

MEMORANDUM

- DATE: 2-20-25
- TO: TARTA Board of Trustees
- FROM: Rick Bailey, Chief Customer Experience and Mobility Officer
- CC: Laura Koprowski, Chief Executive Officer Kali Sawaya, Transit Planning Project Manager
- SUBJECT: High Performance Transit Feasibility & Alternative Analysis: Rapid Transit Corridor Study in the Toledo Metro Area

Resolution XX-XX serves to authorize a contract with WSP USA, Inc.to conduct the High Performance Transit Feasibility & Alternative Analysis: Rapid Transit Corridor Study in the Toledo Metro Area. This initiative is facilitated through the allocation of funds from the Federal Transit Administration (<u>FTA</u>) Flex grants (OTP2 SFY 2025 Planning Bus Rapid Transit), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and obtained by TARTA. We received five statements of qualifications in response to our Request for Qualifications. The recommendation is to move forward with WSP USA, Inc.

The total expenditure for this project is not to exceed \$500,000, reflecting a strategic investment in high performance transportation solutions for the Toledo metro area. Through the Rapid Transit Corridor Study, we aim to enhance the service efficiency, ridership, and overall quality of TARTA's customer experience while also researching the potential economic and social development benefits to our community.

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