

**North Carolina State University**  
Varsity Drive Corridor Expansion

Project # 202519004

**Q&A pre-submittal**

May 30, 2025

**Terracon – May 27th**

- Based on the presubmittal meeting today, should the current submissions to the solicitation plan to include a potential recommended surveyor, geotechnical, and special inspections firm on the main prime submission? NO AS DISCUSSED, NC STATE WILL HIRE THESE CONSULTANTS DIRECTLY FROM OUR ANNUAL DESIGN CONTRACT LIST
- If not, does the University have an estimated timeline on when will that solicitation for those services be published? SEE ABOVE, AS OF NOW, WE PLAN TO HIRE DIRECTLY FROM OUR OESAD LIST OF ESTABLISHED FIRMS
- Are you able to share the digital files from the study conducted by Kimley-Horn? THIS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NC STATE DESIGN AD WEBSITE BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

**Toole – May 27<sup>th</sup>**

1. The Designer Solicitations document from eVP (see green highlighted section in screenshot below) includes additional language that does not appear in the Designer Advertisement.
  - a. Are we correct in assuming the initial Phase of the project authorization will be for **advanced planning only**? YES
  - b. Assume the design approach or methodology will cover planning, design, and construction? YES
2. With regard to the signals on either end of the project scope, are we correct to assume NCDOT coordination may be required (Avent Ferry Rd only) with the possible need for traffic engineering and signal design updates? YES
3. Should the road name listed as the dividing point in the Designer Advertisement be **Marcom St** and not **Method Rd**? YES - THIS IS BEING CORRECTED ON THE ADVERTISEMENT
4. Varsity Drive south of **Marcom St** is City of Raleigh maintained. Is it safe to assume City staff will be included as stakeholders and participants in the review and approval process? YES
5. Landscape improvement scope. Center landscaped median and/or street trees? TBD
6. Lighting? Proposed pedestrian level light fixtures or shifting of the existing Duke Energy light pole locations? TBD
7. Definition of Construction Administration? Full-Time on-site representative or assistance to NC State University Staff as required during bidding, construction,

and inspection? CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION BY DESIGNER WILL FOLLOW TYPICAL NC STATE OWNER SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGN CRITERIA AND WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH THE AWARDED FIRM

**Bolton Menk – May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1. Will the Varsity Drive expansion/improvements require additional right-of-way? NO
2. Will the University provide survey and geotechnical exploration (as required) or do we need to include these services in our qualifications? UNIVERSITY WILL PROVIDE BOTH; BUT WILL ASK DESIGN TEAM FOR AN EXHIBIT SHOWING SURVEY / GEOTECH NEEDS
3. How will wayfinding/signage be handled? GOOD QUESTION - THE UNIVERSITY HAS A ROBUST EXTERIOR SIGNAGE PROGRAM AND MANAGER. WE WOULD LOOK FOR THE DESIGN TEAM TO CAPTURE SIGNAGE NEEDS IN DRAWINGS - BUT THE UNIVERSITY WILL OFOI
4. Is the University leading public engagement or do we include this expertise in our submittal? PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR SUBMITTAL. THIS NEEDS MORE DISCUSSION INTERNALLY W/I THE UNIVERSITY; BUT FOR NOW PLS INCLUDE IT
5. Are any intersection improvements (signal improvements, crosswalks, turn lanes, etc.) anticipated at the existing Varsity Drive/Western Boulevard and/or Varsity Drive/Avent Ferry Road intersections? THIS NEEDS MORE DISCUSSION DURING DESIGN. A MAJOR SCOPE COMPONENT IS PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS (BIKE LANES / SIDEWALKS) SO I DO FORESEE SCOPE INCLUDING THESE IMPROVEMENTS
6. Will the Crest Road intersection be re-aligned to 90 degrees? THAT IS NOT ANTICIPATED
7. Is the delivery method to be CMR or design-bid-build? DESIGN BID BUILD
8. Does the University or City anticipate any placemaking elements/enhancements/public art along the corridor outside of typical streetscape elements? NOT AT THIS TIME

**Benesch – May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Page 1 of 3 in the Designer Advertisement; Project Description paragraph ; last sentence says: “There are also adjacent private properties and this project will not address some of this streetscape and sidewalk development adjacent to these properties.”

- *Please confirm that this project will not address streetscape and sidewalk needs on private properties. THIS PROJECT WILL NOT ADDRESS STREETSCAPE AND SIDEWALK NEEDS ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES*

Page 1 of 3; Project Site paragraph; last sentence says: “Varsity Drive north of Method Rd. is University owned; and City owned south of Method Rd..”

- *Please confirm which street is the dividing line. MARCOM ST. IS THE DIVIDING LINE*

Please address the following questions regarding NCSU's Varsity Drive Corridor Expansion advertisement:

- Does the page limit include the Part II forms? With sub and multi-office involvement, that form alone may take up to five pages, if not more. PAGE LIMIT IS FOR EVERYTHING SUBMITTED
- Does the page limit include a cover page? PAGE LIMIT IS FOR EVERYTHING SUBMITTED
- Project schedule says "Planned completion of the project is July 1, 2027".  
– Is this completion of design or construction? COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION

**\*\*Only questions received prior to 5/29 are addressed in this document. Any additional questions received after 5/29 but before closing, will just be addressed only to the firm posing the question.\*\***

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