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Request for Proposals (RFP) – Response to Questions – 12.12.19 Bicycle Tourism Plan

1. **Question:** Page 4: Task 1.1 states, “At the kick-off meeting we will finalize the bicycle routes that will be studied in the Bicycle Tourism Plan.” However, according to the RFP the bicycle routes won’t be identified until Task 2. Can you clarify how you expect those two tasks to fit within the timeline relative to each other?

Answer: Our goal is to start the discussion on finalizing the bicycle routes at the Kick-off Meeting. But this task item is a project deliverable for Task 2.

2. **Question: Page 4:** Task 2.1 mentions “Caltrans existing resources.” For the state routes in the project area, can Caltrans generally provide relatively recent traffic volumes? Right-of-way widths? Pavement Condition Index scores? Other data and information?

Answer: It is anticipated Caltrans should have all of the existing conditions needed for the State Highways. Some regional agencies might be able to supplement information as well.

3. **Question: Page 11, under “Budget for Project:”** Does this amount include the budget for Cal Bike’s tasks, or is it just for the tasks to be conducted by the consultant?

Answer: The budget for this project is just for the tasks outlined for the consultant in this RFP.

4. **Question:** Is it anticipated that the Steering Committee meetings will take place in Sonora?

Answer: The Steering Committee Meetings will take place in a variety of locations and are planned to rotate between the different regions.

5. **Question:** Some of the state highways in the project area are interrupted in a couple of places by segments within counties that are not represented in this project. For example, SR 88 from San Joaquin County to Alpine County includes a segment within Amador County. Should the planning work take into consideration the segments within these other counties? Do you envision coordination with these counties on the identification of bicycle routes and improvement opportunities?

Answer: The consultant should not evaluate or study areas outside of the 5 county boundaries in the study. We want to use our existing budget to focus just on the five counties.

6. **Question:** Is there an expected # of bicycle routes that will be studied in the Bicycle Tourism Plan? 9 State Highways are listed on page 5 but it sounds like there’s scope to add more routes if necessary.

Answer: We have yet to determine the # of bicycle routes for the plan. We want there to be flexibility to determine bicycle routes on and off the state highway system. We recommend to the consultants to propose in their scope of work and budget a total # of bicycle routes to be examined.

7. **Question:** It's our understanding that all of the bicycle routes will be on-road routes as opposed to considering off-road/mountain bike routes. Please clarify that this is correct.
Answer: Yes, the existing conditions and future improvements are only focused on-road bicycle routes. Please note, the Bicycle Tourism component (Task 5.2), this economic study will be evaluating all bicycle tourism potential including off-road/mountain bicycle potential.
8. **Question:** Will monthly check-in meetings all be in person? Can some of these meetings be done via conference call?
Answer: There is flexibility to do monthly Check-in meetings either via in-person, conference call, or a combination of both. We recommend the consultants propose the type of check in- meetings in their proposal.
9. **Question:** For Safety Study in Task 2.2, how will the locations be selected for the analysis? And how many locations will there be?
Answer: We are recommending the consultant provide recommendations in their proposal on how to select locations for the safety analysis and how many locations to be examined.
10. **Question:** For Task 4.2, how many conceptual designs/renderings are expected?
Answer: We recommend the consultants propose how many conceptual design/renderings they plan to examine in their proposal.
11. **Question:** Will CalBike also be reviewing consultant deliverables, and will there be an opportunity to collaborate together?
Answer: Yes, Cal Bike will be reviewing consultant deliverables. And we are expected several opportunities for the consultant and Cal Bike to collaborate together.
12. **Question:** The RFP states a maximum budget for the plan to be \$200,000. Does the \$200,000 include the Cal Bike efforts/fees or are those in a separate budget?
Answer: The \$200,000 budget for this proposal does not include Cal Bikes efforts. Cal Bike's efforts are under a separate budget and contract.
13. **Question:** Task 3.3 Community Outreach Workshops and Stakeholder Meetings - Will the consultant be creating any elements of the Outreach Plan or Outreach Materials or will Cal Bike be solely creating the plan and materials? Will Cal Bike be part of the outreach workshops and meetings?
Answer: The consultant will not be creating the outreach plan or outreach materials. Cal Bike will be leading and organizing the outreach workshop and meetings. The consultant will be actively participating in some of the outreach efforts.
14. **Question:** What data is expected to be available from Caltrans regarding existing conditions?
Answer: It is anticipated Caltrans should have all of the existing conditions of the State Highways. Some regional agencies might have this information as well.
15. **Question:** Is the Pavement Conditions Index information existing, or will the Consultant be required to generate this data?
Answer: We are anticipating the pavement conditions index will gathered from existing resources.
16. **Question:** Is there a database (GIS or otherwise) of unpaved local roadways within the study area?
Answer: The Steering Committee can provide a list of unpaved roadways that we want to be examined as part of the study.

17. Question: How many priority projects are anticipated as part of Task 4.1? Can you provide a range?

Answer: We recommend the consultant propose how many priority projects they are proposing as part of the Study.