

BL-0078

Project Synopsis

Stipend

- A stipulated fee of **\$43,000.00** will be awarded to each short-listed Design-Build Team that provides a responsive, but unsuccessful, Design-Build Proposal in response to the Final Request for Proposals and all associated Addenda. If a contract award is not made, all short-listed Design-Build Teams that provide a responsive Design-Build Proposal shall receive the stipulated fee. If the Department suspends or discontinues the procurement process prior to the Design-Build Proposal submittal date current at the time of the suspension, no stipulated fee will be paid.

Project Description and Purpose

- The BL-0078 Design-Build Project constructs a Multi-Use Path in Henderson County from US 64, at Battle Creek Road (SR 1211) to the Transylvania County Line, in Henderson County. The project is approximately five (5) miles long.
- The purpose of this project is to develop a sustainable transportation corridor, provide recreational opportunities and public health benefits for residents and visitors, increase property values for landowners along the corridor, and promote economic development by retaining and attracting businesses and residents, all of which enhance quality of life for the surrounding communities of Hendersonville, Laurel Park, Horse Shoe, Etowah, Pisgah Forest, and Brevard.

Planning

- The BL-0078 Type I Categorical Exclusion was signed September 11, 2025.
- The Design-Build Team shall adhere to all environmental document commitments. A copy of the environmental document noted above will be made available to the short-listed Design-Build Teams.

Public Information

- During the project's construction, the Design-Build Team shall coordinate with the Division 14 Office, Henderson County, and the Construction Unit to inform the public of construction progress, etc.

Greenway Scope of Work

- The Design-Build Team shall design and construct a twelve-foot-wide multi-use greenway from US 64, at Battle Creek Road (SR 1211) to the Transylvania County Line.
- The asphalt pavement design for the greenway will be provided in the RFP.

Structure

- The Design-Build Team shall design and construct all structures necessary to complete the project, including but not limited to, structures at the following locations:
 - Bridge Number 7 on the Ecusta Trail over Bryson Creek (replace)
 - Bridge Number 8 on the Ecusta Trail over Blythe Mill Creek (replace)
 - Bridge Number 9 on the Ecusta Trail over Gash Creek (replace)
 - Bridge Number 10 on the Ecusta Trail over the French Broad River (modify main span and replace remaining spans).

Environmental

- The Design-Build Team shall prepare all documents necessary for the Department to obtain the environmental permits. The anticipated required environmental permits include the US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Individual Permit; and NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality (DWQ) Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- If any items of cultural significance are discovered during the course of the project, NCDOT and the project team will contact the Cherokee Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office and any other pertinent Tribal and State Historic Preservation Offices.

Erosion Control

- The Design-Build Team shall be responsible for all erosion control designs and implementation.
- The Design-Build Team shall develop a Stormwater Management Plan.

Geotechnical

- Structure subsurface investigations will be provided to the short-listed Design-Build Teams. The Design-Build Team shall be responsible for all recommendations, as well as all supplemental investigations.
- The Design-Build Team will be responsible for the retaining walls throughout the corridor.

Geoenvironmental

- The Design-Build Team and NCDOT responsibilities for geoenvironmental remediation will be outlined in the Request for Proposals.

Hydraulics

- The Design-Build Team shall design and construct all storm drainage.
- The Design-Build Team shall obtain FEMA compliance for the regulated stream crossing.
- The Design-Build Team shall develop all Bridge and Culvert Survey Reports.

Traffic Signals

- The Design-Build Team design and install all temporary and permanent traffic signals.

Lighting

- The Department will provide signed and sealed Pedestrian Lighting Plans.
- The Design-Build Team shall install all Pedestrian Lighting.

Location and Surveys

- The Department will provide electronic surveys. The Design-Build Team shall be responsible for all supplemental surveys, as well as all supplemental investigations.

Pavement Markings

- The Design-Build Team shall develop Pavement Marking Plans and install all temporary and permanent pavement markings / markers.

R/W Utilities, Conflicts and / or Construction

- The Design-Build Team shall be responsible for all utility conflicts / relocations and utility construction plans. Coordination shall include, but not be limited to, preparations and / or obtaining all necessary utility agreements.
- The Design-Build Team shall coordinate the construction / relocation of private utilities with the appropriate owners.

Right of Way

- Henderson County owns all necessary right-of-way for the project, which is entirely located within the existing railroad right-of-way.

Signing

- The Design-Build Team shall design, fabricate and install all roadway signs.

Transportation Management

- The Design-Build Team shall develop and implement the Transportation Management Plans.

Utility Construction

- For all water and sewer facilities in conflict with the project, the Design-Build Team shall design and construct the required relocations.

Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) Scope of Work

- The Department will be responsible for CEI work.

Utility Owner Contact

- After issuance of the First Industry Draft Requests for Proposals (RFP) contact with affected utility owners and the Design-Build Teams will be allowed.