

State To Open Bids On I-240 On North Link

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NASHVILLE, April 16.—The state will open bids April 26 on a massive \$24-million project along a 3.4-mile stretch of Interstate 240 north of Wolf River in Memphis.

The contract calls for construction of an embankment involving about 11.6 million cubic yards of material from just north of Levee Road to the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. The contract also will include grading and drainage of crossing streets, drainage of the proposed roadways and adjustment of sewer lines.

Also scheduled in the contract letting is construction of a 2.3 million cubic yard embankment, widening of the subgrade of U.S. 51 and drainage of the proposed roadways which will connect U.S. 51 and I-240. The anticipated cost is nearly \$4.6 million.

The Tennessee Transportation Department announced March 26 that they would have to readvertise for bids for construction of a 5.74 mile section of I-240 from the Summer interchange to 1,880 feet east of Hollywood.

The original contractor for that section, R. B. Potashnick of Cape Girardeau, Mo., cancelled his \$14.939 million bid because of a shortage of landfill material along the route.

Other Shelby projects to be in the bid-opening are:

- Grading, drainage, base and paving, plus construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and related work on an interchange at Tennessee 57 and Sweetbriar in Memphis.
- Grading, drainage, base, surfacing and signs of Tennessee 14 from Yale to a point one mile north.
- Resurfacing of a 3.6-mile portion of Tennessee 15 beginning at Interstate 40.

The combined cost of the last three Shelby jobs is estimated at \$1.5 million.

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