

Questions and responses
City of Ann Arbor RFP #891
South State Street Corridor Transportation Study and
Conceptual Engineering Design Plan
3/24/14

Question 1. The RFP indicates that the total page count is 25 (50 sides) and that “attachments” do not count towards this total. It is our understanding that “attachments” include required forms, resumes, and project experience description sheets/profiles. Could you please verify that these items can be considered “attachments”?

Response 1. Required forms and resumes are considered attachments. Project experience descriptions are considered part of the body of the proposal.

Question 2. What dollar amount has been budgeted for this project by the City?

Response 2. \$300,000

Question 3. Who will serve on the City’s proposal evaluation and selection team?

Response 3. Staff from the City’s Systems Planning, Project Management and Planning units, as well as staff from TheRide.

Question 4. What level of coordination has been undertaken to date with potential stakeholders including MDOT, WATS, WCRC, the Ride, University of Michigan, community stakeholders, etc.?

Response 4. The city maintains regular ongoing relationships with all of these agencies. However, no specific coordination has been initiated with regard to this RFP.

Question 5. Have these stakeholders identified specific requirements that they expect will be addressed as part of this study?

Response 5. No

Question 6. What specific traffic count and analysis information will be available for use by the selected consultant, and is this information current enough to be used in our work for this project (i.e., does not need to be re-counted)?

Response 6. The only traffic count information less than 3 years old is the 2012 information for the State and Ellsworth intersection area found in the WATS traffic count database. Other development related traffic studies (such as that for the State and Research Park intersection) will be furnished but traffic count data is not current.

Question 7. The RFP (page 13) identifies information that is available from the City's GIS system. The RFP also seems to imply that there is other existing survey information available (page 14). We are unclear as to what other survey information exists – can the City please clarify what survey information (if any) is available beyond what is in the City's GIS system?

Response 7. Survey information from the State and Ellsworth intersection improvement is available as part of the drawing for that project.

Question 8. Does the City GIS system contain an inventory of existing signage?

Response 8. Not at this time. We currently have a consultant under contract to complete this. It should be done in the next 6-8 months.

Question 9. What is the format of the City's existing Tree Inventory?

Response 9. Point feature class in ArcGIS SDE and also in .dwg format.

Question 10. What existing plan sets will be available to the consultant in addition to the State/Ellsworth roundabout plans noted in the RFP? Will existing plans for the I-94 @ State Road interchange and bridge be available? Will CAD files be available for any of the existing plans?

Response 10. Consultant will need to obtain plans for the I-94 interchange from MDOT. PDF files for State and Ellsworth are immediately available. A CAD file can be requested from the Washtenaw County Road Commission and the City can assist in obtaining same.

Question 11. Does the City GIS system contain pipe size and invert elevation data?

Response 11. Yes

Question 12. The RFP (page 22) identifies the forms/attachments that need to be included with the proposal. Do subconsultants need to complete all of these forms, or are these only required for the prime consultant?

Response 12. They are only required to be submitted by the vendor who has the contract but they are certifying that anyone who works on our contract would get the living wage.

Question 13. Regarding the "Base Plan" defined on pages 15-16 of the RFP, does the City envision that this deliverable could utilize an aerial photograph as the underlying graphic depicting existing conditions, or is the City expecting the underlying graphic to consist of drawn CAD line work?

Response 13. While the Consultant may wish to utilize aerial photography for presentations to the community, drawn CAD line work is expected for the Base Plan. Locations of most features (sanitary, storm, water, trees, existing buildings, contours, etc, are available in .dwg format from the Project Management Unit. These will require field checking and updating as set forth in the RFP.

Question 14. Regarding the “Alternative Conceptual Plans” and Engineering Design Plans” defined in the RFP, does the City envision that these deliverables would utilize an aerial photograph as the underlying graphic depicting existing conditions, or is the City expecting the underlying graphic to consist of drawn CAD line work?

Response 14. Drawn CAD line work as above..