

85000200 MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION (LCDOT)

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Description: This work shall consist of maintaining an existing traffic signal installation that has been designated to remain in operation during construction.

General: This work will be performed according to Section 850 of the “Standard Specifications” and the following:

Full maintenance responsibility shall start as soon as the Contractor begins any physical work on the contract or any portion thereof.

The Contractor shall have electricians on staff with IMSA Level II certification to provide signal maintenance.

This item shall include maintenance of all traffic signal equipment at the intersection, including cameras, emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment, traffic counters, detection equipment, traffic signal control equipment, terminal servers, media converters, transit signal priority equipment, flashing beacons, uninterruptable power supply (UPS) and batteries, handholes, lighted signs, radios, modems, master controllers, telephone service installations, communication equipment, communication cables, conduits to adjacent intersections, and other traffic signal equipment.

Video encoders, layer II and layer III switches will be maintained by the County’s PASSAGE Consultant. The Contractor shall provide cabinet access to the PASSAGE Consultant as necessary to maintain communications on the PASSAGE network. Power supplies for encoders and switches shall be furnished by LCDOT. Any electrical work necessary to troubleshoot or replace power supplies shall be performed by the Contractor.

The Contractor will not be required to pay the energy charges for the operation of the existing traffic signal installation.

Maintenance will not include Automatic Traffic Enforcement equipment, e.g. red light enforcement cameras, detectors, or peripheral equipment. This equipment is operated and maintained by the local municipality and should be de-activated while the traffic signal is on Contractor maintenance.

The Contractor shall check all controllers every month, which will include opening the cabinet door and visually inspecting all timing intervals, relays, detectors, and pre-emption equipment to ensure that they are functioning properly. This item includes all portions of the emergency vehicle pre-emption system. The Contractor shall not clear equipment log buffers. The Contractor shall at all times maintain in stock a sufficient amount of materials and equipment to provide effective temporary and permanent repairs.

The Contractor shall provide immediate corrective action when any part of the system fails to function properly. Two far side heads facing each approach shall be considered the minimum acceptable signal operation pending permanent repairs. When repairs at a signalized intersection require that the controller be disconnected, and power is available, the Contractor shall place the traffic signal installation on flashing operation. The signals shall flash **RED** for all directions unless a different indication has been specified by the Traffic Engineer. When the signal is flashing **RED** or when the power is out, the Contractor shall be required to place at least 1 STOP sign (R1-1-36) meeting MUTCD requirements at each approach of the intersection as a temporary means of regulating traffic according to the Repair Timetable in the project special provisions. At approaches where a yellow flashing indication is directed by the Traffic Engineer, STOP signs will not be required. The Contractor shall maintain a sufficient number of STOP signs for all the signals under the Contractor's maintenance and have enough spare STOP signs in stock at all times to replace those which may be damaged or stolen.

The Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a 24-hour telephone number for traffic signal maintenance. The Contractor, or his representative, shall be available on a 24-hour basis to respond to emergency calls by the Engineer, Traffic Engineer or other parties.

Traffic signal equipment which is lost or not returned to the County for any reason shall be replaced with new equipment meeting the requirements of the project special provisions and "Standard Specifications", or in the absence of applicable specifications, meeting the requirements of the Traffic Engineer.

The Contractor shall respond to all emergency calls from the County or others according to the Repair Timetable and provide immediate corrective action. When equipment has been damaged or becomes faulty beyond repair, the Contractor shall replace it with new and identical equipment. The cost of furnishing and installing the replaced equipment shall be borne by the Contractor at no additional charge to the County. The Contractor may initiate action to recover damages from a responsible third party. If at any time the Contractor fails to perform all work as specified herein to keep the traffic signal installation in proper operating condition or if the Engineer or Traffic Engineer cannot contact the Contractor's designated personnel, the Traffic Engineer shall have the County's Traffic Signal Maintenance Contractor perform the required maintenance work. The County's Traffic Signal Maintenance Contractor shall bill the Contractor for the total cost of the work. The Contractor shall pay this bill within 30 days of the date of receipt of the invoice or the cost of such work will be deducted from the amount due the Contractor. The Contractor shall allow the County's Traffic Signal Maintenance Contractor to open the cabinet and review the operation of the existing traffic signal installation that has been transferred to the Contractor for maintenance.

The Traffic Engineer may require the Contractor to transfer maintenance of a signal back to the County's Traffic Signal Maintenance Contractor (or other electrical contractor) for a short time. This may become necessary due to other signal projects in the area, or if the County needs to perform work at the signal. Any costs incurred by the Contractor for maintenance transfer inspections of this type shall be included in cost of pay item MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION.

Any proposed activity in the vicinity of a highway-rail grade crossing shall adhere to the guidelines set forth in the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) regarding work in temporary traffic control zones in the vicinity of highway-rail grade crossings which states that lane restrictions, flagging, or other operations shall not create conditions where vehicles can be queued across the railroad tracks. If the queuing of vehicles across the tracks cannot be avoided, a uniformed law enforcement officer or flagger shall be provided at the crossing to prevent vehicles from stopping on the tracks, even if automatic warning devices are in place.

Temporary replacement of damaged or knockdown of a mast arm pole assembly shall require construction of a full or partial span wire signal installation or other method approved by the Traffic Engineer.

Basis of Payment: This work shall be paid for at the Contract unit price each for MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION. Each intersection will be paid for separately.