



Walters Construction Co., Inc.

SITE WORK & ASPHALT PAVING

May 1, 2026

Ms. Kyla James, Graduate Engineer.
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Re: Federal Aid Project STP-8080-00(006) LPA / 109603-701000, Central Avenue Improvements Phase II, City of Laurel, Jones County, Supplemental Agreement

Dear Kyla:

In recalling our conversation earlier this week regarding a time extension for removal and replacing the existing brick storm drainage manhole located at Station 71+36 on Central Avenue (east side), I met with both Kris and Randall concerning the 2 weeks extension you proposed. We agree with you that the proposed extension of 2 weeks for this additional work is fair. **10 Workings days**

It also occurred to us that this would be an excellent opportunity to request additional time for time for the extra work (and associated time spent performing this work) in completion of the 10" and 6" ductile iron water mains we have completed to date. As you are aware, numerous changes were made to complete the lines to date, and we were fairly compensated by payment for the additional valves, fittings, pipe, etc, used in completion of these necessary changes to the work. What we do not have is compensation for the additional time it took to complete these changes and additions.

To begin, at the start of laying the new 10" DI water main, when we started excavation, a buried conduit run parallel to the excavation began collapsing. To refresh, this buried conduit, although never located in the past, was known to us from when our sewer service replacement work was ongoing, as we had tunneled under it before without problems. Together, we decided to contact the various operators of buried utilities, and eventually, after the entire day of investigation, it was determined that this conduit run was indeed an abandoned electrical transmittal line. This allowed us to remove the conduit run and proceed with the installation. We request 1 working day be added for the investigation and removal of the conduit. **agree**

After the new main was completed, tested, and put into service, we transferred the water services to the new 10" main. At this point, it became necessary to shut down and abandon the old 10" main to install the new fire and potable services described below could be reconnected. Veolia, Neel Schaffer, and our forces used several days to completely kill the old line. Our recollection on this abandonment is that it took about a week or 5 working days to completely kill the old main so that work could continue. **0 days.**

Once it was possible to abandon the old main, 3 ductile iron fire main connections were completed. They are located at station 71+40, one for the Heirloom Building, and the last was for the Community Bank building which was discovered and installed as a hot tap after the new main was completed and only discovered while performing an adjacent excavation. A ductile iron main branch connection planned at station 71+40 with connection provisions installed while laying the new 10" main was later capped & abandoned when it was determined the old main was no longer in service. And finally, a potable ductile iron service connection for the Heirloom Building was completed. It should be noted that none of these connections were indicated on the plans for the project, and with the exception of the 2 connections at the Heirloom Building, were discovered only while excavation for other work was occurring. In all, installing the in line fittings, branch valves, and one hot tap, laying pipe and making the connection to the buildings, involved no less than 3 days per connection for a total of 12 working days.

2 days for Heirloom, 2 days for community bank, and 2 day for Fresh. 6 Total

The 10 x 6 Cross planned for the intersection of Magnolia Street and Central Avenue was found to be impracticable for use on the project because of locations of various interfering underground facilities, necessitating the use of 10" x 6" tees and offset connection points for the 2 each 6" main connections. Additional pipe fittings were also required to route the 6" over, under, and around existing facilities that had to remain. It took us an entire week or 5 working days to re-route the water mains to meet existing conditions in and around this location. **2 working days**

Replacing the 6" fire line running east-west on the south side of Central Avenue crossing Magnolia Street required much exploration, and modification of the proposed layout to complete. We are requesting 1 additional working day be added to compensate for the extra exploration and pipe and fitting adjustments made at this location.

0 days.

Several existing potable water services on the south side of Central Ave East were tied into the existing 6" fire service lines rather than the exiting 10" potable water system. Removing and abandoning these services required no small amount of hand excavation to save the existing sidewalk that is to remain. It took us 1 day to complete this work, and we are therefore requesting 1 additional working day for this extra work. **agree**

We have also completed additional storm drainage work on the project and not indicated per the plans. The first is an additional removal and replacement of 18" RCP storm drainage from station 68+56.96 to station 69+43.30, an extra 86'. It took us 1 additional working day to lay this extra storm sewer, and we are requesting the same be added for this extra work. **agree**

From Junction Box #6 at station 69+43.3 to the existing storm drain manhole at station 69+83, we removed and replaced this entire run of 24" RCP and made the corresponding connections at the structures. This additional work took 2 working days to complete, and we are requesting the same be added for this extra work. **agree**

In all, your estimate of 10 working days for the replacement of the 71+3 junction box replacement plus the additional 28 working days we are requesting and have outlined above comes to a total of 38 additional working days. **10+11=23 days total**

If any further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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May 6, 2026

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Dear Kyla:

In recalling our conversation yesterday to our letter of May 1 regarding our request for time extension, we would like to amend the time extension with a hitherto forgotten item involved in the delays mentioned.

We had forgotten about the conflict box we had to build to complete installation of the DI water main. If you will recall, this box was added because of storm drain interference with the 6" water line. The conflict box had to be added, because the relocation of the 10" main, which the 6" ties to and feeds from, was moved too close to the main for the use of additional fittings to avoid the storm drain.

It took us 2 days to form and pour the box, and we were delayed in backfilling the area because of the 24 hour minimum curing period of the concrete a further day. We are requesting that 3 additional days be added to our request of May 1, 2026.

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Beckham Concrete Cutting, LLC is our saw cutting subcontractor for the linear pavement sawing, which is an absorbed item. Their payment is also an absorbed item to the project for linear sawing. Since no core drilling was anticipated, we request the additional \$1,100.69 to reimburse us for the core drilling.

We trust that you find our request for additional time and renumeration for the 24” RCP connection acceptable.

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23+3+13=39 days total

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