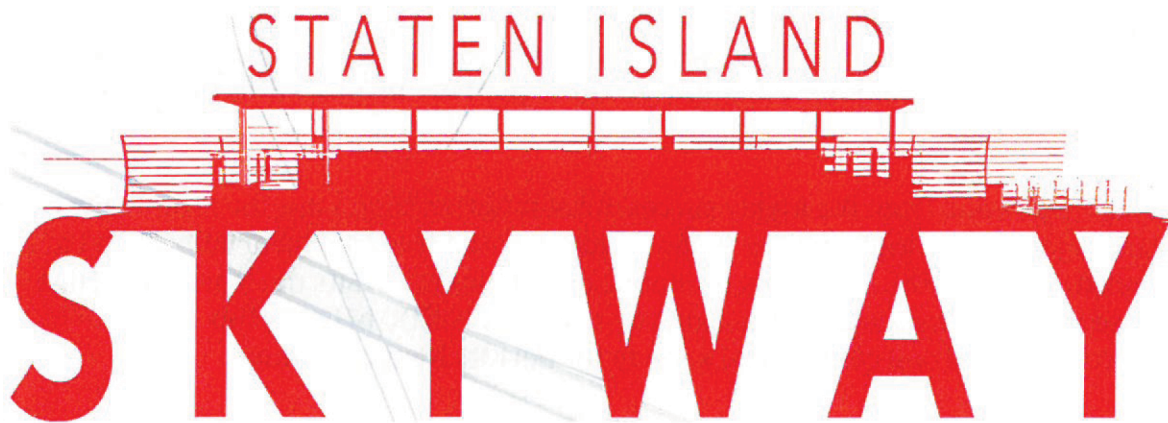


Request for Proposals

Feasibility Study of the Staten Island Skyway Project



BENEFITS OF THE STATEN ISLAND SKYWAY:

- Will have a profound economic impact on the neighborhoods that surround it
- Will help reactivate the retail corridor on Port Richmond Avenue which will bring new investment, new businesses and reuse of historic buildings
- Will be centrally located in a dense commercial and residential corridor which presently has an active Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA), the Richmond Terrace Commercial Development Corporation (Merchants Association), the Port Richmond Commercial Corridor and a working waterfront
- Will provide a continuous multi-purpose pathway, along the waterfront where feasible, connecting points of interest and providing harbor views
- Will provide a safe way for local residents to traverse to Port Richmond Avenue and bypass narrow and unsafe winding roads

DESIGN COMPETITION:

In February 2017, SIEDC announced a public design competition to promote the concept plan and select the best design for the right-of-way. On June 8, 2017, the winning design – Staten Island Skyway – by Almir Abdulovski and Vincent Torchio was announced.

- August 2016 – SIEDC begins researching possibility of creating a park on the North Shore Right-Of-Way
- January 2017 – SIEDC Board of Directors reviews proposal for an open design competition
- February 2017 – SIEDC opens design competition to the public with a \$10,000 prize for the winner
- April 27, 2017 – Submissions are put on display for public vote at the SIEDC Business Conference
- May 15, 2017 - Submissions are put on display for public vote in the Port Richmond neighborhood
- June 8, 2017 – The Staten Island Skyway by Almir Abdulovski & Vincent Torchio is announced as the winning design at SI Green & Clean Festival
- June 9, 2017 – Skyway Engineering & Feasibility Study RFP Released

C. SCOPE OF SERVICES

C1. Infrastructure: The consultant will provide an in-depth analysis of the rail line's current state of infrastructure and recommendations for improvements needed to support an elevated park. Additionally, the consultant will provide recommendations for park design and locations for park benches, steel rails, gravel, lighting, drainage, waterproofing, community gardens, concession stands, historical markers, community event locations, access points, watering system, bicycle and pedestrian pathways, security, emergency access and signage.

C2. Preliminary Estimates: Consultant shall prepare an initial estimate of capital costs and design costs for the improvements described in section 1 above. This estimate will be a range for each recommendation provided such as construction costs and conditions. Additionally, the consultant shall provide a cost estimate which includes total capital and operating costs of the Skyway.

C3. Engineering: Consultant shall prepare a description and cost estimate of the design and engineering services required to build the Skyway. The engineering assessment shall describe the steps necessary to build the infrastructure required to support the Skyway. Consultant shall describe in detail all considerations for engineering choices based on the objectives listed above.

