



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Planning

RFP Title: Engineering And Design Services for Manton Ave Tar Bridge

Opening Date: 18 May 2026

Addendum #: 1

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The purpose of this addendum is:

Response to bidder questions.



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MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY

**Request for Qualifications: Engineering and Design Services for
Manton Ave Tar Bridge
Addendum 1
May 11, 2026**

The following changes, revisions and/or supplemental information, as applicable, are hereby issued as ADDENDUM NO. 1 in connection with the Contract Documents (Specifications) issued for the above- referenced project.

Response to Bidder Questions

Summarized below are responses to Bidders Questions asked at the Pre-Bid Conference on May 4th, 2026, and received via email following:

- A. Should teams have qualifications for an electrical design included?
 - 1. An evaluation of lighting will be required for this design scope. There are 3 existing decorative lighting poles in the vicinity of the bridge, the designer should plan to evaluate if these are sufficient and can remain or if additional lighting is required.
- B. What is the anticipated schedule?
 - 1. Final schedule will be determined during the negotiation process. Bridge reconstruction is targeted to align with the Olneyville Square Safe Streets work, which is planned for construction in 2028 and 2029.
- C. Will all three projects in the area be bid together or independently?
 - 1. Each project will be bid separately; however extensive coordination will be required between the projects for construction scheduling and traffic detours.
- D. Will construction of the other projects happen at the same time or be staggered?
 - 1. This will be determined as design progresses; however the intent is to overlap construction as much as possible to minimize lane closures and traffic impacts in the area.
- E. Are there firm funding dates?
 - 1. There is currently STIP funding allocated in out years for bridge construction, the City is working to move funding deadlines up. Funding for this RFQ will be paid using City funding which has been allocated.
- F. Are there any preferred superstructure or substructure types preferred by the City?
 - 1. This will be primarily determined by the consultant as part of the design process.

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- G. Would the City be okay with permanent ROW acquisitions for widening the bridge connection for a bike path?
1. Yes, if necessary.
- H. What level of design are the other projects at currently?
1. Intersection improvements are at 30% and nearing NEPA permitting submission. The Atlantic Mills trail is in conceptual design. Intersection funding expires in 2028 so this will be the top priority for construction.
- I. Will subcontractors be evaluated individually as part of the bid process or as part of the prime?
1. All contractors will be evaluated together as one package; however, the primary evaluation will be of the prime contractor.
- J. Will the selected consultant coordinate with other project teams directly or will this be handled by the City?
1. Coordination between projects will be handled by the City.
- K. Is the last day for questions 5/7 or 5/8?
1. The last day for questions was 5/8.
- L. Can you share the slides or recording or materials etc. from the Pre-Bid Conference on 5/4?
1. All questions from the pre-bid meeting have been incorporated into this Addendum.
- M. Would the City be able to grant an extension on the proposal due date?
1. Due to the scheduling constraints no extensions can be granted.
- N. Can you share your anticipated or desired project start date?
1. The City anticipates 4-6 weeks for bid evaluation, qualification and cost negotiations. Project would be anticipated to start in late June or early July.
- O. How will the design and rebuilding of the bridge be funded, by the city, state or federal funding or some combination? Are there time constraints on any of the funding and what would be the desired timeline for the project completion?
1. Design under this RFQ will be funded by local City fundings that have been allocated. Bridge construction funds are budgeted in the STIP and are currently being evaluated to determine if they can be moved up. The desired timeline would have construction begin in 2028 to align the with City Safe Streets construction.
- P. Has there been a PEL study done for this project (for preliminary engineering)? Similarly, have any traffic/mobility studies been done for the bridge and local adjacent streets?
1. No PEL study has been completed at this time. The City has completed extensive traffic studies and Synchro modeling for the surrounding intersections as part of the Safe Streets project work which can be shared at the beginning of design.

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Q. Beyond the projects identified in the RFQ, are there any adjacent development or large land use projects anticipated or planned in the vicinity that would impact the project?

1. Redevelopment of the Atlantic Mills property is anticipated and may alter traffic patterns. The City is not aware of other developments at this time.

R. Will the City be running engagement for the project (as is being done at other locations) or should we consider leading engagement as part of the proposal?

1. Engagement for the project will be led and staffed by City staff. The consultant should budget some time for preparation of graphics or presentations to assist with community engagement.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ian Cullings at 401-680-8578 or icullings@providenceri.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Cullings".

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