

Prequalification Announcement Questions and Answers

University Ave SE and 4th Street SE (Route 952A) Corridor Evaluation

Question Period: 8/30/2022 – 9/8/2022

1. **Question:**

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- 1.10.1 – part c – What caliber/extent of utilities will be provided by MnDOT? **MnDOT has not done significant previous work to identify utilities.**
- 1.10.1 – part j – What data and analyses/studies will be provided? **MnDOT will provide information that includes University and 4th bikeway study, 35W Gateway study information, Hennepin County University and 4th project information.**
- 1.10.1 – part l – Are you able to provide this information now? **The most consequential previous studies are the University Ave SE/4th St SE Protected Bikeway Study <https://www2.minneapolis.gov/government/projects/public-works/completed-projects/bike-peds-projects/university-bikeway/> and information on the adjacent Hennepin County University and 4th Street improvements - <https://www.hennepin.us/universityandfourth>**
- 1.10.1 – part s – Is the existing soil boring information available now? Will MnDOT or the consultant team collect borings? **If additional borings are needed, the contractor can work with the MnDOT team to determine how those will be collected. MnDOT will provide any information available, but significant data does not look to be available.**
- 9.5.1 – Will MnDOT or the consultant team collect borings? **If additional borings are needed, the contractor can work with the MnDOT team to determine how those will be collected.**

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- The subheading in item 5 (page 4) of the prequalification announcement requests the vendor provide a plan for working with community-based organizations. It is our understanding that we provide a list of the organizations we plan to work with, how we will work with them, who they serve, examples of their previous work, and statements from these community organizations stating their willingness to participate in outreach. In addition, we understand that the community organizations themselves must provide a description of their plan for engaging impacted communities and examples of their previous project work. Is this correct?

Answer: Yes

2. **Question:** The Announcement calls out the following requirement: Provide a one to two-page statement that addresses and expresses the community organization's interest in working on this project, plan or study. Is this expected to be within the 20-page limit or can it be an appendix?

Answer: Yes

3. **Question:** The Announcement allows for 20 pages at 8.5" x 11". Will you allow one page at 11" x 17" for an issues map or schedule?

Answer: Yes

4. **Question:** Surveying is not included as a task in the Scope of Work. Please verify that a TIN is available to define limits for ADA compliant pedestrian ramps.

Answer: MnDOT will provide information that is available. The project team can work with MnDOT staff to request additional survey work that is needed.

5. **Question:** Task 10. ADA Design indicates that others will prepare the design as part of the road plan scope, but that the consultant on this project would conduct the ADA meetings that occur following 30% and 60% design. Will you clarify whether the consultant on this contract will be responsible for preliminary ADA design necessary to prepare the layout and construction limits?

Answer: The consultant is responsible for preliminary ADA design necessary to prepare the layout and construction limits. Development of the ADA design is included in Task 6.

6. **Question:** Task 11. Utility Coordination calls out preparing for and conducting a Preliminary Utility Coordination Meeting based on information provided by State. It also states that verification of the information is required. Has a Utility Identification Meeting been held previously or should we plan on completing that step also? Also, is the scope accurate in suggesting the design should be taken to a 60%+ level in order to identify utility conflicts?

Answer: No meetings have been held previously. Design should be taken to the layout level and identify utility coordination risks. A robust analysis of utility risks will inform the development of the layout.

7. **Question:** Will you please summarize the scope of the E-Line BRT project relative to this project as it relates to preliminary design (e.g. siting stations)?

Answer: Metro Transit is responsible for station siting and station design. MnDOT will coordinate with Metro Transit to ensure that the roadway project and transit projects are compatible.

8. **Question:** What environmental information will be available for us to use in assessing alternatives? Specifically thinking about what Section 106 work has been completed.

Answer: No environmental work has been completed to date. MnDOT staff will complete the environmental documentation concurrently with the consultant work. Additional information may be available to the contractor during the contract period.