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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### LA BREA AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

#### I. Question from Quantum Consulting, Inc.:

Q1. Are the landscape and irrigation plans for this project to be designed in accordance with the requirements of AB1881 and West Hollywood Ordinance No. 09-834.

A1. Yes.

#### II. Questions from rrmdesigngroup:

Q1. Does the City have an expected construction cost? And/or project funding amount?

A1. Yes. Per the grant agreement between the City and LACMTA, the construction cost is estimated at \$1,082,422

Q2. Was the master plan prepared with input/approval of a Traffic Engineer.

A2. Yes.

Q3. Confirm who will be responsible for coordination with Cal Trans where the La Brea Ave crosses Santa Monica Blvd?

A3. No Cal Trans coordination is necessary, as Santa Monica Blvd is not a State Highway within the City of West Hollywood.

Q4. Describe the extent of public coordination you anticipate for the project in the Design Phase? If meetings with merchants, stake holders or area residents are required to inform them of design modifications to the master plan, please quantify so the consultant may identify these tasks in the scope and fee.

A4. Community coordination is not within the scope of services the City is seeking for this RFP. City Staff will handle community coordination.

Q5. Confirm the number of submittals required to city departments? (i.e. 30, 60, 90, final)

A5. Submittals will only be made to the City Engineer. The consultant should plan to make submittals at 50%, 90%, and final.





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Q6. Confirm if Bid Services and Construction Observation are excluded from the scope at this time.

A6. It is confirmed that Bid Services and Construction Observation are not within the scope of services to be provided by the consultant hired by the City for the design services on this project.

Q7. Are furnishings excluded from the scope of work?

A7. Street furniture (i.e. benches, trash cans, bike racks, bus shelter, etc.) are not within the scope of services. The City already has established standards for street furniture.

Q8. The Master Plan calls out for gateway lighting but it is not mentioned in the RFP. Is this to be excluded?

A8. Yes, the decorative gateway lighting is not part of this project.

Q9. The RFP under scope of work says to inspect and identify the conditions of the sidewalks, driveways, corner ramps and cross gutters but it does not say replace. The Master Plan states that the work behind the curb will be performed in phase 2 by the developer. Does the RFP include construction of curb gutter sidewalks identified above except for the three areas under development?

A9. The RFP is for selection of a consultant to provide design services for preparation of the plans, specifications, and cost estimates for the future construction of streetscape improvements on La Brea Avenue. Per the La Brea Avenue Streetscape Master Plan, the improvements include installation of new street trees and planters in the sidewalk areas. The future construction work to install the tree wells and planters will involve concrete construction. Therefore, the City desires to repair any broken or damaged concrete infrastructure concurrent with the concrete work to install the tree wells and planters. Therefore, we have identified the task in the scope of work for the selected consultant to inspect the concrete condition, for incorporation into the construction plans which they will be creating. As stated in the last paragraph of the "Background" section on Page 2 of the RFP, "There are three development projects that are currently under construction with frontages on La Brea Avenue, at 7119 Santa Monica Blvd, 1145 La Brea Ave, and 1234 La Brea Ave. Included in their Conditions of Development are requirements for the developers to install the La Brea Streetscape improvements on their frontages. The design of the streetscape along these project frontages is not part of the consultant services of this RFP."





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Q10. Are we to provide a lighting study that differentiates the street and sidewalk lighting levels?

A10. Yes.

Q11. In the La Brea Streetscape Master Plan on page 21, the document describes retrofitting the street lights with energy efficient technology, working in coordination with Southern California Edison. Are we to conclude that the street lights are on an LS-1 rate, which signifies SCE owned and maintained? If this is the case, then we understand why the consultant will NOT be providing electrical engineering documents, but rather just lighting study to define additional locations that may be needed. SCE designs the street light system as part of their utility design.

A11. The "cobra head" street lights located on La Brea Avenue are indeed LS-1 rate SCE owned and maintained. The scope of services for the RFP does not request consultant services for retrofitting these street lights.

Q12. For the pedestrian lights, will these also fall under the LS-1 rate structure and be designed by SCE? Usually, pedestrian lights get connected to a meter pedestal and area assigned to an LS-3 billing rate. If they are to be metered, then an electrical plan with all specifications to energize the lights WILL be needed as designed by the consultant. Please clarify.

A12. The proposed City owned pedestrian street lights will be located in between the existing Edison LS-1 "cobra head" street lights. The City will be coordinating with SCE for the pedestrian street lights to be LS-2 unmetered billing rate.

Q13. Given the relatively short period of time between receiving answers to questions and the existing due date, and scope modifications arising from the answers given, would you consider a time extension to the due date?

A13. The answers to the questions provided herein have not created scope modifications to the original RFP. Therefore, the City will not be changing the due date. The deadline for submittal of proposals continues to be March 13, 2012, at 11:00am.

### III. Questions from Merit Civil Engineering, Inc.

Q1. In addition to review of broken PCC, should ADA be reviewed throughout? Specifically the cross fall of all driveways?





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A1. Any location identified as having broken/damaged PCC should be reviewed for ADA, as the concrete repair work will need to be done in compliance with ADA.

Q2. Does the City have a budgeted construction cost?

A2. See answer A1 to questions from rrmdesigngroup, on page 1 of this document.

Q3. Is there a potential that the project will be phased?

A3. No. The intention is for the project construction work to be done as one mobilization.

Q4. Is there a geotechnical report for pavement sections and drainage characteristics of native soil.

A4. The City has not commissioned a geotechnical report for this project. However, the City's Division of Building & Safety has geotechnical reports on file for private development projects currently under construction, adjacent to the limits of the La Brea Avenue Streetscape Project. These parcels are located at 7119 Santa Monica Blvd, 1145 La Brea Ave, and 1234 La Brea Ave.

