

Response to Questions Received

1. It's mentioned in the narrative that the roadway is geometrically deficient and in need of realignment, yet the proposed roadway section is centered within an existing 50' ROW. Is the intent to realign vertically but maintain the horizontal as is?
The thought is that the widening and clearing of trees will improve the site line issues in addition to any vertical alignment changes. Any horizontal alignment changes must be maintained within the existing right-of-way.
2. The narrative under scope of services states that a 4' sidewalk will be installed but the cross section shows a 5' sidewalk. Which is correct?
Both widths meet the Town Road Specifications. Actual width to be analyzed during preliminary design.
3. In addition to widening to obtain a 30' roadway, is the existing pavement from Nursery Lane to the Route 9 underpass to be milled and overlaid?
That section is to be milled and overlaid only. No widening proposed.
4. Will the Town get permission from property owners for survey purposes?
The public is aware of the project through the public outreach conducted to date – the project has been well received. A letter to all residents along the corridor will go out at project kickoff. The Town has not previously sought permission for survey for such projects.
5. Is the additional 50' of survey on the side roads just within the ROW of those roads or 100' wide just like the main road?
Use the same 100' foot width on the side roads.
6. Will a separate contract be required between consultant and the State for developing property maps?
DOT will be handling acquisitions. The contract will be between the Consultant and the Town, but the work will be coordinated with and completed to the satisfaction of DOT Rights-of-Way. Consultant shall furnish schedule of property owners, title mylar, all required property maps and complete set of construction plans to DOT Rights-of-Way.
7. Will ConnDOT Form 817 suffice for technical specs? If not what format should be utilized?
Form 817 will suffice with supplement as needed. Town to provide front end (boiler plate).

8. Will there be a landscaping component to address re-establishment of disturbed lawn areas that may include trees and shrubs?
Restoration to be loam and seed.
9. Have retaining walls been considered to minimize disturbance of adjacent properties?
R.O.W. impacts and the use of grading vs retaining walls to be evaluated during the preliminary design process with consideration to public involvement and costs of the alternatives.
10. Will we be required to prepare applications and attend meetings with the Cromwell IWWC (E & S cert.) and Planning and Zoning Commissions for this project?
There will be no wetlands meetings. P&Z will only require an E&S certification. Assume one meeting.
11. Who will handle construction inspection and field changes, the Town or Consultant?
We are not asking for any bidding or construction phase services in this RFP, although qualifications for such services could be included in the submission. The low bidder will only be selected on the design service scope and fee.
12. Who will manage coordination of project, hire contractor, review submittals, authorize payment, certify payroll (Davis Bacon?), generate punch list and final payment/withholding?
Same as above.
13. How many construction coordination meetings are anticipated beyond those mentioned in the RFQ/RFP?
There are no construction coordination meetings, as that is not part of the scope. Consultant will be required to attend as many ROW coordination meetings as DOT may require to complete that portion of the work. Same for utility coordination.
14. Under “Survey Information”, in regards to the land record research, will the various town offices charge the usual copying fees for these records? If these fees are waived we can reflect that in the bid.
The Town will waive the fees, selected consultant must arrange that with the engineering department prior to making reproductions in the Clerk’s office.
15. In the same area we are interested in the reference to “AutoCAD 2010 or other system compatible to Town’s software”. Specifically what does the Town use or what do you intend to use it for, such as the GIS?
The Town is on subscription for AutoCAD and ESRI ArcMap products – with latest available versions of both installed. AutoCAD files of the completed survey and design shall be transmitted to the Town.

16. Will they be used for pavement design (subbase, base and hot mix asphalt thickness) or for the design of retaining walls, if it is determined that walls are needed during the design phase? Based on the spacing requirements of 100' in the RFQ/RFP it is assumed that 25 borings are required in the section to be reconstructed.

The borings are for developing a pavement design for the reconstructed roadway – not for the section that would be milled and paved.