Q: Is it required to physically visit and perform a structural assessment on all of the approximately 1,000 shelters?

A: Yes, the consultant/contractor will need to physically visit all 1,000 oldest sheltered locations. The expectation is that each is observed in the field, and not through a desktop review.

To clarify there are four (CEMUSA, Tolar, 4 post Historic and 2 post Historic) shelter styles in this group, and it is expected that they will share some characteristics, but that each will have unique surroundings which may lead to specific recommendation per stop.

It is not intended to be a “structural assessment” by an engineer, more of observations of condition and identification of any improvements needed to the structure or at the bus stop location. For example, an engineer could provide initial guidance after a field visit to a few examples of the four styles, then a non-engineer could conduct the remaining field work and make observations based on a checklist of key items developed by the engineer.

Q: Are there any qualifications to lead or perform the structural assessments? If yes, what are the requirements?

A: It is requested that the assessments be developed and supervised by someone with extensive experience in structural engineering, civil engineering, construction management and/or related field. Actual field observations may be conducted by a trained technician or other non-engineer.

Q: Is the upper limit of the budget set at $250,000? If so, is the scope amendable to revisions to fit within the existing budgetary constraints?

A: Yes, we are open to amending/adjusting the tasks to stay within the budget of $250,000.