

RFP 22-08 Q&A Session Agenda

US 64 Taos to Tres Piedras Phase A/B
State CN: 5101660

Opening Statement:

The New Mexico Department of Transportation will be holding a Question and Answer Sessions for the following **RFP 22-08: US 64 Tres Piedras Phase A/B CN: 5101660** per the request of multiple consulting firms. The questions and answers are summarized and published on the New Mexico Department of Transportation website. This documentation will become a part of the Departments procurement file.

A full description of procedures for the Q&A session can be found in the NMDOT Consultant Services Handbook.

https://www.dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/Procurement/Consultant_Handbook_2021.pdf

Answers that were provided in the session are subject to change due to the final scope of work had not been finalized during the Q&A session. The final scope of work will be advertised with the RFP on September 3, 2021.

Technical Description of Project:

General Information:

Control Number: 5101660
Project Number: 5101660
Type of Work: Study, Roadway Rehabilitation, Drainage and Safety Improvements
Posted Route: US 64, from US 285 to NM 522/NM 150
Begin Mile Post: MP 223.4, US 64 and US 285
End Mile Post: MP 250.5, US 64 and NM 522/NM 150
Termini: US 64 from US 285 to NM 522/NM 150, MP 223.4 to 250.5
Proposed Length: ± 27.1 miles
NMDOT District: Five (5)
County: Taos and Taos Pueblo
Functional Classification: Minor Arterial
Terrain Type: Rolling
Project Development Engineer: Denise Peralta, PE

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Existing Conditions:

This proposed project is on US 64 from the intersection of Tres Piedras at US 285 through the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge and ending at the intersection of NM 522 and NM 150 in Taos. The MP is 223.4 to MP 250.5 and the stretch of US 64 is in Taos County with a small portion passing through Taos Pueblo. The stretch of US 64 is in need of major pavement rehabilitation, addition of shoulders, sight distance improvements, drainage improvements, and possible evaluation of improvements that may be needed at the Gorge Bridge.

The purpose of this project is to conduct Phase I-A/B and C services at this time. The study will result in a preferred alternative addressing all the project needs while minimizing impacts to right-of-way and any possible cultural resource locations. Additionally, the study will identify a prioritized list of future construction projects for segments of the full 27.1 mile study length. The prioritization will consider, but is not limited to: safety needs, asphalt improvements, shoulder widening, drainage improvements, construction cost and feasible funding programming for District 5.

Questions:

1. What are key project drivers for the Department?
 - a. Pavement conditions
 - b. Safety/Access/traffic issues
 - c. Structures or Drainage
 - d. Alignment and profile

Widening the shoulder, drainage structures. Still debating about the bridge. Acceleration lanes, through the corridor. NM 150, 522 164. US 285 and the other side as well.
2. Are improvements to the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge anticipated?
 - a. Is pedestrian and bicyclist safety a concern near the Gorge bridge?

There is no shoulder and there have been a few events.
 - b. Is roadside parking a priority for the District?

East and West Sides- informal parking areas. Do you anticipate to formalize those, or restrict traffic, parking?

Independent project. There will be improvements while this project will be going on.
3. Is keeping the roadway open in the winter an issue and/or a priority?

District maintenance, snow fence along the corridor, drifting snow has this been an issue?

The selected consultant would contact the local maintenance patrol and see if this has been an issue.

Does this area get closed during the winter, due to snow?

No, not this section

4. Is ROW Mapping and/or Geotechnical investigations anticipated for the study?

Typical, evaluation of the asphalt.

5. Will this project have any evaluation at the size of the rest area?

No, the rest area will not be a part of the project.

The consultant that is selected will have to tie into those improvements.

6. Regarding some intersections: The bridge and Taos, angel of the road, skewed intersections. Tribal/Indian Service Roads. Is this part of the safety issues?

Is there a desire to avoid or normalize the skewed intersections?

Intersection/safety and geometry, are there any concerns about the tribal roads/tribal lands adjacent to the highway.

Yes, ROW is always a concern. Where the pueblo starts and their access points.

7. Bridge Class Structures/ two land bridge on the west end. Built in 94, is there any structural concerns? Mainly providing shoulder widths and suitable for long term use?

That will be a part of the analysis. NMDOT will provide bridge reports to the selected consultant.

8. Schedule for the project, are you in hurry to get the study done, anticipated schedule, Phase C Environmental

It is a long corridor, phasing plan as soon as possible. Included in the RFP, detailed estimate, if we should break it up into phases.

Is the intent to do the Environmental Document for the full 27 miles?

Yes.

9. What is the big driver (purpose and need) for the project?

The key is widening on the shoulders and everything that is described on the technical description above.

10. What are the issues in the project? (Safety, geometry, drainage, structures, access control?)

The issues are what will be found in the study. Mainly all the issues listed above in the question. Some issues with fencing and cattle guard.

Is the cattle issue the full length of the corridor?

Tres Piedras area, national forest, BLM land allowing cattle in those areas.

Long Horn Sheep in this area, is there any problems?

Yes, BLM has reached out. Fence on the Taos Pueblo side already.

11. What challenges/issues do you expect in the development in this Phase A/B project?

27 miles, feel that the gorge bridge what most of the public will want to know. The RFP will be pretty specific about the Gorge Bridge through out the study.

The corridor Taos Pueblo, are they trying to get something different?

Stakeholder meeting will address what their envisioning out there. Shoulders and improve the safety of the corridor.

12. How do you see development of this project in the future phases? Do you expect this contract will extend into Phase I-C, I-D, and II?

The point of this RFP. What the cost can come out to. The District will have to reevaluate the budget.

Once projects are identified. May take to Phase II or use internal NMDOT to finish.

Do you plan to include the intersections in the termini?

Yes, definitely want to look at that.