



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Wastewater & Stormwater Sewer Improvements: S Cushman Ave & S 35th St RFB Specification No. **ES22-0055F**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Dawn DeJarlais, Senior Buyer by June 5, 2023. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org. Navigate to [Current Contracting Opportunities](#) / *Public Works and Improvements Solicitations*, and then click *Questions and Answers* for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1: Will the City of Tacoma be providing survey staking and layout on this project?

Answer 1: Yes, the City will provide survey staking per Section 1-05.4(1) of the Specifications.

Question 2: Please clarify the following:

Spec. Section 7-05.3(1) says the City Sewer Transmission Maintenance Division will provide frames and grates for all manholes and catch basins adjusted by the contractor. Will the City be providing castings for all the new structures as well, or does the contractor need to supply castings for new structures?

Answer 2: Yes, the City will be supplying castings for all new and existing structures.

Question 3: There is a 6" water line east of S Cushman Ave on S Wright Ave. Can the City Identify what type of main this is?

Answer 3: This water main is 6" ductile iron, installed in 2001.

Question 4: There does not appear to be enough clearance between the sewer and water lines on S Wright Ave, east of S Cushman Ave. Can the City high-line the water services off this main during sewer main installation in this area?

Answer 4: Yes, the Tacoma Water Department is able to high-line from the fire hydrant on the SE corner of the S Wright Ave and S Cushman Ave intersection.

Question 5: Bid item WW71 for 6" PVC sanitary sewer pipe is not identified on the Plans.

Answer 5: The 6" PVC pipe is intended for the side sewer reconnection on sheet 10.

Question 6: Is there a soils report available for this project, or in the vicinity of this work?

Answer 6: There is no available soils report for this area.



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Question 7: There is an existing concrete wall within the WSDOT ROW, approximately 25-30' from centerline of pipe. The wall appears to be precast panels. Does the City know if there are tiebacks or grid within the area which could affect installation of the pipe?

Answer 7: There are soil nails that extend from the embankment, which terminate at a minimum of 20' from the existing sanitary sewer main.

Question 8: How far back does the WSDOT concrete wall backfill extend?

Answer 8: This information is not available.