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November 4, 2026

RFB No. 2612 – Addendum 1

This addendum is to modify the previously issued Request for Bids and is hereby made a part of the document.

The bid proposal due date has been revised to **4:00 PM, November 23, 2026**. Pages within the RFP have been updated and are included as attachments.

Attachments

- Replacement Pages for RFP 2612

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-- ***NOTICE*** –

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR RAIL CONSULTANT SERVICES

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) invites interested parties to submit a proposal to the RTC for on-call Rail Consultant services to support the 32-mile Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line (Branch Line).

Multiple contracts may be awarded under this solicitation on a task specific basis. Tasks under this contract include rail property management and support, risk management and rail safety compliance, and railway engineering technical support.

Issue Date:
October 23, 2026

Closing Date:
4:00 PM, ~~November 12~~ November 23, 2026

Interested parties must submit one (1) electronic PDF version of their proposal with separate, password protected, cost proposal by the closing date.
Proposals for this RFP shall be delivered to:

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
Subject: Real Property Services RFP 2612
Attention: Bella Kressman, Real Property Specialist
1101 Pacific Ave. Ste. 250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
bkressman@sccrtc.org | Phone: 831-460-3200

This notice, along with its enclosures, comprises the Request for Proposals (RFP) for this project. Responses should be submitted in accordance with the instructions set forth in this RFP. Email inquiries relating to this RFP should include "Rail Consultant Services RFP 2612" in the subject header. The RTC reserves the right to amend the RFP by addendum before the final proposal submittal date. This RFP and addenda will be available at: http://www.sccrtc.org/about/opportunities/rfp/.

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DATE: October 23, 2026

TO: Interested Consultants

FROM: Bella Kressman, Real Property Specialist

SUBJECT: On-Call Rail Consultant Services - RFP 2612

INVITATION

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) invites qualified and experienced professional consultants to submit a proposal for Rail Consultant services to support rail line property management and operations for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line corridor (Proposal). The 32-mile Branch Line extends from Pajaro, Monterey County, to Davenport, in Santa Cruz County. Approximately 2.5 miles of the Branch Line is in active freight use, and a separate half-mile segment is used for recreational rail. The Branch Line contains numerous bridges, signalized crossings, drainage infrastructure, and other rail assets.

Under this contract, Consultant will support RTC staff with rail agreements development, including development and technical support for an online platform to administer agreements, railway infrastructure and asset project support through project scoping, asset assessments (i.e. inspection reports) and project management services, risk management and safety plan development and training, and technical and engineering review of projects within the corridor.

Interested consultants are invited to submit a Cost Proposal and Work Plan, a Sample Cost Proposal form for Specified Rates of Compensation is included below. The contract period for this RFP is 2 years with the option to extend for additional years. The RTC may award separate, task specific contracts, depending on the proposals received and qualifications of consultants.

Responses are due to the RTC **by 4:00 PM PST on ~~November 12~~ November 23, 2026** Responses to the RFP received after the date and

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Information obtained from other sources is not official and should not be relied upon for completion of the RFP. Inquiries and answers may be documented and available on the RTC website to all potential respondents at the RTC's option.

Pre-Proposal Meeting:
A remote pre-proposal meeting will be held on Wednesday October 28, 2026 at 10:00 am via Teams:

Teams Meeting Link for Pre-Proposal Meeting
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/281341430694403?p=yGuQ3YTvsGSTIkKGqx
Meeting ID: 281 341 430 694 403
Passcode: to9zR2vW

There will be opportunities for questions and answers, but time may be limited by scheduling constraints. Interested parties are encouraged to submit questions or requests for clarification by email in advance of the meeting to info@sccrtc.org. Responses to questions raised at the Pre-Proposal Meeting will be posted on the RTC website (see below).

Questions, Requests for Clarification and Additional Info on this RFP:
The RFP and any subsequent information regarding this RFP, including changes made to this document and questions/responses on this RFP, will be posted on the RTC's website:
http://www.sccrtc.org/about/opportunities/rfp/.

