

Responses to Questions Received for the Central Coast Supra-regional Activity-Based OR Hybrid Model Upgrade RFP by the deadline of April 7, 2017:

Q.1. Are the Agency Partners willing to consider a travel modeling software platform other than TransCAD if it can be shown to be sufficiently advantageous?

A.1. Seems unlikely, there would have to be a very compelling reason (sufficiently advantageous) for a transition as all of our datasets are in TransCAD format.

Q.2. We are interested in knowing if the committee would be amicable to interviews on a date other than May 1. The May 1 date is problematic due to a potential conflict and also requires Sunday travel for non-local consultants.

A.2. Yes, the selection committee will consider May 01- 02, 2017 for the consultant interview.

Q.3 Which ABM is referred to as CentralSIM in the RFP? Could you please provide some reference or citation?

A.3. This is a proposed open-source ABM framework submitted during the first round of the RFP process. Consultants should feel free to build/propose specific frameworks for the Central Coast supra-region ABM to be integrated with TransCAD.

Q.4. Regarding Public Outreach,

Q.4.a. How many meetings do you anticipate during the course of the project?

A.4.a Over 6 public meetings. MPO staff will lead public participation tasks for the project duration as part of their routine public participation efforts. The consultant will be responsible with providing any necessary information including, but not limited to, materials and PowerPoint slides as prepared for the project update meetings, peer review and final project deliverables. Consultant will also be expected to provide specific answers to any comments and questions raised during the public participation process which cannot be answered or addressed adequately by MPO staff.

b. Would you expect us to attend some or all of the meetings?

The selected consultant team will not be expected to attend any public participation meetings.

c. Would you need different materials by different groups (e.g., MUGs vs. PDFs)?

Any materials should be tailored to the intended audience. For example, detailed technical materials/reports will be required for the Central Coast Model Development Committee and the peer review. The model user group meetings and staff training will require operational and functionality related materials as well as a user's guide. Flexibility by the selected consultant will be paramount to a successful model update process.

d. For the public outreach material, are you thinking of PowerPoint presentations, hand-outs, simulations of working models, or other format?

Outreach materials for the public should be in the form suitable for communication of key points of the model development process and results e.g. PowerPoint slides, PDFs, Word documents, etc. The selected consultant will not be required to provide a simulation of a functional model.