Questions and Answers
TH 169 Reconstruction Project - Final Roadway and Bridge Design Plans
2/24/2020

1. Would MnDOT consider allowing the use of 11 x 17’s for Issues Maps, etc.?
   o Yes, responders will be allowed to utilize 11 x 17 size pages for two (2) of their allowed 16 pages.

2. Section 9.4 seems to include redundant references to the project’s Quality Assurance/QA Manager. Please clarify.
   o The Scope of Work assumes that final bridge plans will most likely be developed by a sub-consultant to the roadway plan design. While some of the verbiage may seem redundant, the purpose of it is to ensure seamless coordination between the roadway and bridge plan sets.

3. Has a preliminary drainage report been completed and could it be made available to all proposers?
   o The preliminary hydraulics are still being evaluated. No report is available at this time.

4. Has the CMGC (Ames) been involved to provide input into the recent modifications of the staff approved layout?
   o Yes, they have attended several PMT meetings.

5. Will a signed staff approved layout be provided by the NTP?
   o Most likely. The current project schedule has final layout approval/signatures occurring in early April. We are currently on schedule.

6. Is MnDOT open to modifications to the preliminary design, if the design stays within the R/W limits?
   o Possibly, assuming they are not major changes and no additional R/W is needed. The geometric layout is currently going through the MnDOT Central Office preliminary review period. Additionally, preliminary bridge and retaining wall plans are currently being developed. Assuming the layout gets final signatures, the layout will then be rolled out to the City for a public hearing and municipal consent by the end of June 2020. Putting all of this together, the timeline is pretty tight for any changes.

7. Has the noise wall process been completed? If yes, where will the noise walls be located and what is the noise wall material?
   o No. The noise analysis is currently taking place and will be completed in conjunction with the final signed geometric layout and municipal consent package. The original Environmental Document identified a potential need on the east side of TH 169. This is depicted on the draft layout and runs approximately from proposed NB TH 169 ML Station 400+00 to 410+00.

8. Can you please provide the draft or final geotechnical soil borings and the geotechnical report that have been completed thus far for this project?
   o No, as they are not completed. Foundations Boring field work will be obtained during the month of March with a Foundations Report following shortly thereafter. Roadway borings and the corresponding geotechnical report are included within this Scope of Work.

9. Can you please provide the draft or final preliminary bridge plans?
   o No, as they are not completed. Preliminary Bridge and Retaining Wall plan development is just beginning and will not be ready for several months yet.

10. What cost rate should we provide for Task 15.0 and 16.0?
    o For uniformity purposes for proposers, please assume one lead design engineer (Principal level engineer) and one lead technician.
11. Can we provide our schedule on 11”x17” and count it as one page in the proposal?
   - Yes, an 11” x 17” sheet size can be utilized for the schedule.