



Date of Memo: December 05, 2022  
Current Meeting: December 08, 2022  
Board Meeting: December 15, 2022

**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors  
**THROUGH:** President/CEO Inez P. Evans  
**FROM:** Deputy Chief Operating Officer Cheryl Purefoy  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration and approval of amendment to the procurement of Purple Line BRT Bus Order

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**ACTION ITEM A – 2**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In a manner consistent with IPTC contract award standards, IPTC staff requests the Board to authorize the President/CEO to amend the contract with BYD to support technology updates and upgrades for the previously approved Board Action Item to purchase 28 60-foot buses for the BRT Purple Line. The amount of this amendment is not to exceed \$3,048,452.

**BACKGROUND:**

The purchase of 28 BYD buses for Purple Line BRT was approved by the Board in October 2021. This purchase was an extension of the original IPTC purchase agreement in 2017, and pricing reflected the base bus cost of \$1,296,948 per bus. While finalizing the Purple Line order, BYD quoted shipping costs for the Purple Line buses, a cost that was not included in the original quote. BYD also determined that the shipping costs for the original 31 Red Line Buses was never invoiced to IPTC as these costs were not clearly identified. IPTC and BYD exchanged numerous communications regarding this matter. BYD agreed to absorb the shipping cost for eight of the Red Line buses, leaving IPTC responsible for the remaining 23 buses and the new orders of the 28 Purple Line buses.

Since there was a need to present the Board with an amendment, IPTC seeks to include the driver protection barriers, full installation of the CAD/AVL, and fare validation systems. Previously they were wired for install upon delivery, however, it is more efficient and cost effective to have the necessary add-on technology and components completely installed by the manufacturer. The selected driver protection barrier is the industry standard and proven to withstand wear for extended periods of time as well as enhance operator safety and security. The final component of this amendment includes a new bus design for the Purple Line.

**DISCUSSION:**

IPTC intends to procure the additional equipment and updates for the 28 Purple Line BRT buses previously approved. BYD will add these items at the factory to facilitate a smooth transition for the Purple Line start up targeted for August 2024. Moving the installation of the systems to the IPTC staff could delay the vehicles entering revenue service once received. The IPTC service plan requires these buses to be in service to support the Purple Line BRT in August.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose to not approve the procurement amendments; however, it would significantly impact and/or delay the service of the Purple Line BRT.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funding source for this procurement will come from proceeds from the 2021 bond issuance.

**DBE/XBE DECLARATION:**

N/A

**STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:**

This action will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on December 08, 2022.