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Saginaw County Road Commission

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Press Release

Freeland Road over the Tittabawassee River Bridge Rehabilitation

After review of the bids received in June for the rehabilitation of the Freeland Rd Bridge over the Tittabawassee River, the Saginaw County Road Commission (SCRC) jointly with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has decided to reject all of the bids submitted and re-bid the project at a later date. Rejection of the bids is the result of an unbalanced bid by the low bidder due to the misinterpreted intent of two specific pay items listed within the design plans. Although both the SCRC and the MDOT are confident that the project would have been properly constructed, the potential for misinterpretation by any and all of the bidders could have increased the cost of the project by as much as 50%. Prior to scheduling a future letting, additional information will be added to the plans to eliminate any potential misinterpretation.

Project Description:

The Freeland Road Bridge over the Tittabawassee River, built in 1976, is 482 feet long, and serves as one of four crossings of the Tittabawassee River that are under the jurisdiction of the Saginaw County Road Commission. Over time the bridge has deteriorated to a point where the decking and piers are in need of repair. One span of the bridge will have a full deck overlay, while the remaining surface will be patched in isolated areas. The piers will have failing concrete removed and replaced to protect the supporting steel inside.

Project Funding:

The project is being funded by the State of Michigan Local Bridge Program and the Saginaw County Road Commission. The estimated cost for construction is approximately \$620,000.

Traffic Considerations:

The roadway and bridge will remain open to eastbound traffic only during the construction operations while westbound traffic will be detoured to Tittabawassee Road.

Construction Schedule:

The project will be rebid this fall with construction to proceed after schools have shut down next summer and reopened to traffic prior to the Labor Day holiday 2011. A more detailed construction schedule will be available next spring.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (989) 752-6140.

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