

**California  
Department of Transportation**

**Price Index for Selected Highway Construction Items  
Third Quarter Ending September 30, 2012**

**SUMMARY**

<b>Index this quarter</b>	<b>76.4</b>
Point change from last quarter	<b>- 8.2</b>
Percentage change from last quarter	<b>-9.7%</b>
<b>Index last 12 months</b>	
Point change from previous report	<b>-2.0</b>
Percentage change from previous report	<b>-2.4%</b>

<b>Average number of bidders this quarter</b>	
	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Change in number of bidders from last quarter</b>	
	<b>+0.3</b>

Notes: Price indices are computed using the Fisher formula and base year 2007.

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**NOTE:** All information shown in the publication was assembled using the 2007 base year.

The California Price Index for Selected Highway Construction Items for the third quarter of 2012 stands at 76.4, down 8.2 points (9.7 percent) from the second quarter of 2012 index of 84.6. The Index for the year-to-date (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012) is 79.3, down 2.0 points (2.4 percent) from the second quarter of 2012 year-to-date index of 81.3.

Cost increases were recorded in Roadway Excavation and Aggregate Base, while cost decreases were recorded in Asphalt Concrete Pavement, Portland Cement Concrete (Pavement), Portland Cement Concrete (Structure), Bar Reinforcing Steel, and Structural Steel in the third quarter.

The average number of bidders per project in the third quarter of 2012 is 5.7, up 0.3 bidder per project as compared to 5.4 in the second quarter of 2012 and up 0.3 as compared to 5.4 in the corresponding quarter of 2011.

The Engineering News-Record's Construction Cost Index average for the second quarter of 2012 is 9338.5, up 53.9 points or 0.6% from 9284.7 of the last quarter. The price index uses a 1913 = 100 base.

The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index average for the third quarter of 2012 is 230.3, for U. S. City average of All Urban Consumers, up 0.5 points or 0.2 % from 229.8 of the last quarter. The price index uses a 1982-84 =100 base.

**Projects Bid Opened**  
(July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012)

Range(by \$)			Number of Projects	%	Amounts of Projects (\$)	%
Up to 50,000			0	0.00	0	0.00
50,000	to	100,000	1	1.11	92,495	0.01
100,000	to	250,000	5	5.56	972,091	0.09
250,000	to	500,000	9	10.00	3,410,857	0.31
500,000	to	1,000,000	17	18.89	11,823,606	1.07
1,000,000	to	2,500,000	16	17.78	26,370,427	2.38
2,500,000	to	5,000,000	9	10.00	32,119,041	2.90
5,000,000 and above			33	36.67	1,033,518,774	93.25
<b>Total</b>			<b>90</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,108,307,291</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## **Construction Item Costs Based on English Units**

### Roadway Excavation: \$7.39 per cubic yard

The price increased \$1.52 from the average price of \$5.87 per cubic yard last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$1.00 to \$500.00 per cubic yard.

### Aggregate Base: \$13.77 per ton

The price increased \$0.74 from the average price of \$13.03 per ton last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$6.32 to \$140.00 per ton.

### Asphalt Concrete Pavement: \$72.92 per ton

The price decreased \$24.14 from the average price of \$97.06 per ton last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$50.00 to \$541.00 per ton.

### Portland Cement Concrete (Pavement): \$138.70 per cubic yard

The price decreased \$4.49 from the average price of \$143.19 per cubic yard last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$134.00 to \$350.00 per cubic yard.

### Portland Cement Concrete (Structure): \$454.53 per cubic yard

The price decreased \$10.56 from the average price of \$465.09 per cubic yard last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$200.00 to \$10,000.00 per cubic yard.

### Bar Reinforcing Steel: \$0.907 per pound

The price decreased \$0.101 from the average price of \$1.008 per pound last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$0.25 to \$100.00 per pound.

### Structural Steel: \$1.895 per pound

The price decreased \$18.105 from the average price of \$20.000 per pound last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$0.60 to \$17.00 per pound.

## **Construction Item Costs Based on Metric Units**

### Roadway Excavation: \$9.67 per cubic meter

The price increased \$1.99 from the average price of \$7.68 per cubic meter last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$1.31 to \$653.98 per cubic meter.

### Aggregate Base: \$15.18 per tonn

The price increased \$0.82 from the average price of \$14.36 per tonn last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$6.96 to \$154.32 per tonn.

### Asphalt Concrete Pavement: \$80.38 per tonn

The price decreased \$26.61 from the average price of \$106.99 per tonn last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$55.12 to \$596.35 per tonn.

### Portland Cement Concrete (Pavement): \$181.41 per cubic meter

The price decreased \$5.88 from the average price of \$187.29 per cubic meter last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$175.27 to \$457.78 per cubic meter.

