



Date: February 11, 2022
Current Meeting: February 17, 2022
Board Meeting: February 24, 2022

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Director of Service Planning Annette Darrow
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of bus stop design task order

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 a task order with Lochmueller Group for an amount not to exceed \$152,167 for site survey, design, and project management of 25 local bus stops identified by IPTC Service Planning staff (design package 2022-A).

BACKGROUND:

IPTC has approximately 2,900 bus stops in the service area. Due to the existing built environment, many of these bus stops do not meet accessibility requirements, per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To improve bus stops, IPTC has an on-call contract with Lochmueller Group for local bus stop engineering and design.

DISCUSSION:

IPTC coordinates with Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) and private sector developments to incorporate bus stop improvements in projects when possible. These coordinated projects address some of the bus stop improvement needs. With the implementation of the Transit Tax, starting in 2018 IPTC began budgeting annually to prioritize and construct or reconstruct bus stops that do not meet ADA standards. Each bus stop requires site visits, surveys, site design, and, in some cases, traffic and pedestrian signal engineering.

There are 25 local bus stop sites within this design task order (package 2022-A) for the next bus stop improvement project. These are primarily new bus stops that will be needed to provide service on new fixed route transit corridors that are proposed to be added in order to implement the full Marion County Transit Plan local bus route network. These bus stops are located on the southside, eastside, and westside of Indianapolis. This includes new bus stops along Nowland Avenue on the near eastside; State Avenue and Sherman Drive on the near southside; Shelby Street and County Line Road on the far westside; and 38th Street, Eagle Creek Parkway, and 10th Street on the far westside. Each site is a unique location, and the level of improvement varies for each site. The sites in this design package require some or all of the following improvements: new or reconstructed curb ramps, boarding pads, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian crossing signals, or bench pads. This task order will be led by Lochmueller Group, with JQOL Engineering (MBE), Northpointe Engineering & Surveying (WBE), and Eagle Ridge Civil Services (VBE) serving as subconsultants for design and topographic surveying.

ALTERNATIVES:

IPTC could choose not to design these bus stops at this time. This would mean that these bus stops would not be designed and constructed in time to implement proposed local bus route changes that are needed for full implementation of the Marion County Transit Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fee proposal provided by Lochmueller for the 2022-A bus stop design task order is \$152,167, which covers the survey, design, and project management costs for 25 local bus stops. This is budgeted and funded using local funds allocated to local bus stop improvements in the IPTC Capital Plan.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

Funded locally, these services require XBE participation. The on-call nature of these services means that an XBE goal is established at the task order level. For this task order, three certified subcontractors have been included by Lochmueller Group: JQOL Engineering (MBE), Northpointe Engineering & Surveying (WBE), and Eagle Ridge Civil Services (VBE).

The work to be completed by these three subcontractors for this task order totals to \$52,897 of the total \$152,167 (34.8%).

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Service Committee on February 17, 2022.