



To: Titus County Commissioners Court  
From: Mark W. Heidaker  
Date: July 28, 2014  
RE: Titus County Pass-Through Program Status Report

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## MEMORANDUM

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### **Status**

To keep the Titus County Commissioners Court fully updated as to the progress of the Titus County Pass-Through Program, PTP Transportation (PTP) offers the following status report.

### **Contract Administration**

#### ***US 271***

All certified payrolls have been received through the end of June 2014. The DBE Reports for April 2014 have been received and Williams Brothers (WB) has paid approximately 129% of the DBE goal to date. PTP has processed the pay estimate for WB and they have been paid through June 25, 2014. PTP has sent copies of the pay estimates through June 25, 2014 to TxDOT.

#### ***FM 4000***

The following contractors are active on the project: James Construction Group, Southwest Environmental Services, Jakkeb Construction, TexOp Construction, Highway 19 Construction, MCL Contracting, Total Highway Maintenance, Striping Technologies, and FBL & Associates. The certified payrolls have been received up through the end of June 2014. PTP has received the DBE reports for May 2014 and James Construction has paid out 57% of their DBE commitment. James Construction has been paid through June 25, 2014 and PTP has forwarded copies of all pay estimates to TxDOT.

## **Engineering**

### ***US 271***

Time Extension 02 is in the contractor's hands for signature after receiving approval from TxDOT Atlanta. This extension is to add 69 days to the contract which will take the finish date to the end of September with the anticipation of still opening the facility to live traffic around Labor Day. Once the road is open there will still be some minor punch list items to be completed thus the reason in adding additional days to the contract. Once we receive the executed time extension from WB, PTP will bring this to Commissioners Court for approval as well.

### ***FM 4000***

There are two pending change orders for James Construction Group. One is for installing guardrail on the FM 2348 detour due to power poles being too close to the detour route which was a change in field condition once utilities were relocated and the approximate cost of that change order is \$5,000.00 which once approved by the contractor will be brought to Commissioners Court for approval as well. The next change order is for the change in material for the grass that is being placed on the project which will add the fiber matrix material in order to allow for seeding the smaller areas and this will be a zero cost to the County. Both of these change orders have been submitted to TxDOT Atlanta Area office and have approval but we are waiting on the contractor to sign them before bringing them to court.

## **Environmental**

### ***US 271***

Terry Plucker, PTP Director of Environmental Services, has been working with the Caddo Tribe on the artifacts. At this time, the 30 day period for the Notice of Intent to Repatriate that was published in the Federal Register has been concluded, at this time we are waiting for any claims that may have been postmarked prior to that date to be received, but do not anticipate any at this time. Assuming we do not receive any postmarked claims by the end of the month, Titus County/PTP is free to discuss repatriation with the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma. Prior to their political turmoil last summer they had indicated a transfer to Stephen F. Austin University as an interim repatriation, but we will need to confirm that is still their wishes.

## ***FM 4000***

James Construction Group (JCG) has hired their own SW3P crew and this has improved maintenance of the sediment and erosion control practices. At this time most of the project has been seeded with anticipation of the growing season and with the rainfall we have been seeing we should be getting coverage soon. Mr. Plucker had spent 2 weeks this month up on the project working with JCG and their staff and subs in order to get the SW3P back in line with the permits being held. JCG has taken great steps to get everything back in line with the permits and the staff of Titus County/PTP appreciates their efforts.

## **Construction**

### ***US 271***

\$72,475,893.63 paid to date

663 Days Original Contract Time

104 Days Added Contract Time

767 Days Current Contract Time

779 Days Charged (through 7/25/2014) (101.56%)

-12 Days Remaining

- Force Account
  - Contractor continues to work on the force account. They currently have all the Bridge beams back in place. They are forming, tying steel and pouring the bridge decks. Spans #6, #7, & #8 have been poured. Scheduled to pour again on 7/29/2014. NOTE! Minus a few precast panels the CR 2040 Bridge construction is back to where it was before the height problem was discovered.
  - They have placed all embankment on the north header and treated it with lime. They are scheduled to start placing the cement treated base next week.
  - The entire bridge is scheduled to be complete beyond the force account work by the end of the month.
  - As of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the cost of the force account is \$1,835,012.55

## **CONTRACT ITEMS:**

- Installing the remaining metal beam guard fence throughout the project.
- SWE is removing SCF & RFD and seeding these areas.
- The rail crew has completed all traffic rails except for the CR 2040 Bridge.
- Paint crew will be here Tuesday of next week to begin painting the bridges.
- Installing remaining signs.

NOTE! Per Williams Brothers they are pushing to have traffic on the Loop by Labor Day Weekend if all goes well.

**FM 4000**

\$13,460,717.94 paid to date

383 Days Contract time

322 Days Charged (through 7/25/2014) (84.07%)

61 Days Remaining

**Dirt Crew:**

- Hauling embankment around Sta. 110+00 to Sta. 115+000 FM 1000. This is the hole at the apartments and it is now very close to grade. Should be placing lime next week. Embankment is at 95%.
- Continue to place Lime and Fly Ash.
- Continue to place Flex Base throughout project.
- Continue to work on FM 1735 & FM 2348. Still in Phase IB with two phases to go.

**Bridge Crew**

- Bridge crew has completed the concrete decks on Hart Creek and is now forming and pouring the traffic rail.
- They are currently forming, tying steel and pouring concrete decks on UPRR. Span 1 has been poured.

**Concrete Paving Crew**

- Concrete paving crew has completed the pavement for Phase I and Phase II on US 271. Traffic is schedule to be switch next Wednesday so contractor can move on with the last phase.

**Retaining Wall Crew**

- Retaining wall crew has basically completed walls #1 & #2 on the west side other than the coping. They continue to work on walls #3 & #4 day and night and are approximately at 70% on these.

The contractor will shut down there night operation stating next week and move everyone to days. They have said their goal is to continue completing the seal coat from FM 1735 to US 271 Business and the entire project IF possible by the deadline. The deadline per the TxDOT Atlanta District and the contract is that no sealcoat is allowed to be placed between the months of September 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> depending on the weather temperatures and not without written notice from TxDOT. James Construction Group is confident they can complete the section from FM 1735 to Business 271 by the end of August. (This is in reference to laying the sealcoat not opening for traffic) The staff of PTP feels this will be close but is possible depending on the weather and the production. James feels they have a chance to complete it all but our recommendation would be to see how the next week or so goes and then we will get back with the County on an update.