



Date of Memo: August 14, 2024
Current Meeting: August 15, 2024
Board Meeting: August 21, 2024

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors
THROUGH: President and CEO Jennifer Pyrz
FROM: Chief Government Affairs Officer Cameron Radford
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of government consulting contract with Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC

ACTION ITEM A – 8

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the Board authorize President and CEO Jennifer Pyrz to enter into an agreement with Cardinal Infrastructure LLC to consult on items related to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval of the Blue Line bus rapid transit project.

BACKGROUND:

Sherry Little, managing partner at Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC, spent more than 15 years working on Capitol Hill in both the legislative and executive branches of government. During that time, she served as both deputy administrator and acting administrator of the FTA under President George W. Bush. Her experience and expertise in the field of public transportation, along with that of her colleagues, will ensure that IPTC is being provided expert guidance while navigating the statutory and regulatory components of federal infrastructure requirements to ensure on-time execution of SSGA grant funding.

DISCUSSION:

The Blue Line is at a critical stage of development as we are near 100% design completion. With this being such an important moment for the project, it is felt that now is the right time to bring in Cardinal Infrastructure to ensure that SSGA grant execution occurs during the desired timeframe of late 2024 or early 2025. Doing so will mitigate any potential outside factors delaying or stopping the project. Cardinal Infrastructure would provide support in addition to our current federal government relations team at Bose Public Affairs Group.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could reject this recommendation and not bring in an additional resource to assist with federal government relations efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract would remain in place for 9 months at a cost of \$12,000 per month, for a total of \$108,000.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

N/A

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action item will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Service Committee on August 15, 2024.