



Date: February 12, 2021  
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Board Meeting: February 25, 2021

**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 Task Order #11 for Purple Line Design Team, WSP, Inc., to Provide Project Bidding Support

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**ACTION ITEM A – 4**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In a manner consistent with IPTC contract award standards, it is requested that the Board authorize the President/CEO to execute Task Order #11 with WSP, Inc. to perform services related to bidding of the Purple Line BRT Project for an amount not to exceed \$200,429.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Purple Line bus rapid transit (BRT) project will be the second of three rapid transit lines in the City of Indianapolis/Marion County. It will 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 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 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. The Purple Line project design is now nearing completion. Construction will begin on the Purple Line in 2021 and conclude 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 ten task orders for the Purple Line design and NEPA work. Task Orders 9 and 10 complete all design activities and prepare the project for bidding. This is a task-order based contract with specific scope and fee for each new task order negotiated individually.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Purple Line project design plans and specifications will be finalized and ready for bidding on March 1, 2021. IPTC intends to advertise the project as soon as the Small Starts Grant Agreement is executed, which is expected to be in March 2021.

This amendment provides funds for the designer of record, WSP, to support IPTC through the bidding process. WSP, Inc. will prepare the plans and specifications for bid, attend and present technical information at a pre-bid meeting, respond

to contractor questions, prepare any necessary addenda, and provide input into the evaluation of bids.

Another task order will be presented to the Board in March 2021 to request funds for construction-phase support from WSP. The current task order covers work that will get the project through construction bidding and ready for a successful start to construction.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

These services are required for successful bidding of the project.

**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/XBE DECLARATION:**

There is no DBE participation on this specific task order/supplement. To date, there has been 16.04% DBE participation overall on the contract.

**STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:**

This action was reviewed by the Service Committee on February 18, 2021 and was recommended to the consent agenda.