

Wallula Bridge on Wallula Avenue MP 0.00 To MP 0.20 | CRP 22-03

BIDDER'S Q&A 01 | June 29, 2026

Questions and Answers as of 06/29/2026:

1. It is my assumption that the County is wanting this project to start construction this year. If this is the case, based on the bid documents, the in-water work window begins July 15th. The project bids on July 14th. There is not enough time to award/sign contracts, plan the project, procure materials, implement a dewatering plan and still be able to achieve all the work that needs to be completed during this in-water work window. Please advise on what the County's envisioning in respect to schedule.

The County intends to start construction of this project in 2026 as soon as possible after the bid opening, award, and contract execution is complete (see special provisions). We do anticipate that the project may take longer than the current 2026 in-water work window to complete. The county has notified WDFW of the need to extend the work window into the fall of 2026.

2. Assuming this work will be 2027 or do you want work over the winter? Not sure if demo requires us to be below OHWM?

Please see the answer to question 1. The County intends to suspend work if needed on the project once winter arrives, and resume work in Spring 2027 (please see Sections 1-08.6 and 1-08.7 of the Standard Specifications). Please see plan sheets 5 and 13 for bridge work below the OHWM and sheets 41-47 for the stream restoration plan.

3. With this job bidding late in the season hitting the 2026 In-Water-Work window (July 15 - Sept 30) would be difficult. Additionally, this would not leave much time for procuring materials as the 140 day road closure would have to start immediately. Is doing the work in 2027 and utilizing the 2027 IWW window an option?

The County would like to get as much of this project completed as possible during the 2026 construction season. We anticipate that most or all of the in-water work can be completed during the 2026 IWW window, especially if we are granted an extension to the window. We expect this project to require 140 working days, which does not include time for a possible winter suspension. (Please see Sections 1-08.6 and 1-08.7 of the Standard Specifications)

4. The Corps 404 Nationwide Permit 23 shows an expiration of 3/14/2027, but the in-water work window doesn't open back up until July 15. With the bid opening July 14, are you expecting all the below-ordinary-high-water work to get done in what's left of the 2026 window, or will the 404 be extended or re-verified if in-water work runs into 2027?

Please see the answers to questions 1 and 3. The USACE Section 404 Nationwide Permit 23 will be re-issued if in-water work runs into 2027.

5. During the closed in-water window, are working days charged while we're waiting for the next window to open, or does the time get suspended?

Please see the answer to question 2. Project winter suspension may occur later than the closure of the in-water work window, allowing for work outside of the channel to proceed later.