

## LRPC Response to RFQ Questions Received Between February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 & February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

1. **The Fixed-Route Transit Service Plan Feasibility Study suggests that fixed-route transit service is the only type of transit service that should be considered for Laconia. However, there are other types of service, including modern microtransit service, that may in fact be a better fit for this community. Would a response to the RFQ that suggests a "mode-neutral" approach to the analysis and development of recommendations be acceptable, or are you set on a fixed-route solution only?**
  - *Micro-transit initially was a part of the scope for our study. Through discussion with the Stakeholder committee, it was decided to strike it from the RFQ. Funding for the study being the main reason for that being removed. Collectively they want to ensure that the fixed route component had the ability to be thoroughly investigated and conclude with a strong implementation strategy. Keep in mind, the selection/ scoring process will be evaluating only the Fixed-Route component of the RFQ.*
2. **Is there a general timeframe you're looking for the study to be completed within? (e.g. six months, or one year from NTP)**
  - *Funding is available through June of 2027. We anticipate phase 1 would be about 12 months with phase 2 starting immediately afterward and closing by June 2027.*
3. **The RFQ indicates that Phase 1 is required, but that Phase 2 services are contingent upon Phase 1's findings and available resources. Is the budget shown in the RFQ reflective of available resources for Phase 1 only, and that additional resources for Phase 2 would be determined later? Or is the budget shown the total for both phases?**
  - *The funding allocated for both Phase 1 and 2 is what is shown in the RFQ which amounts to \$34,750.*
4. **Should the Approach and Understanding response section focus on Phase 1 or our approach to both phases?**
  - *We would like to see the response refer to both Phase 1 and Phase 2.*
5. **The RFQ asks for a review of existing transit services, resources, and performance. We presume this includes data from CAT, Concord Coach Lines, and Mid-State, but could you confirm any other agencies data may be available from?**
  - *Aside from various community and specialized Transportation services the agencies mentioned above would likely conclude the review. This could change with the firm's engagement with the stakeholder committee.*

- 6. Will there be any need for on-board or bus stop passenger surveying, or should we assume just using existing data?**
  - o The stakeholder Committee would likely entertain passenger surveying with the various transportation providers whether that be public transit, or community and specialized transportation providers.*
  
- 7. Can you provide any additional detail on the kind of public and stakeholder engagement you're looking for as part of the study? It is noted that this request is included in Phase 2, and we presume on-site support for refined fixed-route service concepts and the action plan, but is there a desire for on-site engagement as part of the development and evaluation of concepts in Phase 1?**
  - o The stakeholder committee would likely encourage public participation outside of the committee as part of Phase 1 to decide what the needs are within the community. It is unknown at the time if Phase 1 engagement would be through on-site engagement, or initial surveying. The presumption for Phase 2 engagement would be correct and would preferably include onsite engagement. Nonetheless, all styles of public engagement in either phase would be a collaboration between the Stakeholder committee and the chosen firm.*
  
- 8. Can you provide additional details on what is expected of consultants in phase 2 regarding support for stakeholder and public engagement? Will in-person activities be expected?**
  - o The stakeholder committee, with the help of the chosen firm will be evaluating the implementation of Phase 2 based on the remaining funds and the details of Phase 1. The consultant would be asked to help provide the design of, and the deliverables needed for public engagement, which would likely be a hybrid with in-person as well as virtual components to assist in refining the fixed route concepts and action plan.*
  
- 9. Is the commission open to alternative modes of transit, such as on-demand solutions, or only fixed-route alternatives?**
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