

**COBB COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING DIVISION**

**August 27, 2021
Austell-Powder Spring Trail Scoping Study
Project No. X2543**

ADDENDUM NO. 1

**PROPOSALS RECEIVED UNTIL September 9, 2021
12:00 Noon Local Time**

The following addendum hereby amends and/or modifies the Request for Proposals (RFP) as issued for this project. All proposals are subject to the provisions of this Addendum. **Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of this addendum.**

I. QUESTIONS

Q. Is there a contract that will be used that we can review? Or, will contract negotiations happen once a firm is selected?

A. Contract negotiations begin once a firm is selected and approved by the Board of Commissioners. A contract template will be provided then.

Q. Page 7 of the RFP: It states that the proposals are limited to 20 pages. Is it 20 pages front and back (40 pages worth of text) or 10 front and back pages (20 pages worth of text)?

A. The proposal is limited to twenty (20) pages. This is 20 pages single-sided or 10 pages double-sided.

II. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Pre-proposal Conference held Monday, August 23, 2021 are included.



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Project Manager

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AUSTELL-POWDER SPRINGS TRAIL SCOPING STUDY
PROJECT NO. X2543
PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE
Monday, August 23, 2021 9:00 a.m.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: September 9, 2021 – 12:00 Noon Local Time

DATE: August 23, 2021

ATTENDEES: See Attached Attendee List

MEETING MINUTES:

- (1) This is the Pre-Proposal Conference for Cobb County Department of Transportation project – Austell-Powder Spring Trail Scoping Study, Project No. X2543. **Request for Proposal (RFP) will be received until 12:00 noon on September 9, 2021, at Cobb County Purchasing Department, 122 Waddell Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060.** Proposal will be opened by the Purchasing Department at 2:00 p.m. on September 9, 2021, at the Cobb County Purchasing Department.

NO PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 12:00 NOON DEADLINE.

DO NOT DELIVER BIDS TO COBB DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Minutes of this meeting will be issued as Addendum No. 1.

The Cobb County Purchasing Department is now posting solicitations to BidNet's Georgia Purchasing Group. Now that we are posting our solicitations to this platform, registered vendors can automatically be notified of matching bids and addenda.

(2) **Project:**

Austell-Powder Springs Road Trail is one of the eight priority trails identified in the Cobb county Greenways and Trails Masterplan adopted in 2018. The trail will connect the two cities, Powder Springs and Austell from the existing trail head on Silver comet Linear Part in Powder Springs to Downtown Austell basically along Austell-Powder springs Road. The trail will also join the two cities to cobb County's trail network, meaning that all seven cities will connect with each other by the multi-use trail system. The total project budget is \$300,000.00.

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(3) Special Items to Note:

A thumb drive with an electronic copy of your submittal will be required with your proposal documents. This is in addition to the required 9 hard copies of your submittal package to Purchasing.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation and Small Business Participation (SBP) in all DOT contracts is encouraged. Proposers are subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. Proposers must submit a DBE Participation Schedule to the County with this RFP and a final DBE report must be submitted at the end of the project. Any subsequent changes and/or substitutions of DBE firms from the original DBE Participation Schedule must be submitted and approved by the County in advance.

All Consultants, including subconsultants, should be pre-qualified with Georgia Department of Transportation OR Cobb County Department of Transportation. Prequalification with GDOT is accepted as prequalification with Cobb County, and no additional submission is necessary. For those firms without Georgia Department of Transportation prequalification, Cobb County Department of Transportation prequalification is required. Additionally, prequalification will be required prior to contract award but not prior to proposal submittal.

All transportation planning and engineering services shall be in accordance with Cobb County Department of Transportation Engineering Design Procedures, applicable guidelines of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) Standard Specifications for the Construction of Transportation Systems, Project Schedules, and Plan Presentation Guidelines, and all other applicable Cobb County Department of Transportation guidelines. Additionally, engineering services shall be in accordance to future Federal or State funding award including Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and GDOT. All project deliverables must be submitted to Cobb County Department of Transportation for review and approval.

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(4) Questions and Answers:

Q. I am one of those people who can't access what you are showing on the screen, will we be sent this after the meeting?

A. Yes, the Addendum will go out and be published online with the procurement and everyone emailing Purchasing@cobbcounty.org that they attended with their name, and company and phone number and email. We will put the information on the sign-in sheet. We will send out the slides, minutes and sign-in sheet in the next couple of days or so. Apparently, no one attending can see the screen. I am seeing everyone as a call-in number.

