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Current Meeting: August 18, 2022
Board Meeting: August 24, 2022

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Chief Development Officer Jennifer Pyrz
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Task Order #2 for HDR Engineering, Inc. for Carson Transit Center (CTC) BRT docking study

ACTION ITEM A – 4

RECOMMENDATION:

In a manner consistent with IPTC contract award standards, it is requested that the Board authorize the President/CEO to execute Task Order #2 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to prepare a study for accommodating Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) at the Carson Transit Center (CTC) for an amount not to exceed \$156,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Indianapolis region's transit framework, Indy Connect, was completed in 2010 through cooperation of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), IPTC, the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA), and with support of other regional partners. Indy Connect eventually resulted in the Marion County Transit Plan, which was presented to Marion County voters in November 2016 for adoption of a 0.25% income tax, dedicated to transit. In December 2017, the IndyGo 2018-2022 Capital Plan was adopted by the IPTC Board of Directors. This plan contained the details of the three BRT lines that would form the backbone of the newly reconfigured system.

IPTC Board of Directors awarded a task-order based contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. in June 2020 to provide Facility Architecture and Engineering services. To date, funding has been awarded for one task order to conduct facility condition assessments at several newly acquired IPTC facilities. Another task order for similar services at different facilities is pending.

DISCUSSION:

The CTC provides a central location for downtown local and rapid bus transfers. It was designed on a constrained site that is working well now but presents some operational challenges, including related to the Red Line docking on Delaware Street. The site will become more congested as the Purple and Blue BRT lines become operational.

Recent developments have presented opportunities to relieve some of the pressure on the site and optimize operational efficiencies. First, the Marion County Jail has relocated from its building immediately south of the CTC. The City of Indianapolis is currently considering redevelopment proposals for that site. This property could provide an opportunity for IPTC to add capacity by expanding the CTC south and adding bus bays.

Second, DPW has offered to vacate existing on-street parking spaces on Washington Street on the north border of the CTC, which would also increase CTC capacity by allowing for construction of more westbound bays along that north curb.

This study will consider these and other options for optimizing the use of the CTC by evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of each option, preparing preliminary concepts and cost estimates, and identifying potential risks, including environmental. The study will also consider the need for in-ground charging infrastructure at the CTC and will help IPTC identify the best locations to install that equipment for maximum flexibility and future-proofing.

The study will take several months to complete. The final deliverables will provide staff with the information needed to make an informed and cost-conscious decision for next steps and will reduce the risk to any eventual project by early identification of potential development challenges.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board can choose not to approve this task order and request that staff can make recommendations for next steps without this additional information.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project will be funded with local dollars.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

The HDR Engineering, Inc. team will utilize VBE firm Guidon for 20% of the total task order amount.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on August 18, 2022.