



Date of Memo: December 03, 2024
Current Meeting: December 12, 2024
Board Meeting: December 19, 2024

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President and Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Pyrz
FROM: Senior Director of Procurement Terri Clay
SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2024-06 – Consideration and Approval of Membership to NEORide

ACTION ITEM A – 17

RECOMMENDATION:

IPTC staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2024-06 approving IPTC’s involvement and participation as a member of NEORide.

BACKGROUND:

NEORide, a Regional Council of Governments, was established pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of coordinating cooperative actions among its members. It is funded through member dues approved yearly by the full governing board of NEORide, which is comprised of its members, with each member having an equal vote. NEORide contracts with the Ohio Transit Risk Pool to provide financial and project management services. NEORide performs services and provides resources to its members, including but not limited to transit-related resources, seeking procurements for the benefit of its members, and applying for grants for the benefit of its members. Dues are annual and are \$12,000/year for 2025.

DISCUSSION:

With the approval of the Indiana Attorney General, IPTC may enter into an agreement with other governmental bodies to form a cooperative purchasing organization pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 36-1-7-2, -3 and -4. IPTC staff have determined that it is in the best interests of the corporation to become a member of NEORide and explore coordination and joint procurement options with other (member) political subdivisions and transit agencies. Joint procurements offer the benefit of administrative efficiencies as well as leverage the buying power of multiple agencies. The group currently consists of 38 members from 10 states. IPTC would have the option of participating in new joint procurements going forward and may also take advantage of the existing, active contracts of the organization.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt the resolution, thereby limiting coordination and procurement options that could have benefited the corporation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding for the member dues will be paid from the Operating Fund.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

Not applicable. There are no DBE or XBE goals because this is not a procurement of goods or services.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on December 12, 2024.