

Minutes

RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting

10:28 a.m., February 19, 2019

Present: Welo (Chair), Lucas (Vice-Chair), Elkins, Joyce, Moss, Serrano

Other Board Members: Bibb, Clough

Not present: McCall

Also Present: Anderson, Becker, Benford, Bober, Brooks-Williams, Burney, Calabrese, Caver, Ciesla, Coppock, Cottrell, Cranford, Crosby, Czeck, Dangelo, Davis, Dietrich, Draper, Dzigiel, Faith, Feke, Feliciano, Fields, Flannery, Garofoli, Gautam, Gibbons, Gillan-Shafron, Goodwin, Gray, Houston, Jackson (J), Jackson (W) Jaszczak, Johnson, Jones, Kechtkaran, Kirkland, Laule, Lewis, Lively, Loh, McDonnell, McGrady, Penning, Pickett, Pinkney-Butts, Prendergast, Rodriquez (L), Rowe, Rusnov, Schipper, Shariff, Singh, Smith, Stocking, Stover, Sutula, Tarka, Tarter, Togher, Vukmanic, Weil, Winn, Young, Zeller, Zimmerman

Mayor Welo called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that six (6) committee members were present.

IFP Procurement – Red Line West Track Rehabilitation from West Park to the Airport

Chris Coppock, project manager and Jonathan Laule, contract administrator, gave the presentation. The Red Line runs from Stokes Windermere on the east side to the Airport Station on the west side. This will tie into work completed last year, which ended just west of West Park Station and will tie in at the mouth of the Airport Tunnel, where the concrete track begins. It will pass through Puritas Station and Brookpark Station. With Cleveland hosting the 2019 MLB All-Star game, the project was broken up into two phases. Phase 1 will be West Park to I-71. Stations affected will be west of West Park Station (Puritas, Brookpark and Airport). West Park will stay open. Work will run from June 2 to June 29, 2019. There will be a two week break for the All Star game. Phase 2 will begin afterwards from I-71 to the Airport. Service will be impacted from July 14 to August 10. Puritas will remain open. Brookpark and the Airport will have replacement bus service.

Track improvements include a major overhaul of the track structure with replacement of 12,275 cross ties, complete replacement of switch timber of 12 turnouts and track surfacing of 38,600 (7 miles) and 14 turnouts. Undercutting includes removal of the top 10 inches of ballast to remove mud or drainage issues to stiffen up the track structure, Puritas Turnout Number 447, I-71 interlocking and Brookpark Relief Platform. Signal improvements include replacing the bond connections to improve some of the insulation within the switch turnouts and replacement of 52 insulated joints, which make the signal system more reliable and keep revenue service running longer. Puritas platform repair and ADA compliance includes removing the 2 foot ADA tactile strip and replacing it with HTPE replaceable panel. The current strip blocks walk out and can cause service interruptions.

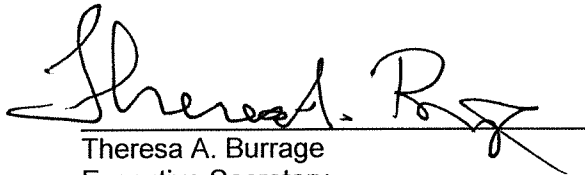
The IFB was issued January 7, 2019. It was accessed on the RTA website by 15 interested parties. Three firms submitted. The recommended vendor is Rail Works Track Service Inc.'s with a bid of \$6,442,000.00. They were determined to be the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder and is 34.4% below the independent cost estimate of \$9,819,407.25. A 15% DBE goal was assigned to this project. They have done work for Norfolk Southern, RTA and others. They are located in Minooka, IL. Staff requests that the Operational and Planning Infrastructure Committee recommend award to RailWorks Track Services, Inc. for the Red Line West Track Rehabilitation West Park to the Airport. The base contract is not to exceed \$6,442,000.00. A resolution will be placed on a Special Board Meeting agenda, March 5, 2019 to vote on this project.

Mr. Joyce asked how staff responded to the disparity in the bids. Mr. Schipper said that when bids come in significantly below the estimate they ask the bidder to confirm they want the work or want to redraw. They put a premium in there with the estimate since in it in two phases. Too much premium was put in. They thought that would drive the price higher. Taking a two week break after four weeks of 24/7 work, worked better for the firm. The second low bidder was also below the estimate. RTA has to perform and manage the contract. The recommendation is for a March 5 vote to ensure the vendor has the maximum amount of time to secure the material and set up so they can be ready for Phase I. They haven't had a bid come in this low in a long time. They performed work for RTA a few years ago. They are comfortable with this firm. Mayor Welo and Mike discussed managing the change orders. Mr. Joyce asked if there were any change orders with the previous project that Rail Works worked on and if the work was satisfactory. Mike said the change orders were extremely low. The team will manage the contract.

It was moved by Mr. Serrano, seconded by Mr. Joyce and approved by unanimous vote. Mayor Welo adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.



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