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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) for
Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Policy Update Services
Dated June 29, 2020**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NO. 1

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Q1: Can you talk more about the six (6) stakeholder meetings at each phase of work? What is the vision for those?

A1: For purposes of this procurement, proposers are to assume that six (6) stakeholder meetings will be required during the course of the project, though a different number may be required in the actual course of the project. The selected firm will be expected to participate in various meetings and workshops, including a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to gather feedback from stakeholders and incorporate feedback in the analysis.

Q2: There was a mention of carrots and sticks that MTC could use for TOD Policy implementation. I understand that funding is a carrot - what are the sticks that MTC can use?

A2: MTC is open to developing strategies that stress reporting and accountability among program participants with stakeholders and the selected consultant.

Q3: Would MTC consider a few workshops with stakeholders instead of individual meetings? This could bring folks together to share ideas, concerns, etc.

A3: For purposes of this procurement, proposers should assume that the stakeholder meetings will be conducted as described in the RFP. However, proposers may discuss the potential for conducting workshops in its proposal and approach for consideration during the course of the project.

Q4: Does MTC have an adopted or otherwise formal definition of equity, or an equity policy?

A4: While MTC is committed to incorporating equity in its programs and policies, including Plan Bay Area, and pursuing equity work through an equity platform, it does not have a formal equity policy or definition.

Q5: What is MTC's vision for the assessment of impacts and benefits of policy alternatives? Is it quantitative or qualitative?

A5: MTC is open to considering both methods of assessment, but the focus should remain on ensuring that the policy meets its goals. MTC is not looking for a consultant to perform extensive modeling.

Q6: Would MTC accept SBE's from other agencies such as BART or LA Metro?

A7: To clarify, only firms (prime or subcontractor) certified by the State of California Department of General Services (DGS) as SBEs are eligible for consideration for the SBE Pilot Program preference. The SBE directory containing the list of firms certified by the State of California which is used by MTC can be accessed at the website link at <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>. Other agencies, such as BART or LA Metro may certify forms as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). DBE certification is different from SBE certification and does not qualify under the SBE Program.

Q7: When will MTC respond to questions submitted by July 15?

A7: MTC will respond to questions on a continuous and ongoing, with responses posted as soon as possible. If necessary, MTC will consider extending due dates given the questions asked.

Q8: Do you plan to involve transportation network companies (TNC)?

A8: MTC is open to involving TNCs in the policy update. Currently, the government jurisdictions are the primary identified stakeholders.

Q9: Should we assume that all of the meetings will be conducted remotely or should we include funds for travel for meetings, workshops, and committee/commission hearings?

A9: For purposes of this procurement, proposers should assume that all meetings will be conducted remotely. Proposers may describe costs associated with in-person meetings, in the event that in-person meetings are required during the course of the project. Should in-person meetings be conducted during the course of the project, MTC will negotiate with the selected consultant regarding costs.

Q10: Should stakeholders include staff from the Strategic Growth Council that oversee the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program?

A10: MTC is open to considering and engaging stakeholders which may have meaningful contributions to the policy update.

[OTHER QUESTIONS RECEIVED AND UNDER CONSIDERATION]

None

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