1. **Q:** The RFP submittal has a very tight turnaround for a multi-disciplinary project. Would you consider extending the deadline by 10 days?  
**A:** We are unable to extend the deadline. Coordination with our agency partners necessitates that we adhere to the timeline outlined in the RFP page 9.

2. **Q:** Does the RFP scope include the design/engineering of vehicular pavement and underground stormwater improvements between Humbolt and the proposed plaza?  
**A:** Yes, the selected consultant will be responsible for design/engineering of the woonerf that will be replacing existing vehicular pavement in the park east of Humboldt, as well as a trail connection between Midtown Greenway and Hennepin Ave. However, the proposed plaza next to Hennepin is not included in this project scope.

3. **Q:** Does the stated project budget include construction of vehicular pavement and underground stormwater improvements between Humbolt and the proposed plaza?  
**A:** Yes. The project budget of $688,000 is inclusive of all project costs, including construction. Project is funded cooperatively by MPRB and Met Council Environmental Services.

4. **Q:** Does the project schedule have flexibility? Given time required for engagement, MPRB concept approval/plan review, and PDR, the schedule seems unachievable.  
**A:** We anticipate the project to adhere fairly closely to the schedule outlined in the RFP page 9. As this is primarily a roadway and trail engineering project, engagement is expected to be relatively light and led by MPRB. Extensive engagement has already been done during the master planning phase.

5. **Q:** Does stated project budget need to cover costs beyond construction and design fees including internal park board costs and contingencies? If so, will you quantify?  
**A:** Yes.

6. **Q:** Are there design plans available for the force main project (MCES Project #819020) referred to in the RFP?  
**A:** Metropolitan Council Environmental Services has a force main project webpage with information sheets here: [https://metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Projects/Sewer-Planning-Construction-Updates/Projects/East-Isles-804125.aspx](https://metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Projects/Sewer-Planning-Construction-Updates/Projects/East-Isles-804125.aspx)

7. **Q:** Does MPRB anticipate the need for any electrical evaluation or design as part of this project?  
**A:** There may be some alterations to existing street lights and their connections necessary as part of this project.

8. **Q:** Does MPRB anticipate any pavilion or enclosure as part of this initial scope of work?  
**A:** The project scope calls for an information kiosk (see RFP page 5) which is not intended to be a pavilion or enclosure and not intended to be multi-sided like many kiosks in the MPRB system. We instead anticipate two sided “kiosk” signage with a potential rain overhang.

9. **Q:** Will there be any public art component in this scope of work. If so, is there separate funding available or would it be part of the $688,000 budget?  
**A:** There is no planned public art component.
10. In the RFP (section 2.5, page 7) it states that “The project has received “concept” approval from the Board of Commissioners, establishing the Concept Design as the proper path to implement.” Attachment 1 - Community Engagement Plan (page 2), it states that “In general, if the overall project design is consistent with the Board approved master plan, no public hearing will be required for site plan concept approval.” Does MPRB anticipate this project going through any Public hearing or Concept approval process?

A: The general concept of a woonerf and trail connection at The Mall Park has already been approved by our Board as part of the master plan adoption in 2020. A more detailed concept design by the selected consultant will also go through review and approval by our Board. However, we do not anticipate a public hearing associated with this project. If a public hearing is required, park board staff will facilitate.

11. Will MPRB consider issuing an extension for proposal submittals due to the relatively short window to respond?

A: We are unable to extend the deadline. Coordination with our agency partners necessitates that we adhere to the timeline outlined in the RFP page 9.

13. Does the consultant team need to provide the existing conditions survey?

A: No

14. Does the RFP project budget (listed on page 9, at $688,000) include construction or is it only project design work?

A: Yes. The project budget of $688,000 is inclusive of all project costs, including construction. Project is funded cooperatively by MPRB and Met Council Environmental Services.

15. The schedule listed on page 3 differs from the schedule on page 9: Page 3 shows a kickoff date of March 2024, whereas Page 9 shows a kickoff date of September 2023. Can you please clarify which timeline is correct?

A: The schedule on page 3 is a typo. Strike completely the page 3 text “Estimated Professional Services Agreement (PSA) execution April, 2024”; and change the word “project” to “construction” so that the next line reads “construction kickoff May, 2024”. The schedule on page 9 is correct.

16. Page 16 of the RFP mentions several attachments (see screenshot below) however they are not currently on the MPRB Business Opportunities page that is linked. Can MPRB kindly provide them?

A: We have checked the business opportunities page as of 8/21/23 and the attachments are linked there. If you are still unable to access them, please email codell@minneapolisparks.org for a copy.

17. The turnaround time for proposal submittals is very short. Would the MPRB consider extending its deadline?

A: We are unable to extend the deadline. Coordination with our agency partners necessitates that we adhere to the timeline outlined in the RFP page 9.