

Rt 66 Project RFP Questions and Answers

This document contains all questions as of **1/26/2010**. Please address questions and comments to igates@californiapreservation.org. The source of questions or comments will not be identified.

Additional Thoughts/Comments:

- There are many different alignments, some of which are unknown. This MPDF will focus on the known alignments, which will need to be verified.
- There are many possible themes and sub-themes that could be explored and potentially developed as part of the MPDF. Some of these may include researching U.S. 66's role in developing Southern California's industries and increasing its population. In order to avoid potential hyperbole and mythologizing Route 66's role in this regard, we expect the consultant to use standard historical research methodologies to support their research. In this regard, we would expect the consultant to compare Route 66 with other dominant highways (US 60, 70, 99) in the region to determine its relative influence.

Question 1:

Is the National Old Trails Road/Highway a component of the Route 66 study?

Answer 1:

The National Old Trails Road, which predates U.S. Highway 66, at times shares alignment with Route 66. Therefore, the portions of the National Old Trails Road/Highway that contribute to the history of Route 66 will be a component of the study.

Question 2:

Is there a page limit (also font size) to the length of the proposal?

Answer 2:

There is not a page limit or font size for this proposal.

Question 3:

Who are the stakeholders (if available)?

Answer 3:

There are many stakeholders along Route 66, including individuals, city, county and state offices, non-profit organizations, and others. NPS and CPF have created an ad-hoc group to assist us in identifying them. The following are the members of the group we are calling the Information Network:

*National Park Service Pacific West Regional Office
Bureau of Land Management; California Desert District
CalTrans, District 8
National Trust for Historic Preservation
Route 66 Preservation Foundation
California Historic Route 66 Association
Route 66 Alliance*

Question 4:

Which National Park Service office will coordination be with?

Answer 4:

The California Preservation Foundation is completing this project in partnership with the National Park Service Route 66 Preservation Program in the Santa Fe, NM office.

Question 5:

Are there any already completed projects on Route 66 to know about in advance?

Answer 5:

A working bibliography of known projects and resources is now available on CPF's website. This does not identify all resources; part of the purpose of the project is to identify a more comprehensive list. www.californiapreservation.org

Question 6:

What is the desired format of survey forms (DPR forms or other format?)

Answer 6:

DPR forms are the current required format for the forms. The database should be in Microsoft Access and will possibly have additional fields as required by the National Park Service Rt 66 Program.

Question 7:

What are the future plans for survey work along Rt 66 and how might this project be designed to support these future efforts?

Answer 7:

There are currently no future plans in the works, but the intent of the current project is to generate interest in, and provide a basis for future local or state survey initiatives. The Multiple Property Documentation Form will provide a framework for identification and evaluation of Route 66-related properties, including National Register registration requirements and integrity thresholds. This will include methods for evaluating the National Register eligibility of related properties through the established historic contexts and property types.

Question 8:

Would it be desirable to create a field survey form tailored to Rt 66 that might be user-friendly for volunteers?

Answer 8:

Depending on the budget and how volunteers are being proposed for this project, a more user-friendly form may could be developed.

Question 9:

How much support can we expect from stakeholders and volunteers?

Answer 9:

There has been a lot of interest already generated about this project including established volunteer groups from different Route 66 organizations.

Question 10:

Is there a role for volunteers?

Answer 10:

There may or may not be a role for volunteers. We would like to see your recommendations in the proposal based on your experience.

Question 11:

Does CPF want survey methods developed for use by volunteers as well as professionals?

Answer 11:

With the budget limitations, if two sets of survey methods are feasible then this would be the preferred option, however not required.

Question 12:

In terms of resources, in addition to the bibliography, will there be any other materials available from CPF or stakeholders such as maps, historic images, source materials, previous reports, etc.?

Answer 12:

We are currently building a library based on some of the resources listed in the bibliography. Contact information for individuals or organizations that are keepers of some of the materials will also be provided.

Question 13:

Will it be desirable to set up a web site for public outreach as a place where interested parties can contribute information or post questions/comments? Would a blog be desirable? What other electronic resources might we utilize to foster communication and exchange of information?

Answer 13:

We are currently exploring options for web-based public outreach and information gathering which would include a blog and other resources for interested persons.

Question 14:

What is the period of significance for the buildings along Route 66? Will the consultant be looking at the structures less than 50 years old?

Answer 14:

Yes. All Resources that are associated with Rt 66 up to the decommissioning of specific alignments will be a part of the survey.

Question 15:

Are there any ideas for where or how large an area for the pilot surveys?

Answer 15:

*No. Each proposal should accurately reflect based on their hourly wage the size and/or number of resources that could be surveyed and a variety of resources. The goal is to complete at least two **discrete** segments to test and establish future survey methods in the MPDF. The selection of the pilot survey areas will ultimately be made in consultation with CPF and NPS based on a number of variables such as potential information yield, representative nature of the segment, etc.*

Question 16:

How detailed should the overall Rt 66 corridor map of the alignments be?

Answer 16:

For the purpose of the MPDF, only a general map of U.S. 66 various routings in California is needed. This project is not intended to survey and verify alignments of Route 66 and is not required to develop the MPDF. The focus is on the context and sub-themes and developing property type descriptions.

Question 17:

Do you need 3 copies of each reference example as well as the proposal? Also, do you need an electronic copy of the examples (pdf files)?

Answer 17:

Please submit 3 printed copies and one (1) electronic file of the submittal. If reference examples are included in the electronic copy (pdf) of the proposal, one printed copy of your examples will be sufficient.