



## BALTIMORE BLUEWAY RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

October 15, 2021

### Project Title:

Baltimore Blueway Master Plan

1. Is there a proposed budget for this project?
  - The Project Advisory Team chose not to include a budget in the RFP because we want to see what applicants consider the cost of this work to be. It is possible that the committee may like an application and request to either alter the scope of the project or divide it into separate phases to meet budgetary requirements.
2. Have you been engaged with any consultants on this effort to date?
  - No.
3. Will the client provide the consultant with the “Vision Statement,” or is consultant responsible for authoring?
  - The Project Advisory Team outlined its vision statement in the RFP (see “Project Vision”). Further revisions to the Vision Statement are welcome and are the responsibility of the consultant.
4. Will the client provide a copy of all federal, state, county, and local planning documents for the consultant to review? Or is consultant responsible for identifying applicable plans?
  - The consultant is responsible for deciding what planning documents are most relevant to the work and obtaining copies of the documents for review.
5. Will the client be responsible for scheduling and hosting the five (5) public meetings?
  - The one general public meeting required under this proposal should be scheduled by the consultant.
  - The 5 other required meetings are presentations to key stakeholder groups and not open to the general public. They will be scheduled by the client.

6. For virtual meetings, will the consultant be expected to provide a virtual platform (e.g., zoom)?
  - Yes. The consultant will also be expected to provide notes from the meetings.
  
7. Do the dots on the study area map relate to an existing shortlist of targeted access points or key destinations/attractions? If so, would you please describe each?
  - No, the dots are mile markers. The Project Advisory Team has not identified places where new access points should be placed. The only sites that must be included in the plan are existing public access points. These include:
    - Canton Waterfront Park
    - Boston Street Pier Park
    - Inner Harbor (location(s) to be determined by consultant)
    - Hull Street Park
    - Ferry Bar Park
    - Middle Branch Park
    - Southwest Area Park
    - Masonville Cove
  
8. The RFP describes key partners for the engagement process but it doesn't appear to list neighborhood groups (especially Westport, Cherry Hill, Brooklyn). Should the engagement process include any outreach to specific neighborhood groups?
  - After much discussion, the Project Advisory Team determined that rather than requiring the consultant to engage directly with neighborhood groups, the consultant will collaborate with other entities already engaging neighborhood groups in a planning process and incorporate data and findings from those entities into the water trail plan. Specifically, the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership's Middle Branch planning process and Baltimore City Recreation and Parks' Canton Waterfront Park planning process. The client has discussed this approach with these entities and they have agreed to collaborate with the consultant.
  - The client is open to alternative proposals for gathering community input.
  
9. Is the Waterfront Partnership amenable to different media beyond print for deliverables?
  - Yes, the Project Advisory Team will consider alternatives to print deliverables.