

Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Trail Improvements:

Questions/RFIs:

1. Please confirm only those who attended the scheduled Mandatory prebid conference will be allowed to submit a bid.

ANSWER: Yes

2. Pre-Bid Sign-In Sheet to be posted?

ANSWER: Yes. See attached.

3. For bidding purposes, please confirm whether we should assume MLK Drive will be opened or closed to vehicular traffic during construction. This will have an impact on pricing.

ANSWER: It will be closed to vehicular traffic until March 31, 2021. We cannot guarantee that the closure will extend beyond March 2021.

4. Will the entire length of asphalt trail be closed to bikers and pedestrians during construction?

ANSWER: Yes, although any active working site should be closed off to the general public with barrels and flagging, and signage to inform users that the trail is closed. Signage at each driveway or pedestrian ramp should notify users that the trail is closed so that wheelchair users do not get stuck along the trail. This includes at the south end of the MLK bridge and at the East Falls ramp as well.

The contractor will be liable for protecting the active construction site and staging areas, and preventing any hazards from being exposed to the general public. However, the contractor shall allow controlled pedestrian access points across the trail (one no more than every 200') to the park open space between the trail and the Schuylkill River at the following locations:

- Between the adaptive rowers parking lot and Belmont Pumping Station
- Between the first and second parking lots north of Montgomery Drive (where the physical fitness equipment is located)

If, at any time, the contractor is temporarily staging construction on the MLK Drive cartway they shall have traffic control barrels tapering off the work area per PATA requirements in both directions to warn oncoming pedestrians and cyclists to move over to the next lane. The contractor may not use more than the northbound travel lane nearest the trail unless permission is granted by Parks & Recreation. Equipment or materials may not be staged on the cartway between 5:00 PM on Friday evening through 7:00 AM on Monday morning. Parking lots along MLK Drive will be made available for equipment and materials staging; note that any damage to the parking lots is the responsibility of the contractor.

The contractor shall provide the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Streets its closure and staging plan prior to implementation, as well as before any significant changes are made to the approved closure and staging plan.

5. Please advise when the anticipated Notice to proceed will be.

ANSWER: TBD based on PRA Board Meeting

6. Please advise what the anticipated duration for the project will be.

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ANSWER: We anticipate completion in 4-6 months. Winter weather obviously plays a factor into this, as temperatures need to be warm enough for asphalt paving. We desire to have the trail completed and open by the end of April 2021.

7. Please advise if bidders should assume that MLK Jr Drive will be closed for the duration of the anticipated work under this contract.

ANSWER: See the answer to question #3.

8. Is there a geotechnical report for this project? If yes, can we have a copy of it?

ANSWER: There is no geotechnical report available for this project.

9. Are there borings for this project? If yes, can we have them along with a boring location plan?

ANSWER: See the answer to question #8.

10. Can millings from the existing asphalt be used in the subbase for the new full depth paving?

ANSWER: No.

11. What measures will be required for pedestrian traffic control along the trail?

ANSWER: See the answer to question #4.

12. What is the proposed height of the collapsible bollards at Montgomery Drive? The detail calls out (2) possible heights.

ANSWER: The detail calls out a range of 24" to 30" inches for the height. Any collapsible bollard that fits this range and is within the specifications will be allowed.

NOTE: The City has recently repaired the Wood Slat Fence; this item is hereby removed from the plans and the bid. Please leave the bid for Item 9000-1008 blank.

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