



**Request for Qualifications**  
**East & West Stop Facilities Design Services**  
Questions and Answers  
Issued January 19, 2018

1. Will the railroad overpass on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S need to be considered for evaluation under this project?  
**No.**
2. Will the Consultant be needed to organize meetings as part of the Community Outreach Support Task 2?  
**No, the Consultant's role will be to support the City and PMO in Task 2 as described in the RFQ.**
3. Will the Consultant be required to perform survey duties?  
**No.**
4. Will the Consultant be required to perform geotechnical services?  
**The Consultant will be responsible for the performance of a full range of design services that include geotechnical services as needed.**
5. Will the Consultant be required to perform electrical design services?  
**The Consultant will be responsible for the performance of a full range of design services that include electrical design services as needed.**
6. Will the Consultant be required to design crosswalks at intersections where bus stops are located?  
**The Consultant is required to review each intersection at the bus stop location for pedestrian sidewalk and crosswalk requirements and provide improvements as needed.**
7. Is FTA involved in this project?  
**Yes, and as stated in the RFQ, will provide comments as needed for this project.**
8. Will the City provide data as needed for the sidewalk portion of this project?  
**Yes, the City will provide data as needed, which includes data as part of the City Sidewalk Master Plan.**
9. General - Will the contract terms be available?  
**The City intends to select one Consultant to negotiate the contract including, scope, fee, and contract terms.**
10. General - Will the successful professional services proposer and sub consultants be precluded from proposing on and delivering services for future federal and state funded projects that may be developed out of or related to this proposed phase of the BRT?

**No.**

11. General - Is any related analysis planned to further refine the project (which typically occurs during PE and Final Design) related to BRT operations, ITS, traffic, ridership, etc.?

**Yes.**

12. Page 10/36, Section 2d – Will the city planning and zoning codes cover the project and structures, considering that this is a city project?

***As contained in the RFQ, the City shall rely on the selected design consultant for providing a full range of engineering services in accordance with the required guidelines and regulations.***

13. Page 12/36, Section 5g – Are there any Alabama state regulations beyond those in Title 37 of the Alabama Code, that govern transit?

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14. Pages 14-15/36 – Do you intend for the specifications in Table 1 on page 16/36 to drive all design decisions? Or will there be traffic and BRT modeling data, along with equipment specifications that will influence the station design. If design and modeling data is required, is that a deliverable under this contract?

***The selected Consultant is required to deliver compatible designs in coordination with the ongoing BRT development work to ensure the BRT bus stops integrate with the overall BRT plan including scope, schedule and budget.***

15. Page 17/36 – Will it be the responsibility of the consultant under this contract to identify staging areas along the route for station component fabrication? Also, note that that station design will be coordinated with other design and construction work, including design and implementation of ITS, traffic signal systems, roadway, etc. What designs have been developed that will be available to the station designer under this contract?

***The selected Consultant will be responsible for staging areas as needed, in coordination with the PMO. The PMO will make available BRT system designs as available for the Project.***

16. Page 19/36, Task 2 – Will there be flexibility in design of stations to reflect historical and cultural significance of the communities?

***The selected Consultant will be responsible for incorporating potential historic, cultural, or other location area significance into stop design.***

17. Will there be other solicitation for design service coming out?

***Yes; the overall scope of design for the BRT system has multiple design scopes that will be advertised. Please check the websites listed for this solicitation for other opportunities.***

18. Page 22/36, Task 4 – Mitigation site design and environmental clearances/permits, will any permitting be required by the consultant in this scope?

***The selected Consultant is responsible for determining permitting requirements for this Project.***

19. Page 22/36, Task 4 – Other systems components, will security and ticket vending kiosks be a part of this scope of services? If so, will the kiosks be provided by the city or specified by designer?

***The design, specifications and procurements of these systems are not part of this scope. However, the selected Consultant will be responsible for incorporating these systems within the design and construction of the stops.***

20. Page 22/36, Task 4 – Re: electrical service, will any electrical design be required in this scope? Or just include conduit for the future electrical design within the bus stop structures?

***As stated in the RFQ, the selected Consultant will be responsible for the electrical design for this Project including electric service connection up to the demarcation point and utility service coordination.***

21. Page 23/36, Task 5 – Railroad Crossing eliminations, please confirm these are abandoned rail lines.

***Confirmed.***

22. Is it the intent to remove the track? Grade Separate the crossings? Or is the intent to eliminate the hazard, in effect, improving the crossings.

***Intent is to remove the track and recommend improvements and final design, as described in the RFQ.***

23. The roadways have to accommodate the BRT. What work has been done to date regarding work with state and local officials as per state law in the evaluation of crossings for closure or the processes to abandon the track so that it may be removed?

***The selected Consultant will determine and provide the steps/procedures required to remove these crossings, as stated in the RFQ.***

24. Submittals are due January 29, 2018 at 4:00pm Central Time. Can you extend the Proposal deadline a week?

***Ample time has been provided for submittals. No extension of time will be provided.***