

**Answers to Questions**  
**City of Duluth RFP No. 10-19DS**  
**Preliminary Engineering**  
**for the Joshua Avenue Duluth Heights Connector**  
**June 18, 2010**

**Q. Have there been any recent public meetings regarding the connector, specifically with regard to how it may affect any changes in the alignment identified in Appendix A.**

A. The most recent public meetings related to the project were part of the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) Duluth Heights Traffic Circulation Study. Meetings were held in 2005 and 2006. Results of the meetings can be found at <http://www.dsmic.org>

The alignment in Appendix A was developed in 2009 as part of submittals for Federal funding requests. No public meetings were held as part of its development.

**Q. The title page of the RFP and much of the RFP discuss preliminary design, including the goal being identified to complete preliminary engineering. However, the scope goes on to identify 'detailed design', 'final design plan,' and permits, typically associated with final design. Will this potential contract include both preliminary design and final design right into construction?**

A. In this RFP, the term “preliminary engineering” refers to all things up to, but not including, advertising for construction bids. The contract resulting from this RFP will include alignment and environmental work, permits, design, and all other work necessary to produce shovel ready, biddable plans and specifications.

**Q. The proposal content section of the RFP asks for "sponsor feedback". Would you like for responders to provide this in the form of a letter, or do you want responders to provide the reference contact information?**

A. Letters are acceptable, but in consideration of proposal length limits, reference contact information will be sufficient.

**Q. What formal approvals from the City and County are expected on the selected alignment?**

A. It is not anticipated that formal City Council approval will be required, but a briefing of the Committee of the Whole should be planned at the least.

Formal approval is not anticipated on the County level. Review of the selected alignment and ensuing design by County staff should be planned.

**Q. Will the City be completing the actual property acquisition?**

A. Yes, the City anticipates acquiring the necessary properties once an alignment is established, with all appraisals, approvals, title work, filings, and all other necessary work being performed by the chosen consultant as part of Preliminary Engineering work.

**Q. Will the City complete the title work on the affected properties and obtain the title evidence?**

A. No, the City would expect this of the consultant as part of this proposal.

**Q. Will the City complete the appraisals of the impacted properties?**

A. No, the City would expect this of the consultant as part of this proposal.

**Q. Does the City have plans to extend any public utilities in this corridor?**

A. Yes. Connection of the W. Page Street and W. Ideal Street watermain (approx. 1400 LF) is necessary. Consultants should anticipate including this in their design.

**Q. The RFQ mentions a signal justification report to be completed by the Consultant. Is the signal design and specs to be completed by the consultant as well?**

A. If signals are justified by a Signal Justification Report, design and specifications for the traffic signal should be anticipated to be completed by the consultant and be part of the final product as part of this contract.

**Q. The RFQ asks for soil borings. Is the consultant to provide a full geotech analysis and pavement design as well?**

A. Yes, the consultant is to provide analysis of the borings and develop a pavement design as part of the project.