



Date of Memo: July 13, 2023
Current Meeting: July 20, 2023
Board Meeting: July 27, 2023

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Chief Development Officer Jennifer Pyrz, PE
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Resolution 2023-04 to support the Blue Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project

ACTION ITEM A – 5

RECOMMENDATION:

The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) requests the Board of Directors approve a resolution in support of the Blue Line Bus Rapid Transit Project, submission to the Federal Transit Administration of a Small Starts grant application to fund the capital investment of this third BRT service, and a commitment to provide the local funding required to progress the project.

BACKGROUND:

The Blue Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project was granted entry into Small Starts Project Development in April 2018. Several key milestones have since been achieved and design has progressed beyond 60%. NEPA documentation is being reviewed by FTA with the expectation that an approval will be received later this year.

IPTC submitted an initial Small Starts rating package to FTA in September 2019. Due to the change in Segment 1 project alignment earlier this year, and as design progress has refined the project scope, IPTC will resubmit an application for ratings in August 2023.

The Blue Line will be the third rapid transit service in the Indianapolis Metropolitan Area. It will provide BRT service along a 24-mile corridor between the Town of Cumberland, through the Indianapolis Central Business District, to the Indianapolis International Airport. The Blue Line will be a direct replacement for the current IPTC Route 8 when it begins operations (anticipated early 2027).

IPTC will be submitting a request to FTA for Small Starts rating update in August 2023 and will request a grant be executed in 2024 to fund the capital investment required for the Blue Line BRT.

DISCUSSION:

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVES:

This resolution is intended to show support for the project and will be included in the August ratings submittal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

Not applicable

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Service Committee on July 29, 2023.