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**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors  
**THROUGH:** President/CEO Inez P. Evans  
**FROM:** Vice President of Infrastructure, Strategy, and Innovation Jennifer Pyrz  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to WSP’s Task Order to Provide Purple Line Final Design Services

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**ACTION ITEM A – 9**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In a manner consistent with IPTC procurement contract award standards, it is requested that the Board authorize IPTC to execute a contract amendment to supplement Task Order #6, as amended by Task Order #9, with WSP USA, Inc. (WSP) to reflect scope changes in final design services, for an amount of \$127,200.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Purple Line bus rapid transit (BRT) project is envisioned to be the second of three rapid transit lines in the City of Indianapolis/Marion County. It would connect downtown Indianapolis to the City of Lawrence, via East 38th Street. The project was identified in the regional transit framework, Indy Connect, in 2009-2010 and advanced to an Alternatives Analysis (AA) study in 2014-2015. Both studies were conducted by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in cooperation with IPTC, the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Association (CIRTA), and other regional partners. Those plans eventually resulted in the Marion County Transit Plan, which was presented to Marion County voters in November 2016 for adoption of a 0.25% income tax, dedicated to transit. In December 2017, the IPTC 2018-2022 Capital Plan was adopted by the IPTC board of directors. This plan outlined the Purple Line project in more detail, including the specific mix of funding sources and timelines for the development of the project. Based on that plan, design work for the Purple Line was planned to continue through 2021. The Purple Line Project is expected to open at the end of 2023.

IPTC Board of Directors awarded a task-order based contract to WSP in 2017. To date, funding has been awarded for nine task orders for the Purple Line design and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) work. The current Task Order 9 was executed for the purposes of completing all design activities and preparing the project for bidding. This is a task-order based contract with specific scope and fee for each new task order negotiated individually.

**DISCUSSION:**

In late 2019, IPTC made several significant design changes to the Purple Line project in response to identified schedule and construction risks. As a result, the design consultant team was required to modify design plans at the 60% stage. Task Order #9 was executed in June 2020 for WSP USA, Inc. with the intent that it would capture all resulting scope and fee changes and enable them to complete their design work. However, certain portions of the work, performed by one of the subconsultants, were inadvertently excluded from that amendment. The work of that subconsultant is now being

added via this new Task Order, which will fund necessary design revisions in the areas of maintenance of traffic, electrical engineering, and roadway design. Additional project management costs are also included because of the extended design phase timeline.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This work is required to be completed in order to progress to final design. Any change in consultant or reduction in scope would negatively impact the design plan quality.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the Purple Line project is provided from a variety of sources, including FTA Small Starts, Bond Revenues, 5307 Formula Funds, and local funds, as documented in the Capital Plan.

**DBE DECLARATION:**

There is no DBE participation on this specific task order/supplement. The entire amount of this amendment is for the design services of a non-DBE subconsultant. However, there was an overall goal placed on Purple Line Design of 15%.

**STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:**

This action will be reviewed by the Service Committee on January 21, 2021.