



I-580 Freeway Extension Project

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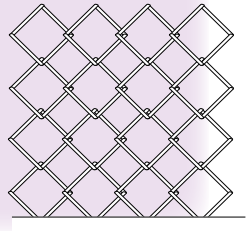
NDOT Seeking New Contractor

The first phase of construction on the I-580 Freeway Extension Project, also known as Package A, was awarded in 2003. Under this contract four main bridges would be constructed to provide a haul route to move earth and materials during the second phase of construction, known as Package B. In May 2006, the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Package A contractor, Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. (EKS) mutually agreed to terminate their contract due to a disagreement on the constructability of the pilot truss for the Galena Creek Bridge. The contract termination was approved by the State Transportation Board on June 6, 2006.

Prequalified contractors for major bridge construction: C.C. Myers, Granite Construction Company with FCI, Kiewit Western Company and Traylor Brothers, Inc.



To ensure the safety of the project site while a new contractor is selected, an emergency contract for stormwater pollution prevention, temporary erosion control measures, and project site safety was awarded on July 3, 2006 to Sierra Nevada Construction. Security fencing is being placed around the permanent structures until the new contractor is on board.

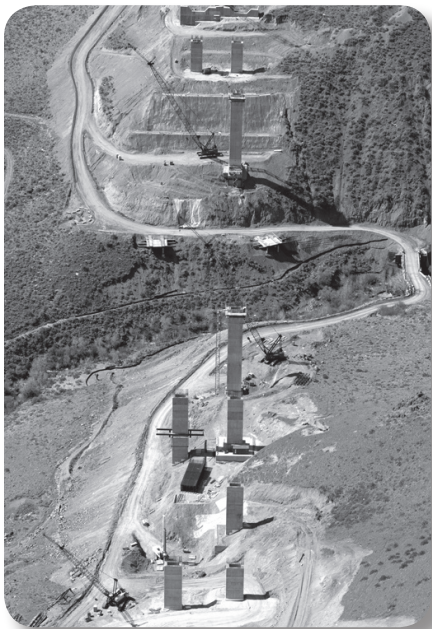


In an effort to get the project back on track and completed, it was decided that all the remaining work on Package A and all the construction originally planned for Package B (i.e., earthwork, the additional three bridges to be built, new interchanges, and the completion of the Galena Creek Bridge) will be combined into one construction package, Contract 3292.

An extensive contractor outreach program has been put into place to find a qualified contractor to finish the project. A contractor outreach meeting was held on June 28, 2006. To see who attended and to learn more about that meeting, go to www.freewayextension.com, Contractor Information. The project was advertised for contractor bidding on July 6, 2006. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held for interested contractors on August 11, 2006. The meeting was well attended, including three prime contractors interested in submitting bids. The bids are due to NDOT on October 12, 2006. NDOT plans to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder in November 2006, with an estimated Notice to Proceed in December 2006.

Construction Complete To Date

Even though the Galena Creek Bridge is not yet complete, many key structures have been constructed by EKS and NDOT.



Galena Creek Bridge Foundations and Columns.

- ▶ **Galena Creek Bridge foundations and columns** – The Galena Creek Bridge has all southbound foundations and columns (piers 1 through 6) completed. Northbound columns completed include piers 1, 4, and 6. Foundation and columns at piers 2, 3, and 5 will be completed under the new Contract 3292.
- ▶ **Browns Creek Bridge** – The second largest bridge on the project is a cast-in-place, post-tensioned, concrete box girder bridge with drilled shaft foundations spanning Browns Creek. This bridge is nearly complete, as are the mechanically stabilized earth walls (MSE) at both bridge abutments. Work to be completed under Contract 3292 includes the bridge railings and approach slabs.
- ▶ **Parker Ranch Road Grade Separation** – This single-span bridge, providing local access under the freeway, is nearly complete, as are the MSE walls at both abutments. Railings and approach slabs will complete the construction.



Browns Creek Bridge.

- ▶ **St. James Parkway Grade Separation** – This grade separation and the MSE walls at both abutments are nearly complete. This single span bridge will also provide access for local traffic under the freeway. Railings and approach slabs will complete the construction.

- ▶ **Water Quality Basin** – The first of seven water quality basins to be constructed on the project is complete. This basin is located at the corner of Parker Ranch Road and US 395. These basins are used to treat all stormwater that runs off the freeway surface before being channeled into natural water ways.

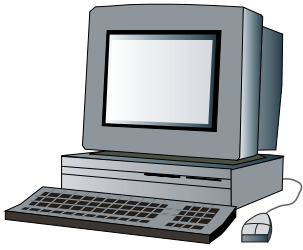
- ▶ **Kelly Canyon Road & Parker Ranch Road** – These roads provide access to properties west of the freeway corridor. Under Contract 3292, the frontage road, Kelly Canyon Road, will continue south to Davis Creek Park Entrance Road.



Parker Ranch Road Grade Separation and Kelly Canyon Road.



For more information about the project



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