

1. Under the Scope of Work, the range of alternatives varies from cosmetic to inclusive. The design requirements for traffic, civil and geotechnical would be significantly different, depending upon the preferred solution. Would the City consider a 2-phase proposal, with a fixed fee for the Part A, Topo Survey, and B, SWOT, and C, Design Alternatives and Feasibility Report, and a negotiated fee for Part D and E, Schematic Design and Construction Documents.

**A: We have reviewed the RFP document and would like to indicate that we decided to remove Part E (construction design) and Building and Award Support, since it was not feasible to provide a proper pricing without knowing the preferred alternative selected. Another RFP will need to follow at a later time.**

**Part C is amended as follows:**

**C. Design Alternatives and Feasibility Study:**

This task is to evaluate the feasibility of implementing the following streetscape design alternative ideas:

- **Cosmetic-Only Alternative:** All desired streetscape improvements are done with the existing traffic pattern and street layout maintained.
- **Cosmetic with Bike Lane and Bump-out Alternative:** All desired streetscape improvements are done with the existing traffic pattern and street layout maintained, bike lane added (removal of parking) and bump-out at key intersections (landscaping, traffic calming and consideration for LID).
- ~~**Widened Sidewalk Alternative:** All desired streetscape improvements are done with widened sidewalks along identified segments of the street.~~
- ~~**Landscaped Median and/or Bump Out Alternative:** All desired streetscape improvements are done with a landscaped median along identified segments of the street.~~
- ~~**Inclusive Alternative(s):** All desired streetscape improvements are done with the addition of bump-outs, bike lanes, widened sidewalks, and landscaped medians along segments of the street where feasible, or multiple combinations of these features.~~
- ~~**Any other consultant suggested alternative(s).**~~

~~The feasibility study will contain a traffic analysis and evaluate the physical constraints and potential impacts associated with each alternative (turning lanes, functional servicing, bump-out, etc). The study will close by identifying a consultant recommended alternative based on the results of the study and a cost-benefit analysis.~~

- *Deliverable: 1 reproducible hard copy and an electronic file (.pdf format and .dwg format) of the Design Alternatives and Feasibility Study (1 draft and 1 final)*
- Meeting with City staff/working group to discuss design alternatives and feasibility study.

2. Is an illumination plan required as part of the street light design?

**A: Laurier Street has a section with underground utilities and one section with overhead utilities. As such, there are green decorative street lights and lights attached to hydro poles within the study corridor. The City will be changing the light fixtures to LED for the**

**Lights attached to hydro poles. The consultant is to assume no change to lights in those areas. The consultant will provide the City with street light post alternatives to replace the decorative green light posts. The consultant is to assume that the location will stay the same therefore an illumination plan is not required.**

3. Is it safe to assume that the underground electrical wiring is to code?  
**The green decorative street lights were installed in 1994.**
4. Would the City consider a simple replacement of the street lights in their current location?  
**Yes**
5. Are geotechnical studies available for the majority of the study corridor – if sidewalk and/or asphalt replacement is to be considered as part of ultimate design?  
**Geotechnical study not required as the construction drawings were removed from this RFP.**
6. Are as-builts available for all Infrastructure within the study area? Would the City have electronic files of any or all infrastructure within the study area?  
**The City currently has shapefiles for the water/sanitary and storm sewers which can be submitted to the consultant to include on the topo plan.**
7. Would the City consider the identification of any lateral service connections on an as-needed basis depending on the preferred design alternatives?  
**Yes**
8. Is the City expecting the identification of all lateral connections as part of the survey work? If so, do these have tracing cables or is it expected that permission from all abutting properties be required to identify entry points?  
**Laterals will be required on an as-needed basis.**
9. Would the City have recent traffic counts for the study area including intersections?  
**The City does have recent traffic counts for parts of Laurier Street. We can also obtain more if needed.**
10. Is a parking study required as part of the SWOT analysis?  
**Yes**
11. Does the City have a construction budget in mind for the proposed revitalization as this will influence the preferred design and feasibility study?  
**No**
12. For the conceptual and schematic design, it is indicated that the proponent must prepare renderings and/or character perspective illustrations. Could you please confirm that only the preferred alternative would requires renderings and/or character perspective illustrations?  
**Yes only the preferred alternative will require renderings**
13. What is the capital budget approved by the City for this project?  
**There is no budget approved for the works itself, however, we currently have a budget of \$298,000 to complete the conceptual design, etc.**
14. Could you please confirm whether the City requires a formal cost-benefit analysis of all scenarios which implies quantifying in monetary terms the relative benefits or is a more qualitative approach analysis would be sufficient? **Yes a cost-benefit will be required for all scenarios since the decision will be taken in regards to the cost of the works.**

15. Can the City please clarify the level of detail required for the Topographic survey detailed on page 14 of the RFP documents? Is the City looking for the proponent to complete a full topographic survey in addition to the survey to be supplied by the City, or is the proponent to complete a survey of the underground only such as per Subsurface Utility Engineering requirements?

**The consultant is to provide a survey of the underground only since the above-ground was undertaken last year. The City currently has shapefiles for the water/sanitary and storm sewers which can be submitted to the consultant to include on the topo plan. The consultant will be required to obtain the locates for the standposts and utilities. As indicated, approximately half of Laurier Street (study area) has utilities overhead.**

16. Will the City supply property fabric information as part of the completed survey, or is the proponent to complete a legal survey in addition to the survey requirements described above?  
**No legal survey is to be completed.**

17. Would the City consider the allowance of different page sizes, such as 11x17, to be used for the proponent submission? **Yes**

18. Would the City supply .docx (Word document) of the RFP to assist with completing the form Bid forms to be included with the proponents submission? **You can retrieve the document in pdf format on the City's website or on the MERX website.**

19. The project deadlines listed on page 16 of the RFP document are quite tight. Would the City consider extending the duration of the project to March 2019 to permit more time for the completion of the topographic survey and conceptual designs? This is based upon past experience where the selection of the preferred conceptual design alternative has taken longer as multiple iterations had been required.

**The schedule is modified as follows:**

- **Award Contract: August, 2018**
- **TOPO completion : One month and a half after award**
- **Design Alternatives and Feasibility Study: December 2018**
- **Conceptual and Schematic Design: February 2019**

20. Can the City please confirm whether or not the public hearing required for the 33% design as per section D - 4<sup>th</sup> bullet item (in page 15) shall be in the form of a POH, which will be in addition to the POH required for the 66% design, section D - 5<sup>th</sup> bullet item?

**A public hearing will be required at the 66% stage of Section D, at the 33% stage, we will not have a public meeting but a working group meeting.**

21. Can the City please confirm, whether or not an Environmental Assessment Study has been completed for this project in the past? And if so can the City please provide a pdf version of the report and recommended plans? In case no EA has been completed in the past, can the City please confirm whether or not this project will be subject to any form of municipal/ provincial / federal Environmental Assessment Study provisions? **No EA was completed for Laurier Street in the past. It is not anticipated that it will be required.**

22. Can the City please confirm whether or not this project shall account for addressing any issues with contaminated soil (ESA Phase 1 and 2 Environmental Contamination assessment)?

**The consultant is to assume that no ESA will be undertaken.**