

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)
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Question 1	Will there be a traffic signal modification plans required for the improvements at the 5 intersections?
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey. Only if required due to other improvements, ie. ADA ramps impact poles.
Question 1a	The RFP calls out for ADA ramp upgrades, is it expected that the traffic signal pole locations will be affected?
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey.
Question 2	Is there specific equipment or methods to improve emergency traffic flow condition along the corridors and at each intersection?
Answer	Consultant to survey and investigate.
Question 3	Will the signing and striping plans be designed to replace existing striping or are there identified upgrades for the striping? (ie. New lane configurations, etc.
Answer	The intent is to keep the same traffic lane(s) configuration. Consultant to tell CRA/LA if improvements to flow could result.
Question 4	The RFQ for the Sun Valley Corridor Improvements states an objective of the project is to create an engaging, efficient, and pedestrian friendly streetscape. Is a separate streetscape architectural type rendering and plan including drive approach closures for the streets to be included in the design? The Exhibit A does not appear to include this as a task.
Answer	All driveways locations and driveway closures should be part of the proposed design plans.
Question 5	Are the % of payment” values reflected on the Payment Schedule anticipated to be related to the level-of-effort for each milestone?
Answer	Not a streetscape project.
Question 6	The evaluation of the pavement should be performed by a Soils & Geotechnical firm or Pavement Engineering firm. The cost of this analysis within the pre-design effort may be in excess of the 5% shown on the payment schedule. This should be considered.
Answer	Consultant to determine and evaluate in their survey and adhere to the payment schedule as noted. Use standard street sections, ‘R’ value testing can be added at design completion.
Question 7	Other than adjusting existing utilities to grade due roadway improvements, what other utility modification does the CRA/LA expect as part of the scope of work on this project?
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey. However, modifications may be required by B-permit Plan check process.
Question 8	Does the CRA/LA plan to follow Federal ADA guidelines for

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	improvements on this project?
Answer	CRA/LA must adhere to required Federal requirements since project is funded by federal grants.
Question 9	What is the construction budget for this project?
Answer	The total project cost is \$4.2 million.
Question 10	How does the CRA/LA plan to address the preparation of signal/lighting plans in the event that street improvements due to ADA federal requirements impact signalized intersections?
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey; CRA/LA to address with appropriate City Department during the B-Permit plan check process to determine if scope needs to be reduced.
Question 11	The scope for topographic survey seems excessive for the intended construction, (i.e. "walls, fences, trees over 3 inches in diameter),...building footprints; building overhang outlines ...The survey shall extend at least 30 feet into private properties on each side of the streets depicting all building lines and entrances within the 30-foot limit."). Has the CRA/LA taking into account utilizing a less expensive survey analysis to minimize cost?
Answer	Survey scope of work to remain unchanged.
Question 12	Does the CRA/LA plan to improve the existing drainage system to improve drainage overall?
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey. Any drainage improvements should relate to proposed scope of work and site conditions (including but not limited to flow lines, surface drains, immediate inlets, etc.) Not our intent to do pipeline works.
Question 13	In the event that the existing site conditions call for full depth reconstruction does CRA/LA plan to make such improvements?
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey; CRA/LA to address based upon cost feasibility.
Question 14	What is the estimated construction value of the Sun Valley Transportation Corridor Improvements project?
Answer	See Answer 9.
Question 15	Does the City have a preliminary construction / design budget for this project?

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Answer	See Question 9 answer.
Question 16	Should the survey also include two more remote traffic signal modification intersections at Branford St & Glenoaks Blvd and Branford St & Laurel Canyon Blvd?
Answer	See Exclusions at bottom of Exhibit "A" (page 3).
Question 16a	What would be the desired limits / lengths down each leg of each intersection?
Answer	See Milestone 2.01 on Exhibit "A" (page 2). At least 50' beyond.
Question 16b	Are drainage improvements or any other civil design elements anticipated at these two remote traffic signal modification intersections?
Answer	See 3 rd paragraph of Exhibit "A" (page 1); Consultant to determine in their survey.
Question 17	Who will be doing the landscape and irrigation design?
Answer	See Exclusions at bottom of Exhibit "A" (page 3)
Question 17a	Will they also be responsible for establishing parkway sidewalk paving styles / color, etc.?
Answer	Use city standard.
Question 18	Who will be doing the traffic signal design and other lighting design changes?
Answer	See Exclusions at bottom of Exhibit "A" (page 3). Consultant is responsible for the Lighted street name sign.
Question 18a	Will that include new pedestrian level lighting in the parkways?
Answer	Not Included in Scope
Question 18b	Will they also address the scope item of adding lighted street name signs?
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey.
Question 19	On the "Payment Schedule" form there is no listing for the A-Permit Submittal & Approval, but it is listed in the scope section. Can you clarify whether an A-permit should also be included in the

