

MEDIA RELEASE
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Date: 05 / 13 / 2024

Notice period (weeks/days): 2 Weeks

Council District: District 4 - Charles Groeteke

Project Identification:

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| Name: | <u>Seckman Rd Safety Imp. - Mastodon State Park</u> |
| Limits: | <u>Mastodon Park Entrance to West Outer Road</u> |
| Project Number: | <u>STP-5461(612)</u> |
| Creek Crossing: | <u>N/A</u> |
| ADT: | <u>10,900</u> |
| Project Length (Road): | <u>4,950' or 0.94 Miles</u> |
| Location (S/T/R or vicinity): | <u>Sec. 18, T42N, R5E & US Survey 2021</u> |

Funding Source:

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| Federal Funding | or | Local |
| (80% Federal/20% Local) | | (100%) |
| <u>70% Federal, 30% Local</u> | | |

Engineer:

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| Name (consultant/county): | <u>TWM Engineering</u> |
| Engineer's Estimate: | <u>\$ 2,550,978.01</u> |

Estimated Dates:

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| Start Date: | <u>May 28th, 2024</u> |
| Road Closure (full/partial): | <u>Full Closure of Seckman from WOR to Park Entrance</u> |
| Finish Date: | <u>August 19th, 2024</u> |

Contractor Data:

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| Name/City: | <u>PCX Construction</u> |
| Low Bidder (yes/no): | <u>Yes</u> |
| Number of Bidders: | <u>2 Bidders</u> |
| Bid Amount: | <u>\$ 4,207,374.75</u> |
| #Working Days: | <u>160 WD or Dec. 31, 2024 - whichever comes first</u> |

Structure Data:

Existing Structure:

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| Type/Length/Width: | <u>N/A</u> |
| Age of Structure: | <u>N/A</u> |
| Sufficiency Rating: | <u>N/A</u> |
| Load Posting: | <u>N/A</u> |

New Structure:

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| Type/Length/Width: | <u>N/A</u> |
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Miscellaneous Information (Message Boards, shoulder width, detour roads, other improvements, etc.):
The Jefferson County Public works will be closing Seckman Road starting Tuesday - May 28th. This closure will allow the contractor (PCX Construction) to complete the majority of the project while not under traffic. Seckman Road will re-open to 2-way traffic by August 19th, 2024.
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What part of Seckman Road is Closing?

- Seckman Road will be closed to traffic from the Mastodon State Park Entrance to West Outer Road.
- The Mastodon State Park – Picnic Area will remain open and accessible during construction. The park can be accessed from the Old Lemay Ferry Side of Seckman Rd.

When is Seckman Road is Closing?

- Seckman Road will be closed starting Tuesday May 28th, 2024 and reopened to traffic by August 19th, 2024.

Why is Seckman Road Closing?

#1 – Traffic Safety

- Currently Seckman Road has one-lane traffic through the work zone with temporary traffic signals. Many motorists are running the red stop lights and meeting oncoming traffic in the one-lane construction work zone. Additional signage and message boards have been added through the site and motorists are still not obeying the traffic lights.

#2 – Flooding Concerns

- The spring rains have caused Seckman Road to flood multiple times within the past few weeks. With the above normal rainfall events and added temporary shoring within the fill area – Seckman Road has gone under water for an extended period of time making it impassable for traffic.

#3 – Fill Area Concerns

- With the heavy rainfall events that had occurred on May 4th and May 8th, Seckman Road has been underwater. The adjacent fill area placed by the contractor has also been underwater for an extended period of time. Jefferson County Public Works is concerned that the fill placed by the contractor may not be stable if constructed as per planned. The Jefferson County Public Works Department is working with Professional Geotechnical Engineers to test the fill that was under water, to determine if the fill is still acceptable for the roadway. These tests will be performed once the dirt/fill has dried out for loading/density testing.

#4 – Schedule

- The Seckman Project has a 160 Working Day Schedule for the project. As of Monday – May 13th – the Contractor has used 64/160 Working Days – with 96 Working Days left. (Weekends, Rain/Weather Days & Holidays do not count as a working day)
- With a full road closure – the contractor will have full access to the jobsite and should finish the project ahead of schedule.
- The Contractor has submitted an accelerated schedule that would have Seckman Rd. back open to 2-way traffic by August 19th.

Why choose May 28th – August 19th?

- These dates were focused on the Fox C-6 School Calendar. May 24th, 2024 is Fox C-6's last day of school. With Memorial Day falling on Monday the 27th – Jefferson County elected to start the closure on Tuesday May 28th.
- Fox C6 school district has the first day of school on August 20th. The Contractor has agreed to open Seckman Road to 2-way traffic by August 19th before school starts.