

Subject:

Falmouth Route 1 North RFP Questions + Answers

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Dear Consultant:

Thank you for your questions. Below are the Town's responses. The opportunity for questions has now closed.

1. Based upon your Pre-Bid Meeting follow up message from yesterday *, has any of the language in the RFP changed? For instance, has requirement #4 on page 5 of the RFP changed?

The RFP language has not changed, including requirement #4. ("4. The work shall meet MaineDOT's standards and procedures, including but not limited to applicable sections of the latest versions – and any revisions – of the MaineDOT's Highway Design Guide, Standard Specifications, and Standard Details.") The design still needs to follow MaineDOT standards.

2. Will this be a MaineDOT LPA project for final design or purely a Town of Falmouth project with no MaineDOT involvement?

At this time, the project is expected to be fully funded by the Town and thus no LPA requirements apply. If funding sources change in the future requiring a different design process, then the consultant agreement will be amended accordingly.

3. Will we have any design flexibility to change the concept design? For example, we think it may be easier to locate the shared use path south of Johnson Road on the west side of Route 1, rather than on the east side.

The Town will consider suggested design modifications.

4. During the ROW process in Final Design, please confirm what services the Consultant is required to provide and what services the Town will handle, e.g. mapping, title research, appraisals, negotiations, etc.

Upon reflection, the Town will exclude this work (mapping, title research, appraisals, negotiations) from the scope of work, since it is not known at this time if it is needed. The Town will contract for these services separately if it is determined they are required.

5. Will the Town be notifying adjacent property owners about survey and other project activities within the project area?

Yes

6. What is your opinion on the need for a geotechnical study (soil borings, etc.)?

The Town has no opinion on such a study at this time. Consultants are asked to make an independent assessment about the need for this.

7. Are you looking to acquire ROW or grading easements to accommodate the design?

The Town expects that such acquisition, and the extent of it, will be determined by the Preliminary Design.

**In response to a question at the pre-bid meeting, the Town learned the following from MaineDOT District Engineer Rob Betz:*

- There are no special MaineDOT requirements for this project.*
- MaineDOT expects that AASHTO controlling criteria will be met.*

We look forward to your proposals!

Thank you for your interest, time, and effort.

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