

## Minutes

### RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

9:01 a.m. April 6, 2021

**Committee Members:** Joyce (Chair), Moss (Vice Chair), Byrne, Pellot, Serrano

**Other Board Members:** McCall, Weiss

**Not present:** Koomar

**Also Present:** Benford, Bitto, Burney, Caver, Coffey, Coppock, Dangelo, Davidson, Fields, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Kirkland, Laule, Rusnov, Schipper, Sutula, Talley, Tarka, Walker-Minor, Young

Mr. Joyce called the meeting to order 9:01 a.m. There were five (5) committee members present. This meeting was conducted by teleconference for members of the Board in accordance with Sub. H.B. 404 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, passed on November 19, 2020, signed by the Governor of the State of Ohio on November 22, 2020 and the March 9, 2020 order of the Governor of the State of Ohio declaring a public health emergency, this meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rideRTA](http://www.facebook.com/rideRTA)) for staff and members of the public.

Rev. Lucas said that paratransit operator Marilyn David passed away. She was a wonderful operator and cared for her passengers.

#### IFB Procurement – Rehabilitation of eastbound track Red Line from E. 55<sup>th</sup> to Kinsman

Chris Coppock, Project Manager of track and Jonathan Laule, Contract Administrator, Construction and Engineering Procurement, gave the presentation. The project is between E. 55<sup>th</sup> to Kinsman interlocking along the east bound track only. It begins right after leaving the LR station. It's about 1,400 feet of track. It will be a 9-day single track around the work limits. The engineering estimate is \$1,238,539.98.

Improvements include replacement of 700 timber cross ties, installation of 2,800 linear feet of new 115lb rail, installation of 5 new insulated joints, undercutting of 1,400 linear feet of track structure and track surfacing of 2,000 linear feet of track structure. The concerns brought to their attention was the degradation of the rail quality in this area. They are starting to see shelling and corrugation on the low and high rail along with curve wear on the high rail. This rail is from the early 1980's and is at the end of its useful life.

The Invitation for Bid (IFB) was issued February 8, 2021. It was accessed on the GCRTA website by 14 interested parties including subcontractors. Two (2) firms submitted a bid. The lowest responsive and responsible vendor was Delta Railroad Construction, Inc., Ashtabula, Ohio. A 13% DBE participation goal was assigned to this project and will be achieved through the use of Key Cable and Supply and RAR Contracting. Delta Railroad Construction, Inc. has successfully completed projects for GCRTA, Norfolk Southern RR, Cincinnati Streetcar, among others. Delta Railroad Construction, Inc. is currently working on the Trunk Line Rehabilitation Kinsman to Buckeye-Woodhill.

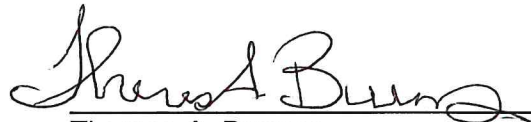
Staff requests that the Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee recommend award to Delta Railroad Construction, Inc. for the Red Line Track Curve Replacement from East 55<sup>th</sup> to Kinsman Eastbound. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$1,199,522.50. Rev. Lucas asked for more information about RAR Contracting. Carl Kirkland said they are a certified DBE firm that has participated on many projects. They are qualified to participate. He said the company is Caucasian/Female owned. It was moved by Mr. Serrano, seconded by Ms. Pellot and approved to move this to the full Board for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.



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Interim Secretary/Treasurer



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