

Addendum No. 1

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To: All Proposers

From: Matt Fell, Deputy Director - Planning

Subject: Merced County Westside Commuter Bus Study RFP20200114MCAG

Proposers: Please note that proposer questions are written verbatim and MCAG's responses are provided in **red** and *italicized* text. Any part of the RFP not addressed in this Addendum remains unaffected and the original RFP language stands.

Questions and Responses

1. The RFP scope indicates that "The consultant will convene stakeholder committees, and presentations made to local jurisdictions across the county." Is there a need for presentations to local jurisdictions (beyond the MCAG Board) on the east side of the county, such as the City of Merced?

No.

2. Does MCAG have an expectation as to when the study should be completed?

The completed work product is to be provided by June 30, 2021, or sooner (see Section 1.3 of the RFP). MCAG is interested in completion earlier in 2021 if the approach is comprehensive and does not suffer from undue haste.

3. Does MCAG have any existing information about the location of park-and-ride lots (formal or informal) in western Merced County and their use levels?

MCAG does not. Once the study begins, we can reach out to our member jurisdictions and partners such as Caltrans to see if they have this information.

4. Can you tell us what is prompting MCAG to study this commute issue at this time?

MCAG and its member jurisdictions believe there a significant number of long-distance commuters originating from western Merced county and wish to know if a commuter bus service may be viable.

5. Has MCAG ever studied this issue before...at least within the least 5-10 years?

No.

6. Who will be the MCAG Project Manager?

To be determined.

7. Has MCAG given any thought to who (individuals or groups) will be involved in the Stakeholder Coordination Task?

MCAG expects local jurisdictions at a minimum, including the cities of Los Banos, Dos Palos, and Gustine, and the County of Merced. MCAG looks forward to proposers' approach to developing effective stakeholder coordination.

8. Based on the text in the RFP, it does not appear that traditional public outreach meetings or workshops are expected. Can you please confirm this assumption?

Correct. MCAG wishes proposers to recommend the most effective approach to public outreach. Traditional meetings or workshops may or may not be a part of that.

9. If the study determines that some level of inter-regional commuter service is viable, what might the next step for MCAG be following the completion of this study?

MCAG wishes the study to provide guidance on this.