

**Addendum No. 1 to IFB #26-58**



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
Department of Procurement and Contracting Services**

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MAYOR**

To: All Parties on Record with the City of Somerville as Holding IFB #26-58 FY26 McGrath Boulevard Planning Study

From: Felisa Gárate, Senior Procurement Manager

Date: 4/21/2026

Re: Questions and Answers  
Extension of Proposal Submission Deadline

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**Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing below and including this form in your proposal package. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.**

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**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:**

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The City of Somerville is extending the proposal submission deadline to: **Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, at 2:00PM**

#	Question	Answer
1a.	Our firm would like to submit a proposal that addresses the City’s specifications, but we cannot prepare a quality response in the time allotted. Could the deadline for submittals be extended by two-weeks to enable a thorough and thoughtful response?	The deadline will be extended to Wednesday May 13, 2026, at 2pm.
1b.	Can you please consider an extension of the submittal deadline beyond 4/29/2026?	
1c.	Given the breadth and complexity of the scope, would the City consider extending the proposal deadline by two weeks to allow teams to assemble thoughtful, high-quality responses and robust multidisciplinary teams?	
1d.	I wanted to reach out and see if the City of Somerville would be open to extending the deadline for the McGrath Boulevard Planning Study RFP. We're really excited about this opportunity and just want to make sure we have enough time to put together a solid proposal that does it justice.	
2a.	What is the maximum budget for the McGrath Boulevard Planning Study?	As this project spans two fiscal years, a maximum budget has not been set. There was funding set aside in the FY26 budget for the first part of the work, but no budget has been established yet for FY27.
2b.	I was wondering if there is a budget amount that you can share for RFP # 26-58 McGrath Boulevard Planning Study?	
2c.	Does the City of Somerville have an expected budget for this project?	
3.	Can the City clarify whether it would consider awarding separate contracts for different components of the scope (e.g., visioning/design and economic feasibility analysis), or if it anticipates selecting a single consultant team for the full scope of work?	No. The City would like a team of consultants, working closely together, with one project manager rather than multiple independent consultants.

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4.	How does the City envision coordination with MassDOT’s ongoing design process (currently at ~25% design), and are there specific decision points where consultant input is expected to inform that process?	Ideally the schedule for this scope of work will correspond to input points of the MassDOT project. However, the City will conduct all interaction with the state agencies, not the consultant team.
5.	Please confirm if it is acceptable to only submit an electronic proposal through Bid Express and that a print submission is not required.	Correct. If submitting through BidExpress, you do <u>not</u> need to also submit a physical submission.
6.	On page 18, under Task 2: Design Workshop(s), the RFP asks for 3 milestones of public input, but then on pages 22-23, the RFP lists 4-5 anticipated public meetings. Can you clarify the number of milestone public meetings?	The feedback loops are not the same as public meetings as some public meetings are anticipated to be just presentations. It is up to the proposer to determine the number of public meetings keeping in mind that “This work may need to be repeated in different locations throughout the study area at different times of day to engage the maximum number of residents and may need to be repeated as in-person and online engagements.”
7.	Given the scope of the MassDOT led McGrath highway study, what level of detail are for "improve transit routes" and other deliverables listed in Phase IV, Task 1 are you looking for?	Possible recommendations for improved network connections rather than rerouting ideas. The City is open to suggestions for improvements that the Mobility team could potentially share with the transit agency.