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	scope and fees?
Answer	Yes, include an 'A' Permit in scope and fees. 'A' Permit to be considered part of the Payment Schedule. It is linked to 'B' permit.
Question 20	One identified major project goal in the RFP is "improve these existing transportation corridors and intersections for improved emergency traffic flow conditions".
Answer	Yes
Question 20a	Does this mean there will any widening or curb line realignments anticipated with the project?
Answer	Consultant to determine, may be required during B-Permit plan check process. No R/W takes are anticipated.
Question 20b	Will we be considering the addition of any raised medians?
Answer	Consultant to determine based on their analysis.
Question 20c	Are any traffic studies or counts required?
Answer	Not anticipated unless required during B-Permit plan check process.
Question 21	Are parkway beautification and sidewalk improvements contemplated along the railroad corridor side of San Fernando Road, or just along the westerly side?
Answer	See Exclusions at bottom of Exhibit "A" (page 3). Consultant to determine in their survey.
Question 22	Will a formal drainage study be required, including an analysis of the existing storm drain systems at major intersection be required?
Answer	Only surface drainage improvement anticipated unless required during B-Permit plan check process.

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Question 23	Will City provide required geotechnical investigation?
Answer	No.
Question 24	Will the consultant be assisting the City in Federal funding document preparation and processing?
Answer	No, but Consultant will be required meet federal grant payment and record keeping.
Question 25	Will City obtain the required environmental clearances?
Answer	It depends on types of clearances.
Question 25a	How about SWPPP preparation?
Answer	Consultant is responsible.
Question 25b	Will a WQMP in conformance with SUSMP be required?
Answer	Consultant to determine need and prepare if required.
Question 25c	CEQA / NEPA?
Answer	CRA/LA to obtain.
Question 26	Does the CRA/LA have a target amount of grant funding for this project?
Answer	See Question 9 answer.
Question 27	The project limits shown in the exhibit of the RFP add up to about 2.4 miles in length. Should we consider improvement plans being required for the entire length? If not, what percentage of the project limits should we consider to prepare improvement plans?
Answer	For proposal comparison purpose, CRA/LA estimates 50% plan view only (for sidewalk/parkway works) and 50% plan & profile (for pavement resurfacing or replacement). This may change after Pre-design field assessment.
Question 28	The RFP states that LADOT is working on traffic signal improvements at five specific intersections. Will those plans be processed through all required departments for approval by LADOT and will they be indexed together with the street improvement plans?
Answer	See Exclusions at bottom of Exhibit "A" (page 3).

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Question 29	Has the CRA/LA prepared any pre-planning exhibits for the project limits that identify or prioritize areas of concern?
Answer	No, Consultant to determine in their survey.
Question 30	Does the CRA/LA have an established classification system to help prioritize improvement areas?
Answer	No, Consultant to determine in their survey.
Question 31	Should our classification system include existing soil and pavement testing in developing street improvement requirements or will we use standard sections?
Answer	Pavement section per city street classification.
Question 32	It appears the existing street section dimensions within the project limits are sub-standard for their respective street classifications. Please confirm street widening and/or right-of-way dedications or vacations are not a part of this scope of work.
Answer	No street widening that require dedications or vacations are anticipated in scope of work.
Question 33	Is aerial mapping and digital ortho-rectified photography a required deliverable?
Answer	Digital ortho-rectified photography is not necessary, an aerial with a good resolution for background reference is sufficient.
Question 34	The RFP states to replace concrete paving within asphalt pavement. Sheldon Street has a concrete strip extending from San Fernando to beyond Glen Oaks. Please confirm street improvement plans will be required for the entire project limits shown in the RFP on Sheldon Street.
Answer	Pre-design field assessment will determine needed work.
Question 35	Our proposal assumes the B-permit construction plans will include street improvements, street lighting, and signing and striping plans; any required traffic signal plans will be prepared and processed by others; and traffic control plans and/or construction staging plans will not be a part of this cost proposal. Please confirm that these assumptions are correct.
Answer	Other than Traffic Signalization work, the traffic control plans and/or construction phasing plans should be part of the scope.
Question 36	Please confirm our scope of work does not include a storm water pollution prevention plan or any other documents as required by the SWRCB construction general permit.
Answer	See Question 25a answer.

