

02/14/2020

Question: The pay item for the TY-B Mix says PG76-22, and the TY-D says PG76-28. The General Notes say that both mixes will use PG70-28. What is the correct oil to use for the 2 types of mix?

Answer: PG70-28 is what will ultimately be allowed in the surface mix (TY D). Historically we have used the bid code for PG76-28 mix and limited to one grade bump in the general notes to actually get a PG70-28. The new note is intended to be coupled with a bid code of PG70-28 with no grade bump allowed, but it didn't get shown that way.

For the TY B mix, the PG76-22 was also coded with the understanding that it will be permissible to grade bump to PG70-22, PG70-28, or PG64-28.

02/18/2020

Question: On sheets 13, and 14 you show the use of Vertical Panels, will they be required or will the 02/27/2020 use of 2 Piece 42" Tall Cones be allowed? If they are required will they need to be Self-Righting?

Answer: Vertical Panels will be required instead of 42" tall cones due to the nature of the edge condition during base widening on those phases of work. According to Sheet 41, the edge condition will put us in Zone 4, which will prescribe signs plus drums, however, in the event that restricted space precludes the use of drums, vertical panels will be used. We knew there would likely be restricted space, so that is why they were shown as vertical panels. The vertical panels will not be required to be self-righting, but self-righting vertical panels will be allowed to minimize maintenance if the contractor so chooses to provide them.

02/21/2020

Question: Can we get a copy of the XSR cross section file?

Answer: We will provide electronic copies of the cross section files. I'm not sure whether we can load these into the pre-bid FTP site or not, but I will find out. If not, we will email the .xsr to you.

Question: Can we get the contract time determination schedule?

Answer: We can post the time determination to the pre-bid FTP site for you to see.

Question: Will there be an addendum clarifying the oil that will be allowed in the ACP Mixes

- a. Type D PG76-28, general note states that a grade bump will not be allowed, but a PG70-28 is allowed
- b. Type B PG76-22, general note states, provide TY B with PG70-28 or PG 64-28, I would assume we would Bump to PG 70-22 or 64-22

Answer: There will not be an addendum at this time for clarification, but we are aware of the discrepancy between the way the items are coded and the general notes. The following is what

we are actually after (and this has been published on the FTP site for potential bidders to view): PG70-28 is what will ultimately be allowed in the surface mix (TY D). Historically we have used the bid code for PG76-28 mix and limited to one grade bump in the general notes to actually get a PG70-28. The new note is intended to be coupled with a bid code of PG70-28 with no grade bump allowed, but it didn't get shown that way. For the TY B mix, the PG76-22 was also coded with the understanding that it will be permissible to grade bump to PG70-22, PG70-28, or PG64-28.

Question: I have a question regarding item 677-6001 eliminate 4" pavement marks. Would we be able to use black paint as opposed to grinding?

Answer: Although this method of covering stripes has been allowed in the past and I recognize that it is very convenient for all involved, we will no longer be able to continue to allow black paint to be used for stripe removal. The reason for this decision is that the TMUTCD specifically notes that painting over existing pavement markings with black paint shall not be accepted as a substitute for removal or obliteration. We will allow any of the following methods:

- Mechanical Removal
- Surface Treatment Method
- Burn Method
- Blast Method

2/24/2020

Question: The plan quantities for backfill, cement treatment, planing, & hotmix appear to include the bridge (sta 99475 – sta 100140). Are we to assume that these items will under-run plan quantity?

Answer: The roadway work, including rehab, planing, and overlay, will take place all of the way up to the concrete on either side of the bridge that you've mentioned. The thrie-beams, MBGF & SGT's will be removed and replaced at the appropriate height on the approaches. No work will be required on the bridge itself and it will not be overlaid with mix.

Question: Plan quantity for Item 310 prime coat will cover the auxiliary lanes, but doesn't have enough mc-30 for the rehab section. Will the rehab section be primed prior to laying type b hotmix?

Answer: The rehab section will be primed after the cement treatment occurs and the contractor will be compensated for such work with the applicable bid item.

Question: Also, plan quantity for tack coat is enough for the overlay hotmix. Will the item over-run to tack the type b hotmix in the rehab section?

Answer: The rehab sections will require tack coat at a rate to be determined based on the conditions at the time of paving. The contractor will be compensated for this work using the applicable bid item.

02/27/2020

Question: Can we use the rap generated on this project in the Mix at 10%? The general notes say to stockpile the rap.

Answer: Yes, the contractor will be entitled to use RAP generated from the project for incorporation into the 10% max RAP mix. The remainder of the RAP that is leftover after the contractor's share for the mix will need to be stockpiled to be retained by TXDOT.