

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Operations and Maintenance Facility

Progressive Design-Build Solicitation

4.15.2025

Help us achieve our mission of delivering Austin Light Rail.

This Request for Information seeks to engage industry participants to provide input and feedback into our solicitation documents and process for procurement of final design and construction services for the operations and maintenance facility of Austin Light Rail.

This project will transform how we get around our growing city and help Austin achieve key mobility, affordability and sustainability goals. Austin Light Rail will directly create 10,000 jobs as a key part of the city mobility improvements. It will also create access to 200k+ jobs when operational.

Your vision and expertise are critical to our success.



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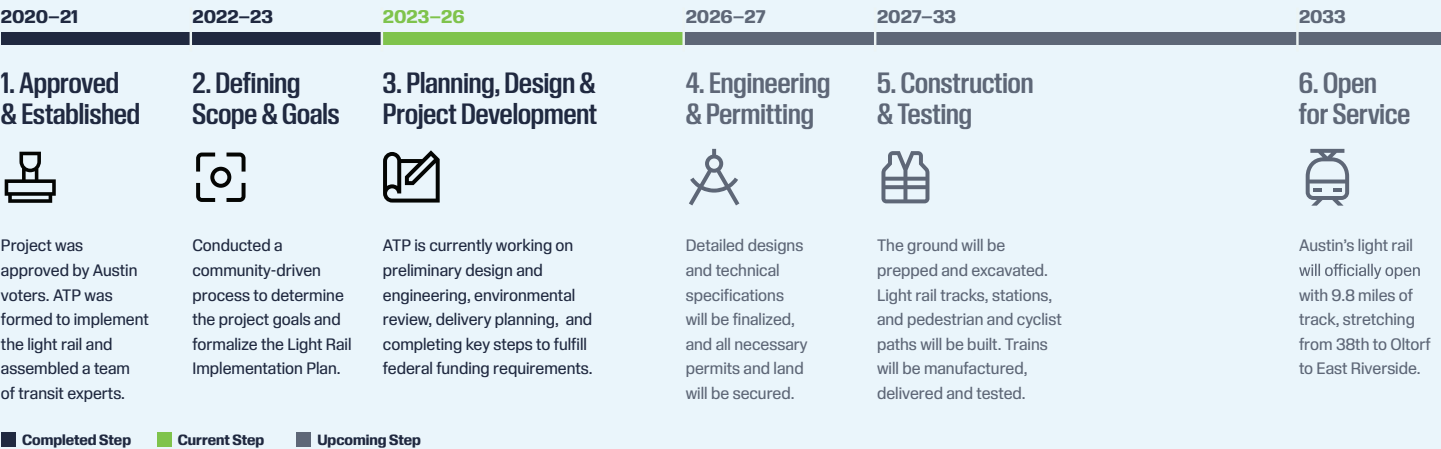


A first for Austin.

Austin Light Rail will transform how people move around Austin with all-electric trains running reliably every 5–10 minutes connecting people to major job centers, education hubs and iconic destinations. Designed to expand as the city grows, the project includes 15 stations along a nearly 10-mile alignment, miles of new walk and bike paths lined with shade trees, and a new bridge across Lady Bird Lake. We need your help in building a project unlike any other in our city's history.

Our job is to make it happen.

This is one of the largest transit projects in the U.S. and unlike any in Austin’s history. It will revolutionize how we get around, but it won’t happen overnight. Integrating a world-class light rail system into our existing infrastructure will be a complex process.



Community trust, collaboration and responsible stewardship of public dollars are foundational to our work. ATP wants to collaborate with our industry partners to deliver this large infrastructure project efficiently. Through this process, we hope to:

- Innovate design solutions that balance technical requirements with Austin’s unique needs.
- Design with constructability at the forefront that keeps Austin moving while the project is being built.
- Integrate construction costs into design development to align with the project budget.

