

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 12-09-24

TO: TARTA Board of Trustees

FROM: Kattie Bond, Director of Capital Projects

CC: Laura Koprowski, Chief Executive Officer

James Karasek, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing NEPA Study by Wendel Architecture, P.C.

The purpose of the Resolution is to bring to the Board a request for authorization for the consultant Wendel Architecture, P.C. to conduct a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Study process for the proposed construction of a Transit Center. On September 15, 2023, the TARTA Board authorized through Resolution No. 09-23 the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Wendel Architecture (Consultant) to conduct a comprehensive site assessment and alternative site selection process for TARTA's Transit Center.

The Consultant's process identified a proposed location in the area bounded by Wade Street and portions of Broadway Street on the West, Williams Street on the North, Emerald Avenue on the East and the Pennsylvania Train Line and Interstate 75 on the South. Whenever an activity or action is proposed on federal lands, requires passage across federal lands, or will be funded, either entirely or in part by federal government funding, requires an environmental impact review and statement under NEPA. The next step in the Site Assessment/Alternative Site Analysis process being conducted by Consultant, Wendel Architecture, P.C. is the NEPA. I recommend approval of Resolution No. xx-xx authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to initiate the NEPA process for the proposed construction of a Transit Center with Wendel Architecture, P.C.

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