### Portland Cement Concrete (Structure): \$594.50 per cubic meter

The price decreased \$13.82 from the average price of \$608.32 per cubic meter last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$261.59 to \$13,079.51 per cubic meter.

### Bar Reinforcing Steel: \$2.000 per kilogram

The price decreased \$0.222 from the average price of \$2.222 per kilogram last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$0.55 to \$220.46 per kilogram.

### Structural Steel: \$4.177 per kilogram

The price decreased \$39.915 from the average price of \$44.092 per kilogram last quarter. The bid prices ranged from \$1.32 to \$37.48 per kilogram.

EXHIBIT A

**Price Index for Selected  
Highway Construction Items  
2007 = 100, Fisher formula**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>QTRLY</u>	<u>LAST 12 Months</u>	<u>Annual</u>
1972			11.3
1973			11.4
1974			17.2
1975			17.2
1976			16.5
1977			19.8
1978			22.6
1979			29.3
1980			30.1
1981			34.4
1982			30.9
1983			31.0
1984			36.2
1985			36.0
1986			37.3
1987			39.7
1988			40.5
1989			43.9
1990			44.1
1991			40.4
1992			40.4
1993			42.2
1994			46.2
1995			45.0
1996			45.6
1997			47.6
1998			49.9
1999			52.9
2000			53.5
2001			58.7
2002			53.1
2003			56.6
2004			79.1
2005			98.1
2006			104.1
2007			100.0
2008			95.0
2009	(1st Quarter)	98.1	95.5
2009	(2nd Quarter)	74.5	92.0
2009	(3rd Quarter)	88.4	80.4
2009	(4th Quarter)	74.3	
	(Year)		78.4
2010	(1st Quarter)	101.5	78.5
2010	(2nd Quarter)	79.3	79.1
2010	(3rd Quarter)	72.1	76.2
2010	(4th Quarter)	76.7	
	(Year)		76.8
2011	(1st Quarter)	86.4	76.2
2011	(2nd Quarter)	85.2	78.9
2011	(3rd Quarter)	85.8	81.7
2011	(4th Quarter)	81.4	
	(Year)		84.0
2012	(1st Quarter)	81.1	82.9
2012	(2nd Quarter)	84.6	81.3
2012	(3rd Quarter)	76.4	79.3

## EXHIBIT B

**California Department of Transportation**  
**Average Highway Contract Prices**  
(English Units)

	<b>Roadway Excavation "1" Per Cu Yd</b>	<b>Aggregate Base Per Ton</b>	<b>Asphalt Concrete Pavement Per Ton</b>	<b>PCC Pavement Per Cu Yd</b>	<b>Class "A" PCC Structure Per Cu Yd</b>	<b>Bar Reinforcing Steel Per Lb</b>	<b>Structural Steel "2" Per Lb</b>
1972	0.95	3.21	8.22	19.23	82.08	0.159	0.446
1973	0.75	3.14	9.02	19.24	93.60	0.169	0.635
1974	1.26	4.23	13.01	28.59	115.19	0.329	0.987
1975	1.19	4.70	14.24	30.63	132.10	0.239	0.838
1976	1.32	4.70	13.67	29.64	143.05	0.223	0.504
1977	1.76	5.44	15.15	35.17	150.03	0.239	1.228
1978	1.85	6.18	17.70	41.77	180.77	0.276	0.814
1979	2.36	7.49	22.40	52.39	234.24	0.383	1.960
1980	2.10	8.38	25.51	55.18	235.45	0.378	1.942
1981	3.14	8.63	28.53	59.45	226.84	0.386	2.091
1982	2.58	7.56	24.69	57.10	224.72	0.320	2.155
1983	2.10	9.20	27.57	52.04	225.84	0.335	2.155
1984	3.19	13.67	28.38	55.79	238.48	0.375	2.155
1985	2.77	11.55	30.15	64.13	232.39	0.413	2.288
1986	3.01	12.76	28.82	60.49	249.74	0.412	2.388
1987	2.97	17.57	27.54	70.62	280.40	0.418	2.546
1988	4.16	10.13	27.46	58.66	284.55	0.440	3.956
1989	4.19	10.62	29.43	73.78	303.49	0.483	3.103
1990	4.73	12.05	30.77	68.93	295.24	0.469	2.209
1991	3.08	10.07	33.43	62.64	295.21	0.431	2.284
1992	3.62	9.76	32.46	66.78	265.31	0.419	3.073
1993	4.53	9.89	35.41	66.76	243.79	0.464	2.706
1994	4.68	10.39	37.15	66.45	277.92	0.547	2.334
1995	4.10	10.18	35.29	63.85	298.80	0.499	2.266
1996	3.80	9.74	37.66	65.93	321.88	0.512	2.172
1997	5.25	10.29	36.07	78.48	308.54	0.496	2.337
1998	4.95	11.55	38.78	75.91	319.95	0.553	2.595
1999	6.55	12.86	40.14	77.95	321.22	0.521	3.215
2000	6.21	11.14	45.12	78.14	363.59	0.507	2.754
2001	5.83	14.58	43.89	75.74	425.17	0.612	3.906
2002	4.84	12.42	49.00	74.15	363.50	0.508	3.248
2003	5.05	15.05	48.35	109.96	362.75	0.600	1.710
2004	13.11	16.97	53.55	135.94	399.64	0.947	5.390
2005	14.13	20.61	75.72	171.22	567.31	0.968	2.666
2006	12.80	20.26	86.04	179.67	630.16	1.039	3.734
2007	10.84	20.54	85.48	204.69	566.25	0.935	6.966
2008	11.39	17.90	78.50	177.91	553.62	0.938	5.183
2009	9.37	14.91	80.38	125.41	484.78	0.593	4.492
1st Quarter 2010	26.70	21.79	85.51	116.22	609.73	0.775	3.999
2nd Quarter 2010	11.79	14.49	86.30	148.42	419.24	0.673	1.958
3rd Quarter 2010	5.49	16.61	75.00	131.73	434.65	0.669	8.227
4th Quarter 2010	7.67	12.81	76.54	112.71	547.98	0.788	1.826
<b>Year 2010</b>	<b>7.94</b>	<b>14.20</b>	<b>80.25</b>	<b>122.82</b>	<b>483.64</b>	<b>0.716</b>	<b>2.149</b>
1st Quarter 2011	11.37	11.79	84.60	150.76	431.25	0.870	7.212
2nd Quarter 2011	9.71	16.50	93.35	120.87	487.87	0.791	2.328
3rd Quarter 2011	11.56	15.34	97.53	143.76	421.50	0.891	7.255
4th Quarter 2011	13.51	14.49	81.33	147.29	335.31	0.900	2.023
<b>Year 2011</b>	<b>11.82</b>	<b>14.12</b>	<b>87.11</b>	<b>135.40</b>	<b>427.76</b>	<b>0.830</b>	<b>2.102</b>
1st Quarter 2012	8.34	16.43	99.70	117.18	506.31	0.878	2.858
2nd Quarter 2012	5.87	13.03	97.06	143.19	465.09	1.008	20.000
3rd Quarter 2012	7.39	13.77	72.92	138.70	454.53	0.907	1.895

