



**Responses to Questions – Set 2
Regarding
Request for Proposals
for the
Almond Grove District Street Reconstruction – Phase II
Town Project # 13-31**

1. Page 2 – Item 3.6 – The RFP says the electronic version of the proposal should not include the cost proposal. Does that mean all 5 hard copies should include the cost proposal?

Yes. Include this in a sealed envelope. This will only be opened after the consultant meets the minimum qualification points.

2. Page 4 – Chapter 1 – The RFP cites a page limit of 3 pages for Chapter 1. Are there page limits for the other chapters?

No. However, please be concise.

3. Page 4 – Chapter 3 – Under relevant experience the RFP says to include total project cost. Does this refer to construction cost?

Yes.

4. Page 8 – Project Background refers to removal of unsuitable street trees and planting of new street trees, and Page 9 - Description of Required Services refers to ‘replacement of...landscape areas’. Can you clarify the extent of the landscape areas that need to be replaced or rehabilitated if this is for work other than the street trees?

This Project will only include the removal of unsuitable street trees, the addition of new street trees, removal of hardscape from the landscape strips as needed, replacement of existing irrigation system to the landscape strip and placement of future unconnected irrigation conduit under the sidewalks to the landscape strips.

5. Page 5 – Chapter 8 – The RFP says any cost to provide for the alternative schedule discussed in Chapter 5 should be included in Chapter 5 and not Chapter 8. If there is an additional cost, would it also be excluded from the electronic version?

Any addition cost should not be in the electronic version. Costs for the alternative schedule can be provided as a general cost statement as opposed to an actual number.

6. Page 9 – Description of Required Services – The RFP says the project is exempt under CEQA. Does this mean the removal of unsuitable street trees has been environmentally cleared?

The trees will need to go through the normal town process of posting for removal only.

Does this include trees on private property that may be impacted by the project?

It is not anticipated that any private trees will be removed with the project.

Does the Town anticipate any additional permitting requirements related to trees on private property?

Not at this time.

7. Page 11 – Item 2.11 – The deliverables (#6) says all required environmental clearance documents for Town signature and/or process. Since this project is exempt under CEQA, does this pertain only to the Initial Study Checklist Form? If not, what type of environmental clearance documents does the Town anticipate?

The town does not anticipate any environmental clearance document will be required.

8. Is the Town aware of any soil contamination in any of the work areas? If so, what contaminates? Which landfill(s) does the Town anticipate these soils will be going to?

For the Phase I project, we are currently performing soils testing and are unsure at this time if there will be any contamination. If there are contaminates, it will be up to the contractor to select a suitable landfill for disposal.

9. Please confirm that the parkway strips are what is meant by the reference to landscape in the RFP.

All references to landscaping are for the park strip areas.

10. Please confirm whether there is a working irrigation system including irrigation controller to the existing trees and landscape. If not, does the Town think that there will need to be an entirely new system including piping, or can the existing system be rehabilitated?

Irrigation systems for the park strip areas are private systems. There is no intent to install a public irrigation system with this project.

11. Is there anything that could affect the project construction schedule?

Yes. Each year at the beginning of May the Cat's Hill Bike Race takes place on Bachman Avenue, Tait Avenue, Bean Avenue, Massol Avenue, Nicholson Avenue and Belmont Avenue. Construction on streets in this area cannot take place until after the race. Additionally, Halloween is a special occasion in the Almond Grove district and draws thousands of families to the area. Any methods to expedite the schedule to allow completion before Halloween would be helpful.

12. The scope of work includes the analyses of the drainage, and the design of any required storm drainage system upgrades. Yet, project funds are not available for a new storm drain system. Is the intent for the consultant to analyze the surface drainage patterns and design the appropriate drainage system modifications for collection of the runoff? (ie; drainage inlet modifications, relocations, etc.)

Yes.

13. Is a hydraulic capacity analysis of the overall system desired with any upgrades to be paid for out of another capital budget?

No.

14. The consultant is expected to provide soil testing to determine if the soil needs to be off-hauled to a classified site. Is the Town aware of any contaminated soil in the area?

See question 8 above.

15. Is the testing desired during the design phase of the project or during construction services?

The test is to be performed during the design phase so that the Town will be aware of any issues prior to awarding the construction contract.