It is the sole responsibility of the respondent to check the website for addenda to the RFP documents. Any questions, requests for clarification or exceptions to RFP requirements must be received by RTC no later than 5:00 PM on ~~November 4~~ November 6, 2026 to guarantee response. Email questions or requests for clarification to: info@sccrtc.org. Responses to questions concerning this RFP posed before this deadline will be posted on the RTC website: http://www.sccrtc.org/about/opportunities/rfp/ by 5:00 pm on November 6, 2026.

Closing Date for RFP Responses:
By 4:00 PM on ~~November 12~~ November 23, 2026, the RTC must receive one (1) electronic PDF version of the proposal with a separate, password protected, fee schedule. Fee schedule shall be in the form of specific rates of compensation. RTC will request the password for fee schedule after initial proposal review and ranking.
Proposal materials received after this time will not be considered. If

Agreement, including all relevant exhibits.

2. Proposer shall include the reasons as well as specific recommendations for alternative language.

The above factors will be taken into account in evaluating proposals. Proposals that take substantial exceptions to the Agreement or proposed compensation terms may be determined by the RTC, at its sole discretion, to be unacceptable and no longer considered for award. Only the exceptions stated in the Proposal will be considered when negotiating the Agreement.

The RTC may accept the proposal or negotiate the terms and conditions of the Agreement with the highest-ranked firm. If mutually agreeable terms are not reached, the RTC reserves the right to terminate negotiations and may open negotiations with the next highest ranked firm. RTC further reserves the right to terminate negotiations at any point without obligation to contract for services with any firm. If a proposer wishes to recommend a change to any standard RTC contract provision, the provision and any proposed alternative language must be requested in writing prior to the closing date for receipt of requests for clarifications/exceptions listed above. If no such change or exception is requested in writing, the consultant will be deemed to accept RTC's standard contract provisions. In addition, if the project will be funded by Federal funds, federal required contract provisions will be included in the RTC standard agreement.

Response Due Date: All documents must be submitted to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission via email at: bkressman@sccrtc.org **by 4:00 pm on ~~November 12~~ November 23, 2026**

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

October 23, 2026	Distribute RFP
October 28, 2026 10:00 AM	Optional Pre-Proposal Teams Meeting
~~November 4, 2026~~ November 6, 2026	Requests for clarification/questions due
~~November 12, 2026~~ November 23, 2026	~~Response to RFP due from Consultants~~ **Proposals Due**
~~November 16 - 20, 2026~~ November 30 – December 11	Review and Rank Submittals
~~Week of November 30~~	(Optional) Interview Top Ranked Consultants

Week of December 14	
~~December 7 – 11~~ January 4 - 15	Negotiate Contract
~~January RTC Meeting~~ February RTC Meeting	Contract Award

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Respondent's Proposal Preparation Expenses: Respondents are solely responsible for their own expenses in preparing and submitting a response to this RFP as well as for subsequent interviews and contract negotiations with the RTC. The RTC will not be liable to any respondent for any costs or damages incurred by the respondent in preparing the RFP response, loss of anticipated profit, or for any other claim.

Accessible Electronic Documents: In order to facilitate public engagement and ensure accessibility of documents, Consultant shall provide Americans with Disabilities Act of 1994 (ADA)-accessible electronic copies of any documents being distributed for board and public review, such as policy documents, as applicable. Guidance on ADA remediation of documents is available at: https://www.section508.gov/create/

Ownership of RFP Responses: **Note** **RTC transparency guidelines apply to this RFP and to any subsequent agreements between the parties.** As such, documents, including specific RFP responses, submitted to the RTC become the property of the RTC. All materials submitted by proposers are subject to public inspection under the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.), except that the RTC may withhold from disclosure clearly marked confidential trade secret information contained in any proposals, and proposer's submission of information so marked shall constitute its agreement to defend and indemnify the RTC from any claim or liability for nondisclosure thereof. After award and execution of the contract (or if not awarded, after rejection of all proposals), all responses will be regarded as public records and will be subjected to review by the public. Any language purporting to render all or portions of the proposal confidential will be regarded as non-effective and will be disregarded.

Collection and Use of Personal Information: Respondents are solely responsible for familiarizing themselves and ensuring that they comply with the laws applicable for the collection and dissemination of personal information, including resumes and other personal information concerning respondent employees and employees of any proposed subconsultants.

Non-Commitment of RTC: This RFP is not an agreement to purchase or