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Ref: Request for Time Extension.

Doug,

We are requesting a 140 Day extension to the Phase 1 Side Walk contract:

The reason for the requested extension is the unexpectedly longer review time needed for 100% plan approval, particularly with the added requirements by FDOT for variances. It is not due to construction times, as we are already completing improvements in a timely fashion once 100% approval is given. City staff review was quite detailed, in part to anticipate FDOT's subsequent review. FDOT's review started with as many as 3 reviewers and all phases so far have mandated variances, involving time and effort not anticipated in the time and cost proposals. FDOT also has mandated compliance with, or variances from, not only ADA, but ARRA requirements which involve standards for clearance from vehicular traffic such as utility poles, etc.

It was a strategic decision to proceed substantially through the first reviews to gauge the extent and type of comments from the City and FDOT which did help expedite subsequent reviews. Since Phase 2 and Phase 3 had the shortest associated time of completion, these were the first Phases to be submitted. In fact, the engineer's work did begin promptly in February after our NTP. Surveying was completed on all phases in less than a month and the first submittal to the City was made in the 3rd week of March.

We obviously underestimated the time it would take to complete the plans to 100 percent approval and we could experience similar time frames on some of the projects still in the design stage. Not only are we (Charley Toppino and Sons) new to Design Build but our Engineer (Hole Montes) had no idea that they would be dealing with the FDOT on Variances.

I would like to address all of the time extension issues at the same time; however this is a work in progress. We will keep you informed of any scheduling issues as they develop.

Thank you for your consideration



Paul E. Toppino