

## I-40 Interchange at Exit 408 – Sevier County

### RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS/COMMENTS CONCERNING THE NOTICE TO CONSULTANT ENGINEERS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST DATED AUGUST 15, 2024.

#### **Question 1:**

Q: Has Stage 0 been completed? If so, can we get a copy of the concept report and conceptual layout?

A: **At the present time, stage 0 has not been completed; however, an early concept has been completed (see attached, turn off terrain in Google Earth). TDOT will be coordinating and preparing the required Interchange Access Report (IAR) for FHWA review and approval during Stage 1 and 2 of the PDN.**

#### **Question 2:**

Q: Will the project include structures, or will that be kept in-house?

A: **Work involving structures will be kept in-house.**

#### **Question 3:**

Q: Will the project include drainage/hydraulics, or will that be kept in-house?

A: **Hydraulic analyses will be handled through the use of TDOT's on-call contracts. However, any culvert determined to have flow below 500 cfs is the responsibility of Roadway Design, which is included as part of the project scope of services. Additional roadway design activities involving drainage may include storm drains, pipe culverts, drop inlets, catch basins, headwall and wingwall extents (for box culvert or pipe culverts), and detention/retention basin locations.**

#### **Question 4:**

Q: Will the project include Environmental services?

A: **Work involving all environmental-related activities will be handled through the use of TDOT's on-call contracts.**

#### **Question 5:**

Q: Will the project include Right-Of-Way services?

A: **Right-of-Way services will be handled through the use of TDOT's on-call contracts.**

#### **Question 6:**

Q: Are there opportunities for Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) with the project?

**A: Based on the scope as well as TDOT's proposed timeframe for development of the project, a PEL study may not be the appropriate tool. However, through the collaborative project team-based approach outlined in the TDOT PDN, it is strongly encouraged that environmental-related information obtained during the planning process (e.g.: identification of known environmental resources and constraints, overall environmental challenges and features, preliminary purpose and need) be utilized on behalf of the team to better understand the overall context of the project, define expectations and roles and ultimately, promote efficient project delivery.**

**Question 7:**

Q: Will survey be included as part of the project?

**A: Surveying services will be handled either in-house and/or through use of TDOT's on-call contracts.**