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Responses to Submitted Questions for Clarification of RFQ #11042020 Professional Site Design and Engineering Services for Rider Transit Bus Stop Sites

Deadline for questions/requests for clarification: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 3:00 PM ET

- Multiple individuals requested access to the completed boundary surveys for each site. These surveys were sent to each individual upon request and have also been posted with the RFQ document at ckrider.com and concordnc.gov.
- Is there an estimated budget for the project?
At this time, we don't have an estimated budget for the project.
- Which surveying company did the surveys?
Timmons Group.
- Is anyone from Kannapolis on your selection committee?
At the moment, our selection committee only consists of Transit staff, but we're hoping to have at least one representative from the Engineering Department in Concord. We've not reached out to Engineering in Kannapolis yet, but that's not out of the question.
- Do you have right-of-way on any of the sites, or do you anticipate acquiring the right-of-way on all of the sites?
Twenty-six of the 51 sites will require easement acquisition, none of which we have yet. The other 25 are within NCDOT or City right-of-way. We'll work internally on getting NCDOT encroachment agreements where necessary, but won't need easements for those 25. As of right now, we expect to do the recordation for the easement acquisition in-house. Easement plats have been completed. We've included in the RFQ the option to discuss the right-of-way process during negotiation with the contractor.
- Do you have construction funding?
We have FTA federal grant funding in place, and we plan to complete the entire project. Timeline for construction will ultimately depend on total costs and annual apportionment amounts from FTA.
- Were utilities located as part of the survey work?
Yes.



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- We see this project as essentially transportation engineering and not site landscape architecture. Is this correct?
This is correct. We expect the contractor to design infrastructure from the curb on back, but we will take care of site furnishings and all amenities on top of the bus pad after this contract.
- Do you expect to receive hard copies of submittals.
Yes, hard copies are required.
- Will a site visit be required for all 51 sites for design?
Site visits will not necessarily be required. Boundary surveys, which have already been completed, should provide substantial information for design, but firms are welcome to visit sites if necessary.
- Did you take into account the TIP projects? Are these included in the project?
No. These sites are based strictly on ridership thresholds.
- Do you anticipate any direct FTA coordination with the consultant?
No.
- What is the anticipated scope of public involvement?
We don't foresee any public involvement requirements on the part of the contractor for this project. Rider Transit can help facilitate any discussion as needed with property owners as required for site access on a site-by-site basis.
- You mentioned an anticipated six-month process. Does this include design, right-of-way, and construction, or just design?
We are open to discussion about the time frame of this project and want to be reasonably realistic. The six-month process is our initial estimate for design only, but we realize the process could take more or less time. The official timeline will be determined in the negotiation process.
- Is the cover (title) page included as part of the maximum sixteen-page requirement?
The cover page won't be counted toward the maximum sixteen-page requirement.
- Do pages for the cover, cover letter, or table of contents count toward the page limit?
The cover does not need to be counted toward the page limit, but the cover letter and table of contents will be.



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- Is there a plan holder's list available for the project?
The attendance sheet for our optional pre-submittal meeting from 11/17 is as close as we have to a plan holder's list and has been posted at ckrider.com and concordnc.gov.
- Do you have a blanket encroachment with NCDOT for the bus stops or is each one a separate encroachment?
We don't have any encroachment agreements in place currently for the list of stops. It's our understanding that we'll need a separate one for each site.
- Is the intention to award all sites to one design firm or will there be multiple firms selected?
Our intention is to award all sites to one firm.