Q. I did want to ask about more generally what are some of the access management policies for Cobb County, especially along the section where we are connecting to the Silver Comet, there are a lot of options over there and I was wondering what kind of conversations you have had about access management in that area for different driveways and things?

A. We want to study the various access components and see which one is the better option looking at and evaluating things such as utility needs, potential right-of-way needs, any other environmental issues, things like that but we want to evaluate it during this process and maybe even a cost amount when considering the better option. Currently, we don't have a true preferred option and we want the study to help define that.

Q. Did I understand correctly that there is no survey or Geotech on this project?

A. No land survey is required for this project. As far as geotechnical services, we do want a geotechnical onboard as part of this project. There is a bridge as part of this project so we want the team to be able to review any soil studies or the existing bridge foundation. We want a geotechnical person onboard to fully understand and give us the best recommendations in the scoping phase.

Additional questions should be sent via email to purchasing@cobbcounty.org no later than Noon on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.



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DOT Planning Division Manager

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Attachments: Attendee List (.pdf file)
Pre-Proposal Conference Slides

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ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

We acknowledge receipt of the following addendum(s) for:

**Request for Proposals for
Austell-Powder Springs Trail Scoping Study
Project No. X2543**

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Email Address

Consulting Firm

Telephone

Insert signed copy of this form in your final proposal after the cover letter.

This form does not count toward the total number of pages.

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Austell-Powder Springs Trail Scoping Study (X2543)
 August 23, 2021

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Cobb County Department of Transportation

Pre-Proposal Conference

Austell-Powder Springs Trail Scoping Study (X2543)

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Monday, August 23, 2021 9:00 a.m.

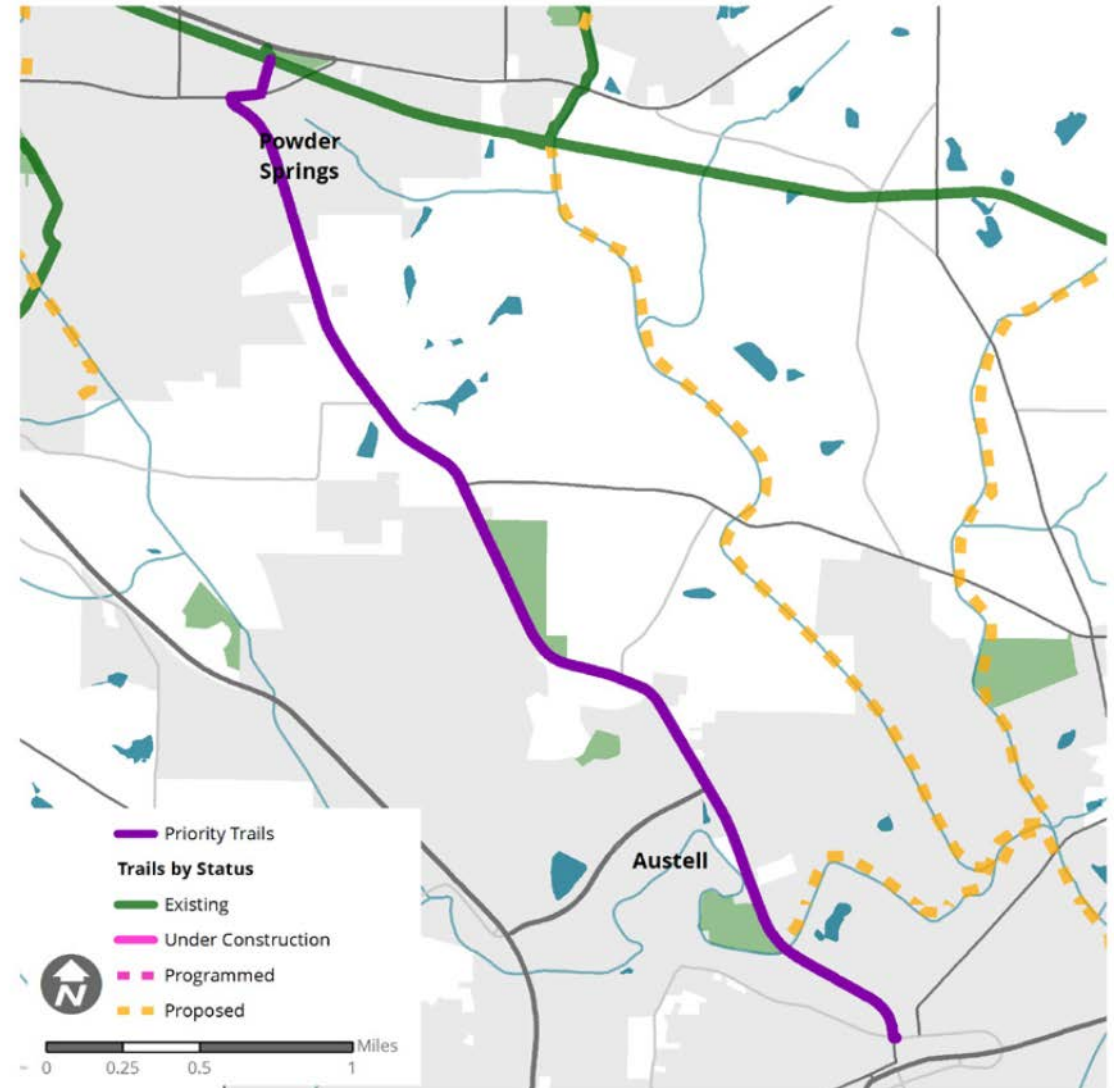
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Agenda

