



Date: February 16, 2021
Current Meeting: February 18, 2021
Board Meeting: February 25, 2021

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Vice President, Infrastructure Strategy, and Innovation Jennifer Pyrz
SUBJECT: Consideration and Approval of a Utility Reimbursement Agreement between IPTC and Indianapolis Power & Light Company for Relocating Utilities to Accommodate the Purple Line

ACTION ITEM A – 9

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the Board authorize IPTC to enter into an agreement with Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL) for reimbursement of costs related to the relocation of their facilities to accommodate Purple Line BRT infrastructure. IPTC would reimburse IPL an amount not to exceed \$167,500 for relocating their facilities from easements within the Purple Line corridor.

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.

DISCUSSION:

In order to construct the Purple Line BRT Project, there are IPL facilities that will need to be relocated. While IPL is required by law to relocate facilities in the public right of way at their own cost, facilities that are located within easements must be reimbursed.

The agreement between IPTC and IPL contains provisions for IPTC’s reimbursement of costs to relocate facilities in conflict with Purple Line infrastructure from current easements to new easements. IPL will be responsible for conducting the relocation work and securing the new easement. Under this agreement, IPTC will reimburse IPL for the cost of the relocation and easement, up to \$167,500.

The Agreement requires compliance with Buy America regulations and provides that IPTC will not reimburse IPL for facilities providing greater capacity, capability, durability, efficiency, or function (e.g. – “betterments”) except for compliance with current state and local codes.

ALTERNATIVES:

These relocations are required for construction to proceed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of these relocations is part of the overall Purple Line budget. The project is funded 50/50 with a combination of Federal Small Starts and other local and Federal funds.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

Not applicable.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECCOMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Service Committee on February 18, 2021.