C4. Real Estate Assessment: Consultant shall prepare an assessment of real estate ownership and encumbrances for all real estate needed to build feasible infrastructure outlined in section 1 of this scope. Consultant shall also prepare an assessment of visual and other impacts to properties proximate to the Skyway and within its view shed.

C5. Ground Level Connections: Consultant shall prepare an assessment of what ground level connections would reach the Skyway. This assessment should include existing and planned transit, bicycle, and walking routes with an emphasis on pedestrian access, connections to commercial, residential, and retail areas, ADA Compliance and any additional transportation improvements that would be required to facilitate mobility to and from the Skyway.

C6. Pedestrian Use and Visitation Projections: Consultant shall prepare an assessment of public visitation growth projections for a ten year time horizon including monthly and annual visitation statistics.

C7. Management: Consultant shall assess possible management systems for the Skyway, including private and/or public sector, Consultant shall describe in detail considerations for a management system that best meets the objectives described above. Consultant shall recommend a management system for the Skyway, and prepare an estimate of costs associated with this management system.

C8. Maintenance: Consultant shall assess the maintenance needs of the Skyway considered in sections C1 of this scope forecast out to a 30 year lifespan. This assessment

D. MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION

- The consultant will hold a kickoff meeting with the project manager and the executive committee for the Skyway project. At this kickoff meeting, further refinements to the scope may be made by mutual consent of consultant and project manager.
- The consultant will hold a public awareness meeting near the outset of the project to describe the goals and scope of the feasibility study to interested members of the general public.
- The consultant and project manager will meet on a bi-monthly basis, with bi-weekly check-in calls. Project manager will be available by email and phone during the normal workweek, and expects similar availability from the consultant.

E. DELIVERABLES

- Consultant shall produce a draft document for review by the project manager and executive committee that addresses all items listed in the scope.
- Project manager will review and provide comments to the draft documents at the 30%, 60%, 90%, and 100% completion stages.
- Consultant will address all comments, and produce a final 100% document. Upon one round of review of the 100% document by the project manager and team, the consultant will finalize all work and deliver it to the project management team in digital format along with 5 hard copies.
- The presentation of findings shall be a PowerPoint, or comparable digital presentation, with additional visual displays and boards at the discretion of the consultant and project manager.
- Additional documents related to the study shall be delivered in common digital formats (MS Office, PDF, InDesign, etc.).
- Consultant shall develop a publicly accessible website which will be the repository of archival documents related to the Skyway feasibility study. The website will be available online within two months of the contract approval, and will be kept updated with relevant documents as directed by the project manager.

G. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Responses to this solicitation will be evaluated on the following criteria. The criteria are listed in equal or descending order of importance with the first having the most weight and with each of the following criteria having equal or less weight than the one preceding it. The evaluation will be based on information provided by the Consultant, as well as any other relevant information available to the executive committee.

G1. Project Approach, Knowledge and Understanding:

The Consultant shall provide a statement of their approach to the project and understanding of the efforts necessary to successfully complete all the tasks described in the Statement of Work. The Consultant shall indicate their technical methodology and expected levels of effort to satisfy the Scope of Services including any proposed additional tasks. Consultant shall include a proposed timetable for completing the feasibility study and associated meetings.

G2. Experience, Qualifications, and Past Performance of the Lead Firm:

The Consultant shall describe the lead firm's prior work experience and qualifications with respect to timeliness and quality of analysis, in providing work similar to that required by the Scope of Services. Additionally, the Consultant shall submit a list of a minimum of three relevant project examples performed by the lead firm completed within the last seven years.

G3. Relevant Project Information must Include:

- Project name and location
- Year completed
- Owner representative's name, title, address, email and phone number
- Project description
- Individual roles and responsibilities for the project
- Dollar value of services provided

G4. Key Personnel:

The Consultant shall provide a resume (1-2 pgs.) with detailed information on the experience and qualifications of those who are expected to make the most significant contribution to this task.

The projects shall show the applicable skills and experience appropriate for the work described in the Scope of Services. One of the proposed key personnel must be the Consultant's designated project manager, with experience managing projects of this nature. The proposed key staff may have performed the work with the offering firm or with others.

G5. Cost Breakdown: The consultant is asked to provide a cost breakdown in the form of a budget describing how they will accomplish all tasks in the scope at the bid amount. This may include staff hours and rates, firm profit, overhead costs, travel, soft costs, and anything else which may be relevant to the project.