

International Center for Aviation Excellence Circulation Plan

Questions & Answers

Q1. The RFP states that the project is in the UPWP (but there is no) specific line item. What is the planned budget for the circulation plan?

A1. The process SJTPO is using to procure professional services is a two-step quality-based selection process. First, based on our assessment of the qualifications of responding firms, we will select a firm that we believe is best suited to carry out the work outlined in our request for interest. Second, we will negotiate a price with the selected firm. If an agreement cannot be reached on price, we will move to the second most qualified firm and attempt to negotiate a price with that firm.

Because the selection of the firm is based solely on the qualifications of the firm, the budget for the work is not material to selecting the most qualified firm. Further, providing specific project or consultant budget information could limit our ability to receive the most competitive price for the work when we move to the second step of the process, negotiation.

SJTPO's Work Program is publicly available through SJTPO's website, but understand that it provides general budgetary information for work activities based on preliminary estimates and may not encompass work activities that span multiple years.

As the RFP was being prepared, it was anticipated that the Unified Planning Work Program amendments approved by the Policy Board on May 23, 2011 would be approved by the FHWA in time for the release of the RFP. As of today, however, the amendments have not been approved; therefore interested parties may access the proposed UPWP amendments at <http://www.sjtpo.org/UPWP.html#UPWPAmendments>. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Q2. Will the Race Track be operational for events or preserved solely for landscape/passive recreation purposes?

A2. The race track contemplates continued live racing events which are currently 6 days per year. Conference Hotel will hold conferences which will attract additional volumes.

Q3. Will the development be phased? Since this is a large development, any phasing could be spread out over many years as development progresses. Does this RFP contemplate only an overall (master plan) traffic study, or is the development required to be evaluated by phase if there will be phases?

A3. The project will most likely be completed in phases. A couple of office buildings and hotel/conference centers will be completed first, the back side of the mall second, and completion of the office component third. A Transit center will probably be completed in the first phase.

Q4. Will the members of the Steering Committee be a part of the Consultant Selection review committee?

- A4. The committees are likely to be very similar; however, final commitments for proposal review have not yet been obtained from all agencies on the Steering Committee.
- Q5. The Scope of Work includes a "benefits assessment of the ICAE". Please provide clarification as to what the benefits assessment is and what should be included.
- A5. Benefits would be transit opportunities, reducing traffic volumes on the Black Horse Pike, better circulation, and more jobs and ratables.