

**CROSS VALLEY CORRIDOR PHASE 1 OPERATIONS PLAN
Q&A**

#	Question	Response
1	<p>In Phase 2 of the scope, an Action Plan is identified that references short and mid-term strategies. Both bus and rail services are identified, along with the statement “Phase 1 will begin with regional bus service expansion to provide feeder service to HSR Interim Service by 2030 and that rail service will become operational in the long-term.” Please confirm that the current study does not include analysis of rail operations (beyond the need to develop bus plans that can be transitioned to future rail services).</p>	<p>Yes, this study does not include analysis of rail operations and the developed bus operational plan should complement rail operations which will be developed in a future and independent study.</p>
2	<p>Do Phase 1 bus plans need to be developed both for prior-to-HSR as well as with-HSR scenarios?</p>	<p>Yes, this plan should prepare transit providers to start bus service prior to the opening of the HSR.</p>
3	<p>Previous studies have mentioned the desire for a consolidation of transit operators. Is that anticipated, and which agencies will be designated as the “operator?”</p>	<p>In August 2020, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) was formed which consolidated the County of Tulare and the Cities of Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Woodlake, and the Tule River Indian Tribe of California's transit programs.</p> <p>This study includes three (3) transit providers "KCAPTA, TCRTA, Visalia Transit" and will provide recommendations on how all three transit providers will coordinate to provide service along the Cross Valley Corridor focusing on an operational plan, branding, fare payment, and the operation of zero-emission vehicles and accompanying infrastructure.</p>
4	<p>What entity or entities will adopt and/or approve the final study document?</p>	<p>The TCAG Board will adopt the final study document.</p>
5	<p>Has TCAG performed any previous bus electrification studies and if so, are those available?</p>	<p>No</p>

6	How will the Electrification Plan subtask be coordinated with the recently-awarded ZEB study for Kings County?	KCAPTA's ZEB study is for their entire service. This study's subtask for zero-emission vehicle operations is focused specifically on the operation of the Cross Valley Corridor and should compliment the KCAPTA's ZEB study when possible. However, we do not have a timeline on the KCAPTA ZEB Study and may not be available during this project.
7	Does outreach need to be conducted in any other languages beyond English and Spanish?	Yes
8	Under V. Proposal Requirements, Item 10 is labeled "Signature." Can we assume this is a cover letter and is exempt from the page limit?	Conflict of Interest, Project Costs, and Signature sections do not have a maximum page limit.
9	We appreciate that TCAG has identified page limits by section, however, we would suggest that the page limits could be further reduced. May we suggest that a combined section on Understanding and Methodology can together be limited to 15 pages; Firm Experience, Project Personnel and References be combined and limited to 12 pages; and that resumes be exempt from the page limit?	Proposal requirements in regards to "section" maximum page limit remains unchanged. Proposers shall provide clear and concise explanations of the proposer's capability to satisfy the requirements of each section.
10	May we request changes to the contract, primarily related to limits of liability and aligning the duty to defend with Civil Code Section 2782.8?	Proposers should specify proposed changes to contract terms in their proposal.
11	There are many RFPs circulating currently and a holiday is scheduled for Friday November 11 (Veterans Day). Can TCAG extend the deadline for submittal to COB Friday November 18?	Proposals are now due to TCAG by 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 1, 2022.
12	The proposal deadline is only 1 week and a few business days after TCAG will respond to questions. It may not be possible to prepare certain parts of the proposal until all questions are answered. Would TCAG consider extending the deadline by at least one more week?	Proposals are now due to TCAG by 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 1, 2022.