- Welcome Laura Beall
- Panelists Introductions County Staff
 - Sign in sheet for attendees
- RFP Laura Beall
 - Overview
 - Study Scope of Work
 - Key Dates
- Purchasing Lisa Rodriguez
- DBE Discussion Stefanie Taylor
- Federal Documents Laura Beall/Dyan Merced
- Q & A Panelists
- Closing Reminders Laura Beall

AUSTELL-POWDER SPRINGS TRAIL

- Austell-Powder Springs Trail is one of the eight priority trails identified in the Cobb County Greenways and Trails Masterplan adopted in 2018.
- The trail will connect the two cities, Powder Springs and Austell from the existing trailhead on Silver Comet Linear Park in Powder Springs to downtown Austell basically along Austell-Powder Springs Road.
- Approximately 4 miles in length



RFP: Overview

- “Scoping Study” is a planning-level project phase to support the development of a concept
- Study Objectives:
 - Consistency with the vision and goals set forth in the County’s Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CobbForward.org) and Atlanta Region’s Plan (AtlantaRegional.org);
 - Potential to address the existing and future mobility needs of the corridor for all users;
 - Maximize safety, connectivity, and efficiency at the intersection;
 - Potential to address the existing and future needs for all users; and
 - Prepare data and materials for the future federal funding eligibility of all project phases (future TIP solicitations and state or federal grant applications).
- Final product is a preliminary concept; Not a “GDOT concept”

RFP: Overview

- ARC Transportation Planning Study Program Award for a Scoping Study from 2019 TIP Solicitation;
 - Study budget – \$300,000.00
 - Funding sources – 80% FY2020 FHWA STBG funds with 20% 2016 SPLOST Local Match
 - Program funds ARC No. AR-038-2123, P.I. No. 0017781
- Project is not in the ARC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and results of the Scoping Study will be used for funding application
- Cobb DOT Team – Planning, Engineering, Pre-Construction, Traffic Operations; others as needed
- Key Partners – ARC, Cities of Austell and Powder Springs

RFP: Study Scope of Work

- I. Project Management
- II. Stakeholder and Public Engagement
 - A. Stakeholder Steering Committee
 - B. Public Engagement and Outreach
- III. Existing Conditions & Technical Analysis (present and past)
- IV. Alternatives Analysis and Concept Plan Development (future)
- V. Final Project Report

Prequalification Criteria Required of Team

- Prime Consultant and/or Subconsultants – Area Class Required
 - 1.06(a) NEPA Documentation
 - 1.06(b) History
 - 1.06(c) Air Quality Studies
 - 1.06(e) Ecology
 - 1.06(d) Noise
 - 1.06(f) Archeology
 - 1.07 Attitude, Opinion, Community Value Studies
 - 3.02 Two-lane or Multi-lane Urban Roadway Design
 - 3.08 Landscape Architecture Design
 - 3.13 Bicycles and Pedestrians Facility Design
 - 4.01(a) Minor Bridge Design
 - 6.01(a) Soil Survey Studies
 - 6.02 Bridge Foundation Studies

Key Dates

- RFP Issued August 13, 2021
- Pre-Proposal Conference August 23, 2021
 - Addendum 1 of minutes, sign-in sheet, slides
- Written Questions Due September 1, 2021 by Noon
 - Addendum 2 responses
- Bids due to Purchasing September 9, 2021 by Noon
- Opening of Bids by Purchasing September 9, 2021 2:00 p.m.
- Estimated Notice to Proceed January 2022
- Estimated Project Completion Early 2023 (Flexible for proposals)