We look forward to achieving great milestones as a team, building light rail and making a positive impact on Austin — together.



About the Request for Information

Dear potential partners,

We at Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) are seeking collaborative teams to join us in stewarding a vibrant culture of transit so that the people and places of Austin are more deeply connected. ATP invites industry feedback through this Request for Information for the operations and maintenance facility (OMF) of Austin Light Rail under a progressive design-build (PDB) delivery model.

At ATP, we value a solutions-oriented mindset. Our team is looking for partners who will bring a wide range of experiences to the table, along with a clear vision and the expertise to complete the project safely, with high quality, on time, and within budget. Our goal is for the progressive design-build contractor to become an integrated part of the ATP team and work with us cooperatively and transparently.

ATP will use a two-step procurement process to select the OMF PDB contractor, starting with a request for qualifications to solicit responses in the form of statements of qualifications. Qualified firms will then be invited to participate in a comprehensive request for proposals process that evaluates proposals, personnel, collaboration, and cost to determine the highest ranked proposer with which ATP will enter negotiations for contract award.

As part of this RFI, we are providing questions to get your input on ways we can create a successful partnership with an OMF PDB contractor, along with the following documents for your review and comment:

- Draft request for qualifications
- Draft request for proposals
- Draft form of contract

This RFI also describes ATP's approach to encouraging full and open competition and managing any potential organizational conflicts of interest during the solicitation process. To provide feedback, **responses should be submitted through PlanetBids by May 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. CT.** Additionally, we are hosting an opportunity forum for DBEs and small businesses on May 29, 2025. If you are interested in attending this event in the capacity of a prime contractor, please email me (brad.cummings@atptx.org) by May 8, 2025.

Thank you for bringing your vision and expertise to help us deliver the world-class light rail system Austinites deserve. With your partnership, let's go differently. We look forward to your feedback.

Respectfully,

Brad J. Cummings
Senior Vice President, Procurement and Contract Management



Request for Information Opportunity

ATP anticipates procuring three major contracts for the delivery of Austin Light Rail: this OMF PDB contract, a separate LRT PDB contract, and a separate light rail vehicles contract. The allocation of responsibility among those three contracts is further described below. This OMF PDB contract will include all works within the OMF site, excluding rail systems elements (including signaling, communications, and power systems) to be delivered by the LRT PDB contractor. **This Request for Information relates to the OMF PDB contract only.** We are seeking industry feedback on the draft documents provided with this RFI to inform and assist their development and finalization. We currently anticipate releasing the RFQ in August, 2025 and the RFP to shortlisted respondents in October, 2025. The draft documents have been uploaded to PlanetBids (<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/50907/bo/bo-search>).

ATP would appreciate written feedback as follows:

- Please provide any specific comments you would like ATP to consider regarding the draft RFQ (including appendices), draft RFP (including appendices), and draft contract (including exhibits) using the 'RFI Feedback Form' template provided on PlanetBids.
- Please provide a cover letter containing the name and principal business of the prime firm/entity, any intended major team members/major subcontractors, a designated point of contact and whether a one-on-one meeting is requested. An attachment to the cover letter of no longer than 10 pages may also be submitted to provide feedback on the approach and structure of the proposed OMF PDB scope of work and to highlight any key themes of any feedback provided in the 'RFI Feedback Form'. Cohesive, concise and simple responses led by the prime firm/entity are strongly encouraged.
- To the extent you consider there to be a perceived, potential, or actual OCI which may affect your ability to respond to the RFQ or RFP (please see Section 6.9 of ATP's Procurement Policy and Procedures and Section 4.10 of the RFQ for more detail), provide a completed version of the 'OCI Form' provided on PlanetBids.



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Terms and Conditions

ATP reserves the right not to hold one-on-one meetings with all entities that request one. Any one-on-one meetings will be held in-person in June 2025 and ATP will provide further details and agenda topics in advance of any scheduled meetings.

