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## Addendum # 1 - Design Services MD-611 Shared Use Path

Date of Addendum: 06/25/26

<b>NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS AND PLANHOLDERS</b>	
<p>The Proposal Documents for the above-referenced Project are modified as set forth in this Addendum. The original Proposal Documents and any previously issued addenda remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this Addendum, which is hereby made part of the Proposal Documents. Vendors will take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting a Proposal and shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided in the Proposal Documents.</p>	

<b>PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE</b>	
<p>The Proposal submittal time has not been changed.</p>	

<b>1.0 – ATTACHMENTS</b>	
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<b>2.0 – CLARIFICATIONS</b>	
<p>The following clarifications are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the Proposal Documents.</p>	
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<b>3.0 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b>	
<p>The following questions and answers are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the Proposal Documents.</p>	
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1	<p style="color: red;">Has an MDE Expedited Reviewer been assigned to this project and has there been any commitment level from regulatory agencies on timeframe needed for reviews/input?</p> <p style="color: green;">No, an Expedited Review has not been assigned to this project. Additionally, no formal commitments have been obtained from regulatory agencies regarding review timeframes. The following is provided to assist the Consultant in developing a realistic project schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination with regulatory agencies should be initiated early in the design process, and pre-application meetings are strongly encouraged to identify potential issues and establish informal review expectations.</li> <li>• Regulatory review timelines should be treated as a critical path risk in the project schedule. The Consultant should identify all anticipated permits and approvals required for this project and reflect realistic review windows in the schedule.</li> <li>• No assumptions should be made that expedited review will be available or that agency review will occur</li> </ul>

	<p>within accelerated timeframes without written confirmation from the respective agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worcester County will assist with agency coordination where possible; however, the Consultant is responsible for proactive and timely submission of all permit applications and supporting materials.</li> <li>• The Consultant is advised to identify all required regulatory approvals in the 30% design submission and flag any permits where review timelines pose a risk to the overall project schedule. Worcester County will evaluate schedule impacts at that time and determine whether escalation or expedited review requests are warranted.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Can you confirm whether Right-of-Way and Lines of Division are required within the 30-45 days from NTP as part of the Survey Completion Milestone?</b></p> <p>The intent is that the Survey Completion Milestone includes the information necessary to support the 30% design submission and the determination of right-of-way impacts. Per Section 2.D.e.iv of the scope of work, ROW and temporary construction access needs must be identified and quantified before proceeding beyond the 30% design phase. Accordingly, the survey effort should include the identification and depiction of existing Right-of-Way and Lines of Division (property boundaries) necessary to evaluate potential ROW acquisitions and temporary easements. Please incorporate this work within the Survey Completion Milestone (30–45 days from NTP), or identify any schedule constraints that would prevent delivery of the boundary information required to support the 30% design review and ROW impact determination.</p>
3	<p><b>Section D of the Schedule Requirements states “The Consultant shall not proceed beyond the authorized phase, including advancement past 30% design, without prior written approval from Worcester County and concurrence from State Highway Administration/Federal Highway Administration, as required.” Can you clarify which phases require written approval before proceeding to the next phase?</b></p> <p>The Consultant shall submit the 30% design package for review and shall not proceed beyond this phase until written authorization is provided by Worcester County, with concurrence from SHA/FHWA as required. This authorization is associated with right of way concerns, environmental review and NEPA-related coordination.</p> <p>Following authorization to proceed beyond the 30% design phase, the Consultant may continue Preliminary Design activities through the 65% design submission. However, federal authorization is required before advancing from the 65% design submission (Preliminary Design) to the 95% design submission (Final Design). Because federal authorization is contingent upon NEPA approval, SHA will seek federal authorization for Final Design upon completion of the NEPA process in order to minimize delays to the project schedule. Once written authorization to proceed with Final Design has been provided, the Consultant may advance from the 95% design submission to the PS&amp;E package without additional written authorization.</p> <p>The Consultant is cautioned that advancing work prior to receiving review comments on a previous submission is done at its own risk and may result in additional revisions to plans, specifications, estimates, or supporting documentation.</p>

**END OF ADDENDUM**