

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Questions and Answers

Consulting and Planning Services to Create the Corcoran Active Transportation Plan

Proposals Due: December 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m. PDT

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Q1: Although there is not an environmental task detailed within the RFP, we know based on recent experience that either a CEQA exemption under SB 288 or an Initial Study- (Mitigated) Negative Declaration is common for these types of projects. Does the City have a preferred environmental approach and/or environmental budget in mind for the ATP?

A1: Under SB 922, CEQA, until January 1, 2030, exempts from its requirements a bicycle transportation plan, active transportation plan or a pedestrian plan.

Also, any "environmental studies, plans, or documents normally required for project development under the National Environmental Policy Act or the California Environmental Quality Act" are ineligible expenses under the Sustainable Communities Grant.

If we have the option to exempt projects, then this is the City's preferred course of action. Otherwise, a Negative Declaration will need to be performed.

Q2: What is the expected role of Corcoran staff with respect to public engagement and data collection?

A2: CivicWell will lead engagement activities in coordination with City staff and the consultant. Expectations regarding consultant team member participation in virtual and in person activities are described in the scope of work. Proposers are invited to offer further detail and expansion on their role in public engagement activities. Proposers are invited to offer additional tools and methods they will bring to the project.

City staff will provide access to relevant plans and data it has available. Consultant may need to supplement data from other sources, such as Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG).

Q3: Will CivicWell provide translation services for all in-person and online outreach events?

A3: CivicWell will provide translation for outreach materials, facilitate meetings in Spanish as needed, and coordinate any needed interpretation services with the City.

Q4: Is the consultant expected to translate any final documents?

A4: Consultant translation of documents is not required.

Q5: Is the consultant expected to coordinate with BNSF or other railroad stakeholders regarding the potential Corcoran Parkway trail concept?

A5: The consultant will need to coordinate with all relevant stakeholders during plan development.

Q6: Are exceptions to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor allowed at this time?

A6: Some exceptions are allowed. However, the Consultant Agreement between the City of Corcoran and CivicWell and the Caltrans Grant Agreement may override certain clauses.

Q7: For Task 3, will the City host a project website or will that be the responsibility of the consultant?

A7: The City can host a page on the City website for the project to post surveys and announcements. However, if the proposer can provide an alternative website for the project, that would be considered.

Q8: What level of detail is envisioned for the recommendations for the Draft Plan? Are conceptual drawings needed (AutoCAD) for each project, or high-level call out recommendations per project?

A8: The consultant should have the capacity to produce concepts with sufficient detail for cost estimation and up to 30% drawings for selected projects identified through the outreach and engagement process.

Q9: What is the status of the park that the City received state grant funding for in 2019? Has the location of the ped/bike trail in/near the park been identified?

A9: The park will be completed by Spring 2023. There will be pedestrian trails around the park. Community Development will need to confirm if there are identified bike trails.

Q10: For the ped/bike rail-with-trail concept, are any at-grade crossings anticipated?

A10: At this time, no at-grade crossings have been planned. However, further exploration will be needed.

Q11: Are the Bikeway Master Plan, Parkway pre-feasibility study and input from the community available for review?

A11: The City completed a Safe Routes to Schools Plan a few years ago which will be made available. Also refer to the Kings County Regional Active Transportation Plan.