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Question 37	Please confirm our scope of work does not include construction staking.
Answer	Construction staking is not part of the design scope.
Question 38	Should our scope of work include any centerline tie notes for any affected intersections?
Answer	No, unless required by the BOE Plan check engineer. However, 'Street level' control monuments and centerline street monuments should be located and tied out, so they can be reestablished if disturbed.
Question 39	Please clarify if mapping or improvement plans will be required within railroad right-of-way.
Answer	Improvement to join/match existing at railroad R/W; however, adverse grade changes should be noted/surveyed.
Question 40	Regarding bids to CRA/LA in general for civil engineering firms insurance coverages: 1) Professional Liability – What is the minimum coverage required by CRA/LA? 2) Workers Comp – We are currently an “Owner operated business” is workers comp applicable? 3) Commercial Liability – If we are running our business from a home office will homeowners insurance be sufficient?
Answer	See Insurance provisions 3b and 3c on Exhibit “D” (pages 1 and 2 of 16).
Question 41	Section 2.01 of the statement of work list overhead wires/with vertical clearances. Are the vertical clearances of the overhead wires required between all the poles or only where the wires cross streets?
Answer	Street crossing clearances should suffice.
Question 42	Currently there are existing bus stops within the limits of work. May times the transportation agencies will revise locations and add stops when there is construction with a bus route. Are there any revisions or additions to the bus stops within the limits of work know at this time?
Answer	None known at this time. However, modifications may be required during B-permit Plan check process. Due to larger buses, pads may need to be enlarged.
Question 43	The existing bridge over Tujunga Wash has sidewalk across the south side only. We are assuming that any improvements within or on the bridge are not within the scope of work. Please confirm. If

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	there is work required within or on the bridge please provide a detail scope of work. (i.e. construct new sidewalk across the north side of the existing bridge including structural improvements required to extend side walk across the bridge).
Answer	Yes, we will stay outside the Tujunga Wash easement.
Question 44	There is currently no concrete sidewalk along the north side of San Fernando Road. We are assuming that scope of work will include the construction of concrete sidewalk along the north side of San Fernando Road. Please confirm this is correct.
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey if sidewalk work is feasible.
Question 45	Exhibit "A" list "access ramps" as a part of the scope of work. We are assuming that the scope of work is to evaluate all existing access ramps within the limits of work including the ramps at all the street intersections along the south side of San Fernando Road for compliance with the current ADA requirements and to reconstruct ramps that are not in compliance. Please confirm that this is correct.
Answer	Consultant to determine in their survey. The 'Pre-design' will determine the scope of final design.
Question 46	Exhibit "A" list "improve drainage conditions at intersections" as a part of the scope of work. We are assuming that this scope of work is limited to the major intersections listed in the RFI and not the minor intersections along the south side of San Fernando Road. Please confirm that this is correct.
Answer	Consultant to determine need at all intersections.
Question 47	The replacement of the AC pavement within the limits of work will require new traffic striping within the limits on work. Exhibit A list improvements in emergency traffic flow. As the scope of work does not include any increase in the width of the street, what striping improvements are envisioned by the CRA/LA that will increase traffic flow? Are there any studies or existing reports that would provide guidance in preparing the striping plan or are we to make recommendations?
Answer	No studies. Consultant to analyze need during Pre-design field assessment.
Question 48	The Exhibit "A" lists the installation of lighted street signs. Are this signs limited to the signalized intersection or are there other locations that lighted signs are required. IF the signs are required

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	at only the signalized intersection will a typical installation detail and wiring detail or will each intersection have to be evaluated as a separate and unique installation.
Answer	To be determined by City Plan check Engineers. (BOE, DOT, BSL)
Question 49	Please confirm that there will be or will not be any additional improvement along Little San Fernando Road and SCRRA's Metrolink Right-of-Way southeasterly of Sheldon Street.
Answer	CRA/LA has no intent to design improvements outside the Main San Fernando Road.
Question 50	I would like to verify that the cost proposal is to be included as part of the overall proposal and not in a separately sealed envelope?
Answer	One package
Question 51	I would like to verify that the forms listed on page 20 of 20, under the Checklist, are the only forms to be submitted with the proposal.
Answer	Correct.
Question 52	The check list says to submit Exhibit C-G. Can you verify which forms need to be completed by the prime and which ones the subs need to do.
Answer	C – Business Profile – prime and sub D – Prime only E – LWO – prime and if applicable sub F – EBO – Prime G – CRA - Prime
Question 53	I am familiar with the massive amount of storm water issue along Sheldon Street that dumps into Little San Fernando Road and also into SCRRA's Metrolink's Right-of-Way. Will you comment on this issue and what CRA/LA is looking for? ie: Will the designer have to fix this issue or continue to allow the storm water to dump into Little San Fernando Road and into SCRRA's Metrolink's Right-of-Way? Please confirm that there will be or will not be any additional improvement along Little San Fernando Road and SCRRA's Metrolink Right-of-Way southeasterly of Sheldon Street.
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