

# Ionia County Road Department RFP 25-17 Countywide Paving

## Questions and Responses

Question Traffic Control: This is a huge cost factor that is being left very ambiguous. We don't know whether to price 3 miles of crush & shape with a detour, a 1-mile flagging sequence, or local township streets under ICRD control. I would appreciate the Road Department considering using pay items for individual traffic control items, (i.e. Temp Signs, SFT; 42" channelizing devices, EA; Type III barricades, EA; etc..) or providing the 2025 locations slated for construction to accurately price this project and keep all bidders in a level bidding process.

Response Traffic Control: The only County Road Department project which has been approved at this time is a crush, shape & pave on Van Vleck Road between Powell Hwy and Judevine Road, approximately 1.5 miles. The villages and townships have expressed interest in doing 2025 projects, but their decisions are dependent on bid prices for this RFP. We do not have any additional details.

Regarding bidding traffic control, bidders should respond to the RFP as written but we welcome additional bid detail showing the per item charge as suggested in the above question.

Question: I understand that getting the best pricing and optimal product is in the best interest of the department. I feel that the requirements on the HMA mix are not very cost effective for the type of work that is typically performed. We've seen great performance and longevity following MDOT's mix requirements which would potentially be a huge cost savings by switching to a Tier 2 (rap is max 30%) with 3.5% Air Voids. In my opinion the mix is as good as what you are covering and that historically the majority of the work performed have been overlays on existing roads, the underlying conditions are not changing, and reflective cracking will occur with either mix. The savings could be quite substantial which would allow you to cover more lane miles of roads. May I suggest you possibly add an alternate to the bid that you may or may not use but at least you can see the savings.

Response: Thank you for your suggestions. However, please respond to the RFP as written regarding HMA mixes.