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**ENTITY CONTRACT NO. 4400030630
STATE PROJECT NO. H.015724.5
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H015724
KINGS HWY: HEALTHCARE & DEV. CORRIDOR
CADDO PARISH**

Question and Answer

November 13, 2024:

- Q1.** The Traffic Engineering scope listed on pages 14 through 18 of the advertisement is similar to LADOTD's Traffic Engineering Process and Report methodology. Since this work is being done by Entity agreement, will the DOTD District and the Entity be responsible for review of the traffic submittals or will the traffic submittals be reviewed only by DOTD headquarters? The scope mentions a deadline for federal authorization of construction funds prior to September 2026. If DOTD headquarters and / or District is involved in the review and approval of the traffic report, is DOTD committed to working with the Design Team to complete the traffic study process in a timeframe that will support a project delivery schedule that will achieve the federal authorization date?
- A1.** This project is located on a local route and will utilize federal funds awarded to the Entity. DOTD's role and commitment is to assist in administering federal funds and providing support/guidance. The Entity will have final authority on traffic submittals with exception to any changes proposed at intersecting state routes.
- Q2.** The advertisement indicates that in order for the federal authorization of construction funds prior to September 2026, the project must be environmentally clear and the ROW must be clear, The scope also states that the Consultant "cannot proceed to final plans until environmental has been cleared". Does DOTD foresee any delays in obtaining environmental clearance that would present a risk to the project delivery schedule? Will the Entity or the State be acquiring the right of way? Does DOTD foresee any delays in property acquisition that would present a risk to the project delivery schedule?
- A2.** Without knowing the final footprint of the project it is difficult to provide an answer with any level of certainty. The preliminary environmental review did not identify any specific areas of concern. If necessary, the Entity will be responsible for acquiring right of way. There are no known locations that are expected to create acquisition issues atypical to normal project delivery for work in a similar area. It is strongly encouraged that the design maintains existing right of way or limits right of way takings to critical locations only.