

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
RFQ: Bus Stop Design and Construction Oversight
Addendum #1

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The following are questions received by Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC) regarding the RFQ for bus stop design and construction oversight services, followed by responses from BPTC staff:

1) The RFQ references the INDOT federal aid process, but no Des. was listed. Are federal funds involved?

This project is being funded by federal 5310 funds, distributed through INDOT. The assignment of a Des. number for this project is pending the adoption of the FY2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

2) There is no mention of how the project will be let - if it's through INDOT's system, the timeline for items 7 and beyond is not realistic. To meet a 2/9/22 letting, the Stage 3 plans are due by 9/17/21.

This project is to be let locally through BPTC with the assistance of the consultant selected through this RFQ.

3) If bidding locally, will Bloomington handle the front end documents and the actual bidding or will the selected consultant provide those services?

The consultant selected through this RFQ shall prepare bidding documents for project construction.

4) An informal "Field check" can be held on the day of NTP, but an official INDOT PFC requires that basic plans are sent out with invitations two weeks ahead.

The 'field check' is understood to take place in two steps: first, focused on impacted utilities, second, focused on environmental requirements, right of way issues, drainage, MOT, etc. BPTC will seek the guidance of the consultant selected through this RFQ to determine the timing of field checks, and if more than one is necessary.

- 5) As for the NEPA process, if you're following the federal aid guidelines, it's unlikely that INDOT will review the documents within the specified timeframe (I think the RFI review period is 60 days, the Early Coordination is 90 days, and the PCE gets 30 days). Even if INDOT agrees to fast track the reviews, it still seems unrealistic. If there are no federal funds involved, the process can be shortened considerably, but it still seems overly optimistic.**

BPTC recognizes that timeline estimates included in the RFQ may not be achievable. Respondents should include timeline milestones that are realistic. Broadly, BPTC seeks to complete design and environmental requirements by early 2022, with construction and project completion by summer 2022.

- 6) Is there a page limit for the RFQ?**

BPTC prefers submissions to this RFQ be limited to 50 pages.

- 7) Is there a DBE goal for the assignment?**

There is no DBE goal associated with this project.

- 8) Who designed the South Walnut Street Pike at College Square Apartments bus stop?**

Strand Associates is the firm the contracted by the City of Bloomington to complete the original design and environmental documentation.