1. Unclassified.

2. Beginning 1st quarter 2003, structural steel includes the furnish and the erect structural steel (bridge).

EXHIBIT B

California Department Of Transportation  
Average Highway Contract Prices  
(Metric Units)

	Roadway Excavation "1"	Aggregate Base	Asphalt Concrete Pavement	PCC Pavement	Class "A" PCC Structure	Bar Reinforcing Steel	Structural Steel "2"
	<u>Per M3</u>	<u>Per Tonn</u>	<u>Per Tonn</u>	<u>Per M3</u>	<u>Per M3</u>	<u>Per Kg</u>	<u>Per Kg</u>
1972	1.24	3.54	9.06	25.15	107.36	0.351	0.983
1973	0.98	3.46	9.94	25.16	122.42	0.373	1.400
1974	1.65	4.66	14.34	37.39	150.66	0.725	2.176
1975	1.56	5.18	15.70	40.06	172.78	0.527	1.847
1976	1.73	5.18	15.07	38.77	187.10	0.492	1.111
1977	2.30	6.00	16.70	46.00	196.23	0.527	2.707
1978	2.42	6.81	19.51	54.63	236.44	0.608	1.795
1979	3.09	8.26	24.69	68.52	306.37	0.844	4.321
1980	2.75	9.24	28.12	72.17	307.96	0.833	4.281
1981	4.11	9.51	31.45	77.76	296.70	0.851	4.610
1982	3.37	8.33	27.22	74.68	293.92	0.705	4.751
1983	2.75	10.14	30.39	68.07	295.39	0.739	4.751
1984	4.17	15.07	31.28	72.97	311.92	0.827	4.751
1985	3.62	12.73	33.23	83.88	303.95	0.911	5.044
1986	3.94	14.07	31.77	79.12	326.65	0.908	5.265
1987	3.88	19.37	30.36	92.37	366.75	0.922	5.613
1988	5.44	11.17	30.27	76.72	372.18	0.970	8.721
1989	5.48	11.71	32.44	96.50	396.95	1.065	6.841
1990	6.19	13.28	33.92	90.16	386.16	1.034	4.870
1991	4.03	11.10	36.85	81.93	386.12	0.950	5.035
1992	4.73	10.76	35.78	87.34	347.01	0.924	6.775
1993	5.93	10.90	39.03	87.32	318.87	1.023	5.966
1994	6.12	11.45	40.95	86.91	363.51	1.206	5.146
1995	5.36	11.22	38.90	83.51	390.82	1.100	4.996
1996	5.09	10.74	41.51	86.23	421.00	1.129	4.788
1997	6.87	11.35	39.76	102.65	403.56	1.094	5.152
1998	6.47	12.73	42.75	99.29	418.48	1.219	5.721
1999	8.57	14.17	44.24	101.95	420.15	1.148	7.088
2000	8.12	12.28	49.73	102.21	475.55	1.118	6.071
2001	7.63	16.07	48.39	99.06	556.10	1.349	8.612
2002	6.32	13.70	54.01	96.99	475.44	1.120	7.160
2003	6.60	16.59	53.30	143.82	474.45	1.313	3.769
2004	17.15	18.70	59.03	177.81	522.71	2.087	11.883
2005	18.48	22.72	83.47	223.94	742.02	2.134	5.878
2006	16.75	22.34	94.84	235.00	824.21	2.291	8.231
2007	14.18	22.64	94.23	267.73	740.62	2.062	15.358
2008	14.90	19.73	86.53	232.69	724.11	2.068	11.426
2009	12.25	16.44	88.61	164.03	634.07	1.308	9.902
1st Quarter 2010	34.92	24.02	94.26	152.01	797.50	1.708	8.816
2nd Quarter 2010	15.42	15.97	95.13	194.12	548.35	1.484	4.317
3rd Quarter 2010	7.18	18.31	82.68	172.30	568.50	1.476	18.138
4th Quarter 2010	10.03	14.12	84.37	147.42	716.74	1.738	4.027
<b>Year 2010</b>	<b>10.38</b>	<b>15.65</b>	<b>88.47</b>	<b>160.64</b>	<b>632.57</b>	<b>1.579</b>	<b>4.738</b>
