



Date of Memo: July 14, 2023
Current Meeting: July 20, 2023
Board Meeting: July 27, 2023

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Chief Development Officer Jennifer Pyrz, PE
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Indianapolis Cultural Trail (ICT) Bus Stop Construction

ACTION ITEM A – 4

RECOMMENDATION:

In a manner consistent with IPTC contract award standards, it is requested that the Board authorize IPTC’s President/CEO to enter into an agreement with Shuck Corporation to construct two local bus stops and install shelters along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail (ICT) for an amount not to exceed \$190,923.

BACKGROUND:

IPTC and the ICT entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in January 2019 that outlined how the two parties would address impacts to the ICT from the Red Line Bus Rapid Transit Construction. Among the ICT assets being impacted by Red Line construction were two “Moving Forward” bus shelters and the bus stop infrastructure supporting them.

The “Moving Forward” bus shelters are works of art that were commissioned by the ICT and incorporate poetry onto a glass structure. There are seven “Moving Forward” shelters at various locations along the ICT. The two shelters that were impacted by the Red Line construction were located along Virginia Avenue; one near the intersection of Merrill Street and the other near the Woodlawn Avenue intersection. The “Moving Forward” shelters at these two locations were removed during Red Line construction and have since been in storage. The physical infrastructure where the shelters were once placed no longer exists, as those local route stops were replaced with Red Line service and stations.

DISCUSSION:

The IPTC-ICT MOA commits IndyGo to relocating the two “Moving Forward” shelters from their impacted locations to new sites on Virginia Avenue near Louisiana Street, one in the northbound direction and one southbound. The requisite ADA-compliant infrastructure would need to be constructed to accommodate the shelters.

In the time since the MOA was executed and the shelters removed, IPTC determined that the originally identified sites near Virginia Avenue and Louisiana Street are not feasible for the relocations. IPTC and ICT have since been working together to identify two new sites that meet the various criteria for successful installation. The new sites must be along, or immediately adjacent to, the ICT. They must be local bus stops. They must have adequate existing right-of-way and infrastructure available to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. And they must have a reasonably accessible electrical source for lighting of the shelters. IPTC and ICT evaluated many sites before agreeing on the final two: southbound Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street at West St. Clair Street and Northbound Massachusetts Avenue at Davidson Street.

IPTC’s design consultant, Lochmueller Group, prepared design plans for each site. The sites are being improved to achieve ADA compliance and provide the needed electrical service for lighting the shelters. This includes construction of

concrete pads on which the shelters will be placed, segments of sidewalk, curb, curb ramp, electrical conduit, and bus stop signs. The contractor will be responsible for transporting the shelters from storage and reassembling and securing them at the site.

Design plans and specifications were provided to nine qualified contractors on June 27, 2023, as part of IFB 23-04-477. Two quotes were received and opened on July 14, 2023. Shuck Corporation was deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

ALTERNATIVES:

IPTC is responsible for replacing the shelters per our MOA with the ICT. As such, the only feasible alternative to awarding the work to this contractor would be to re-advertise the project and seek new bids.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This work will be funded from Red Line BRT grant funds that have been set aside for this specific purpose.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

The Red Line is a Federally funded project and is thus subject to DBE goals. The DBE goal was set at 10%. Shuck Corporation has committed to 7.6% DBE participation.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on July 20, 2023