ATP will not score or evaluate the feedback received in response to this RFI, nor is it required in order to respond to the RFQ or RFP once issued. ATP does not intend to provide responses to feedback, but may choose to do so, and may consider the feedback received when finalizing the draft documents. To the extent you have any questions to relating to the administrative process for this RFI (“Requests for Clarification”), please submit them to PlanetBids by April 28, 2025. If ATP elects to provide any responses, they will be posted on PlanetBids.

The deadline to provide feedback to this RFI is **May 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. CT.**

Any communication with ATP, including its board members, staff, and consultants, or its stakeholders, including the FTA, the City of Austin, and CapMetro, related to this RFI between the release of this RFI and the release of the RFQ shall be directed to Brad J. Cummings, Senior Vice President, Procurement and Contract Management at brad.cummings@atptx.org.

The information contained in this RFI is preliminary in nature and reflects ATP’s current views. ATP’s receipt or consideration of any information related to this RFI, or feedback to this RFI or any Requests for Clarifications, does not impose any obligations whatsoever on ATP or the respondent. ATP does not intend to and is not obligated to provide responses to any of the Requests for Clarification or feedback received through this RFI or the one-on-one meetings, but retains the right to do so in its sole discretion. While feedback is valued, ATP is not obligated to update the draft RFQ, the draft RFP, or the draft contract to incorporate any of the Requests for Clarification or feedback received through this RFI or the one-on-one meetings.

This RFI is an inquiry only. ATP will not enter into an agreement or contract as a result of this RFI process. No feedback to this RFI, either written or via a one-on-one meeting, will be scored or evaluated in connection with any future procurement. Neither ATP nor any other agency guarantees that the work discussed in this RFI will advance to a public procurement, or that any subsequent procurement will follow the approaches described in this RFI.

ATP will not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation, submission, revision, or any other aspect of feedback by a respondent to this RFI.

By participating in this RFI (whether or not a SOQ or proposal is ultimately submitted), each respondent shall be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that any materials submitted to ATP, including Requests for Clarification, become ATP records that are subject to production in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

- Respondents should familiarize themselves with the Texas Public Information Act. ATP will not advise a respondent as to the nature or content of documents or other records entitled to protection from disclosure under open records laws, as to the interpretation of such laws, or as to the definition of “trade secret” or “confidential”.
- If a respondent wishes to submit a question, provide any feedback, or submit any Requests for Clarification with information that it believes is confidential in nature, such respondent shall clearly label only that portion of the text that it believes is confidential, proprietary, or trade secret protected. This designation shall be for informational purposes only and does not guarantee that ATP will withhold the designated text from production. ATP shall not have any liability to any respondent for the failure to protect confidential material provided by a respondent and will disclose its records in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

All materials (including Requests for Clarification) submitted in response to this RFI shall become the property of ATP and will not be returned. Except where prohibited by applicable law, ATP has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any Requests for Clarification or other information submitted in response to this RFI or during the course of discussions and communications related to this solicitation, regardless of whether or not the respondent participates in a future solicitation and regardless of whether the ideas are incorporated in the project.

ATP reserves all its rights with respect to this RFI. No respondent will have any rights against ATP arising from the contents of this RFI, any related one-on-one meetings, or the receipt of information in any feedback or meetings. ATP makes no representations, warranties, or guarantees that the information contained in this RFI or any other documents, or any addenda hereto, is accurate, complete, or timely. Furthermore, no such representations, warranties, or guarantees are made that the information in this RFI or other documents accurately represents the conditions that would be encountered during the performance of any subsequent contract, if any. The furnishing of such information by ATP does not create, nor should be deemed to create, any obligation or liability upon ATP for any reason whatsoever. Each respondent, by submitting feedback to this RFI, expressly agrees: (a) that it has read and understood these terms and conditions; (b) that it has not relied upon any information contained in this RFI; and (c) that it may not hold ATP liable or responsible for the information contained in this RFI.



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