1st Quarter 2011	14.87	12.99	93.26	197.19	564.05	1.918	15.901
2nd Quarter 2011	12.70	18.19	102.90	158.09	638.12	1.745	5.133
3rd Quarter 2011	15.12	16.91	107.51	188.03	551.31	1.964	15.994
4th Quarter 2011	17.68	15.97	89.65	192.65	438.56	1.985	4.460
<b>Year 2011</b>	<b>15.46</b>	<b>15.57</b>	<b>96.02</b>	<b>177.09</b>	<b>559.48</b>	<b>1.829</b>	<b>4.634</b>
1st Quarter 2012	10.91	18.11	109.90	153.26	662.23	1.936	6.301
2nd Quarter 2012	7.68	14.36	106.99	187.29	608.32	2.222	44.092
3rd Quarter 2012	9.67	15.18	80.38	181.41	594.50	2.000	4.177

1. Unclassified.
2. Beginning 1st quarter 2003, structural steel includes the furnish and the erect structural steel (bridge).

Exhibit C

**California Department of Transportation**  
**Number and Dollar Value of Highway Projects**  
**Total Number of Bids and Average Number of Bidders**  
 (July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012)

	<b>RANGE1</b>	<b>RANGE2</b>	<b>RANGE3</b>	<b>RANGE4</b>	<b>RANGE5</b>	<b>RANGE6</b>	<b>RANGE7</b>	<b>RANGE8</b>	<b>All Projects</b>
	UP	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000	
	to	and							
	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000	Above	
<b><u>Road Projects</u></b>									
Number of Projects	0	1	5	9	15	9	7	9	55
Total Value*	\$0	\$92,495	\$972,091	\$3,410,857	\$10,148,690	\$14,108,429	\$25,830,159	\$111,127,865	\$165,690,585
Number of Bidders	0	17	40	47	77	61	40	41	323
Average No of Bidders	0.0	17.0	8.0	5.2	5.1	6.8	5.7	4.6	5.9
<b><u>Structure Projects</u></b>									
Number of Projects	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	6	15
Total Value*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,674,916	\$10,125,708	\$3,528,238	\$109,437,304	\$124,766,167
Number of Bidders	0	0	0	0	13	33	5	33	84
Average No of Bidders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	5.5	5.0	5.5	5.6
<b><u>Combination Projects</u></b>									
Number of Projects	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	20
Total Value*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,136,290	\$2,760,645	\$812,953,605	\$817,850,539
Number of Bidders	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	98	108
Average No of Bidders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	3.0	5.4	5.4
<b><u>Summary</u></b>									
Number of Projects	0	1	5	9	17	16	9	33	90
Total Value*	\$0	\$92,495	\$972,091	\$3,410,857	\$11,823,606	\$26,370,427	\$32,119,041	\$1,033,518,774	\$1,108,307,291
Number of Bidders	0	17	40	47	90	101	48	172	515
Average No of Bidders	0.0	17.0	8.0	5.2	5.3	6.3	5.3	5.2	5.7

\*Bid Items Only

**Average Number of Bidders by Month**

<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>
5.5	5.8	5.9