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BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Vice President of Infrastructure, Strategy, and Innovation Jennifer Pyrz
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Task Order #7 for Blue Line design team, WSP, Inc., to provide NEPA and Design Services

ACTION ITEM A – 3

RECOMMENDATION:

In a manner consistent with IPTC contract award standards, it is requested that the Board authorize the President/CEO to execute Task Order #7 with WSP, Inc. to supplement previously contracted NEPA and design services on the Blue Line BRT Project for an amount not to exceed **\$2,600,000.**

BACKGROUND:

The Blue Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will be the third of three rapid transit lines in the City of Indianapolis/Marion County. It will connect the Indianapolis International Airport to the Town of Cumberland via downtown Indianapolis along Washington Street. The project was identified in the regional transit framework, Indy Connect, in 2009-2010 and advanced to an Alternatives Analysis (AA) study in 2013. Both studies were conducted by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in cooperation with IPTC, the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (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 IndyGo 2018-2022 Capital Plan was adopted by the IPTC Board of Directors. This plan outlined the Blue Line project in more detail, including the specific mix of funding sources and timelines for the development of the project.

IPTC Board of Directors awarded a task-order based contract to WSP in 2018. To date, funding has been awarded for six task orders for the Blue Line design and NEPA work, for a total of \$7,574,032. This is a task-order based contract with specific scope and fee for each new task order negotiated individually. WSP’s current task orders cover their work through 60% design. The Blue Line project design is currently progressing beyond 30% completion. Design is expected to be complete in summer 2023.

DISCUSSION:

This amendment will modify Task Order #3 of IPTC’s *RFQ 17-11-279 Blue Line BRT Engineering Services* contract with WSP, Inc. Task Order #3 was executed in April 2019 to provide NEPA evaluation, traffic analysis, FTA reporting, and 60% design services. Services on this task order were expected to be complete at the end of 2019 but were suspended in July 2019 at IPTC’s request. Services were restarted in May 2021.

Task Order #7 will amend Task Order #3 by incorporating:

1. Additional scope items directly requested by IPTC.
2. Additional scope items identified as necessary based on new information related to partner agencies, project stakeholders, or other inputs that were not known when Task Order #3 was originally scoped in 2019.

3. Additional scope (primarily management) related to extension of this task order timeline, the stopping/starting of project activities, and ongoing project management effort related to requests during the project hiatus.

Some of the additional scope items included in this task order are:

- New survey at locations that were identified as design progressed or were chosen not to be surveyed until pending design decisions.
- Updated survey at locations where existing conditions have been altered.
- Additional sub-surface utility investigation at non-station areas where areas of potential utility conflict have been identified.
- Creation of the stormwater master plan and design guidance document to guide discussions with Indianapolis DPW and Citizen's Energy Group (CEG).
- Right of way engineering and appraisal services for additional parcels to be acquired.
- Design of an east terminus station.

ALTERNATIVES:

These services are required to complete design of the Blue Line.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the Blue 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/XBE DECLARATION:

This task order includes 14% DBE participation across several sub-consultants: SJCA (6.1%), Etica (0.3%), Shrewsberry (2.6%), Dodd Title (0.6%), ASC Group (2.7%), NS Services (1.6%).

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECCOMENDATION:

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