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**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Bridge deck delamination survey - Consultant money for FY '07

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Thank Tom for the additional information. Outside of I35W there is likely a need for such contracts for future projects/locations. What was discussed with Roger Schultz and Jack Pirkl previously is to find a way to create a agency/district plan on how to get the info we need and use the technology available.

On one hand there is a need that you speak, it is clearly defined and supports work by a consultant. The question is program delivery dollars or maintenance? On the other hand the agency should developing a strategy to look at the who, what, and how we get this type of work done system-wide (delamination survey/assessment).

I would be more than happy to get around the table to discuss further how these types of things get handled. I know that this is a larger issues than your request and that your email only supports Jack and Rogers request for consideration. Keep in mind that maintenance paid past requests because I felt that it was related more to their parameters of work rather than Program Delivery. If this is not dealt with agency-wide, we will find requests against the consultant dollars (which may not be a fit)for activities that are not its primary focuses.

Who should coordinate this type of discussion - co bridge metro maintenance/bridge/co? What is the timing for I35W?

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>>> Thomas OKeefe Monday, April 24, 2006 8:25:22 AM >>>

Keith, I've been meaning to talk to you about this too. Bridge folks (Central Office and Metro) would like a \$40k Ground Penetrating Radar contract for the I35W Mississippi River Bridge. This contract will tell us if the mill and overlay we are pursuing with a project scheduled for letting in January of 2007 is the right fix. With these GPR results, together with a URS study we will make this detemination this summer.

The GPR will ensure that we are able schedule this work as accurately as possible and prepare the contractor to bring the right resources to the job to finish on that schedule. This is the 2nd busiest river crossing in the region, we need to be sure we don't impact traffic any more than we have to.

This GPR together with the URS study will help us determine the future course of action for this bridge. We are considering a replacement (\$200M+) vs a strengthen and redeck (~\$20M). Clearly a major decision that should be as well informed as possible.

Thanks for your consideration.

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>>> Keith Baker 04/19/06 2:18 PM >>>

Hi Jack. Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. We did not use consultant dollar, maintenance dollars were used for this previously. Our dollars are focused on Program Delivery activities.

As mentioned in previous discussions with Roger, it would be best to pursue something like this using research funds, putting together an "up to" five year contract for this type of work. Sorry. If you want to discuss further, I am open. Thanks.

>> Jack Pirkl Monday, March 06, 2006 2:01:57 PM >>>

I notice you are taking solicitations for '07 moneys from your consultant budget allocation. The attached note from January '06 did not get a response and it is before you for another try for a few dollars.

Our previous consultant was for a specific contractor but this time we will be willing to try an 'open bid'. The specifications would be similar to those used in '05 with modifications to reflect that this bid is open to all contractors worthy of providing the particular service desired.

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