 2027.

The above language may be replaced via a forthcoming addenda with below:

“The road shall be closed for construction no earlier than (NET) completion of the campground improvement project, which is scheduled to be complete in November 2026. Preparatory activities can begin at NTP with maintenance of traffic (at least one lane on the main road open with flaggers). The road shall be open for traffic no later than (NLT) April 1, 2027. Stone may be used as a temporary wearing surface, if asphalt is not available due to seasonal temperatures. After April 1st with maintenance of traffic, the asphalt wearing surface may be placed. The stone wearing surface shall be removed & asphalt can be placed per specifications. If the campground project causes a delay in this project, the NLT date for traffic open shall be extended an equal number of days as the delay. The project shall be substantially complete no later than June 30, 2027.”

- Q&A and Discussion
- **Key Dates**
 - **Last day to submit bid questions: COB Friday, February 20, 2026**

- **Addendum expected to be published no later than Feb 24, 2026.**
- **Submit bids until 1:31 PM (Indianapolis time) on March 5, 2026**
- **Road closure NLT November 2026 at completion of campground project.**
- **Road shall be re-opened NLT April 1, 2027.**
- **Substantial completion NLT June 30, 2027. Punchlist items may be completed with maintenance of traffic.**

- Discussion
 - The Drug-Free Workplace form has caused some confusion in the recent past, please pay attention to the need of it.
 - CV Ferdinand 1B shall NOT be replaced with corrugated metal pipe. Other pipe materials that are hydraulically equivalent shall be used. Dual wall ST N12 or approved equal is generally preferred.
 - CV Ferdinand 1B is located at approximately Lat 38.259604 and Long -86.791843.
 - Geotextiles shall be used underneath all rip rap placed. The plans will be updated in a forthcoming addendum.
 - Concrete is not to be used as a pavement base.
 - Make sure to include the remediation allowance (\$50,000.00) as part of the bid amount. If the Bid Allowance is not fully used for the utility work, additional scope of work may be added to the contract. This is expected to include tuck pointing headwalls of historical culvert down the road, additional slope stabilization / grading, &/or pavement preservation activities (i.e. crack seal). Final use of remaining remediation allowance will be determined at the substantial completion as a punch list item.
 - Ensure supplemental unit price sheet is submitted with the bid. Clarification will be provided in the addendum on unit of measure for unit price (i.e. LFT vs. per culvert site). That will be used for execution of remediation allowance, which is faster for approval (~48 hours) than a change order (typically weeks).
 - There was a lot of discussion about the project's contract times and coordination with the campground project. An updated specification will be added in a forthcoming addendum to clarify the impacts if the campground project is delayed, a contingency plan if the asphalt plants are not restarted in time in 2027 and what will be allowed to maintain traffic during final paving. The property manager was generally accepting to closing the road for paving not to exceed 5

days, but it would be on the contractor to re-place bypass signage for the back entrance.

- The existing watermain is DNR (privately) owned and without a tracer wire. The underground telephone line is copper and should be mapped via 811 locates. The property manager reported the watermain feeds only DNR facilities on the property.
- DNR's property manager will complete tree felling prior to March 31st to avoid impacting construction schedule & bat habitat. A forthcoming addenda will clarify any changes to the scope of work.
- Waste material shall assumed to need to be taken off-site.
- There is no borrow material available on-site.
- The use of Structure Backfill, Type 2 shall be specified between the top of the new structures and bottom of the pavement base. Where within 12" of the bottom of the pavement base, the backfill shall consist of #53 aggregates only.
- The designer will check on the following potential discrepancies in the bid documents and issue a forthcoming addendum if appropriate:
 - Location of the underground telephone line
 - Does both mulched seeding and erosion control blanket need to be included in the scope of work?
- The erosion control blanket used needs to be environmentally friendly (i.e. net free). If applicable, a specification will be added in a forthcoming addendum.
 - USACE 404 and IDEM 401 permits are needed for this project due to impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and streams. The permits are expected to be approved in April 2026. The anticipate permit conditions will be added to the bid documents in a forthcoming addendum. In addition to the tree clearing restrictions for Indiana bat (prohibited April 1 to September 30), there is likely one prohibiting in-channel work from April 1 to June 30 due to fish spawning unless a waiver is secured.



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| Date: | February 17, 2026 |
| Time | 11:00 AM EST |
| Location: | Ferdinand State Forest |
| Meeting: | Pre-Bid Meeting |
| Project: | Ferdinand State Forest Culvert Replacement ENG2609631099 |

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