

Heritage Street Plan RFP Questions & Answers

1. Is it expected that there will be a pre-proposal meeting of any kind, mandatory or non-mandatory?

There will be no pre-proposal meeting. For context, please review the *North Loop Small Area Plan* (http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/north_loop.asp) and the update to the Warehouse Historic District design guidelines (http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/Merger_Local_and_Nat_Warehs_His_Dis.asp).

2. As you answer questions, will you notify people when the answers are posted or should we just keep checking the website?

We will be updating questions and answers on the CPED RFP web page (<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/rfp.asp>) each Friday until September 17.

3. Has a street materials survey been conducted/diagram created to indicate where historic paving materials exist today (even if asphalted over)?

No

4. Along the same lines, has historic research been done/diagram created to indicate the historic pavement types for each street?

No specific research study has been done. We know that the majority of historic pavement material is brick while some wood pavers are still visible on 8th Ave N and cobblestone pavers on Traffic St.

5. Has any materials testing already been done on historic warehouse district pavements?

To some degree. In 2007, the City hand-removed brick pavers in a small segment of road in need of sewer repairs. We have some basic information on the amount of pavers that remained intact during their removal.

6. What existing topographic and survey information is available for the project area?

We have topographic mapping data available. No survey work has been done in the rights-of-way in the project area.

7. Do we need a contractor to do the work on the demonstration site or will City forces be made available?

No City forces are available to conduct work on the demonstration site. The goal of this work is to have actual information on the condition of the bricks – it is up to the consultant to propose how to achieve this goal.

8. Phase 1, Task 5 has the City Staff exploring the district's environmental constraints. Can you clarify the scope of this work?

City staff will conduct research to provide the consultant team with high-level information about possible contaminants in the soil and other constraints that may hinder use of the rights-of-way for stormwater management. We are looking for the consultant team to have a basic

understanding of infiltration and filtering methods that could be incorporated into the schematic designs of the streets.

9. Is there a page limit on the proposal?

No

10. In regards to RFP Section 2.1, Required Tasks, Item 4.b. How many test areas are required? What size test area(s) are required?

We are not requiring a specific number of tests or minimum size for the test area. The consultant team should propose a strategy for accomplishing this task that would give the City concrete data on the condition of the pavers.

11. Just want to verify that we will focus the study on the orange streets identified in the RFP - Attachment E

Any streets that have either original pavers OR loading docks within the right-of-way will be part of this process.

12. Could you possibly clarify the level of the survey (what should absolutely be included as part of the survey).

The survey should include enough information to inform the alternative design process. The City needs to be confident that the designs coming out of this plan can be implemented.

13. Need to clarify if we need all of our subs to sign the cover page (see item 7.1 part 6).

Only the lead consultant needs to provide a signature since they will be responsible for the subs.

14. Is it possible to utilize the City Public Works crews for the removal and reinstallation of test paving areas, or should we account for this in our proposal.

See Question 7

15. Phase 1, Task 2, of the Scope of Services, calls for a preliminary survey of streets. Is this preliminary survey being requested for the nine (9) "Heritage Street" segments identified in the North Loop Small Area Plan or all streets within the historic district?

We will need preliminary surveys of all streets that have either original pavers OR loading docks within the right-of-way.

16. Phase 3 calls for the preparation of street/streetscape design layouts for each heritage street. Can you confirm whether this task includes just the nine (9) "Heritage Street" segments identified in the North Loop Small Area Plan or potentially additional streets?

We will need design layouts for each street in the historic district that either has original pavers OR loading docks within the right-of-way. These are the streets that pose the most challenges for repair or reconstruction because they are unique compared to standard street work.

17. Can we get an example of the available topographic mapping data?

We have mapping layers that provide contours, planimetrics (such as building footprints), and orthophotography.

18. It will be very difficult to accomplish the given scope of services within the \$100,000 budget. Should our proposal include suggestions for trimming the scope of services to stay within the \$100,000 budget, or is it possible that additional monies may be available?

There are no additional funds available to accomplish the scope at this time.

19. How do alleys fit into your response and what if it's visually unclear whether a street has historic pavers under the surface pavement?

The consultant will not be required to come up with an alley by alley plan. However, the information regarding the increment between basic asphalt repaving and reusing pavers can be applied to alleys for future decision making in those areas.

If the consultant has identified streets other than the ones previously identified in the RFP they are welcomed to include those streets in their proposal. However, the scope should be kept to streets with known pavers or industrial infrastructure. Much like the alleys the information gathered on the cost and feasibility of the salvaging and reuse of pavers versus reinterpretation efforts or plain asphalt paving will be applicable to these streets.