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Board Meeting: September 23, 2021

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 \$133,600 for site survey, design, and project management of 22 local bus stops identified by IPTC Service Planning staff (design package 2021-C).

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 the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) and private developers 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 22 local bus stop sites within this design task order (package 2021-C) for the next bus stop improvement project. These bus stops are all located on the westside of Indianapolis, primarily along W. Michigan Street, W. 10th Street, W. 16th Street, and Lafayette Road. 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: new or reconstructed curb ramps, boarding pads, sidewalks, crosswalks, crossing signals, or bench pads. Lochmueller Group will lead this task order, with VS Engineering, DB Engineering, and Eagle Ridge Civil Services serving as sub-consultants for design and topographic surveying.

ALTERNATIVES:

IPTC could choose not to design these bus stops. This would mean that these bus stops would not be improved to ADA accessibility standards unless they happened to be part of a future INDOT, DPW, or private development project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fee proposal provided by Lochmueller for the 2021-C bus stop design task order is \$133,600, which covers the survey, design, and project management costs for 22 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:

These services are funded locally and 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: VS Engineering (MBE), DB Engineering (WBE), and Eagle Ridge Civil Services (VBE).

The work of these three subcontractors totals \$60,390 (45.2% of the total project).

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Service Committee on September 16, 2021.