Minutes  
RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee  
9:27 a.m. March 3, 2020

Committee members: Joyce (Chair) Lucas (Vice-Chair), Byrne, Moss, Pellot, Serrano

Other members: Clough, Weiss

Not present: Bibb, McCall

Also Present: Agnew, Anderson, Beveridge, Birdsong, Bitto, Bober, Burrey, Cernoia, Cranford, Dangello, Davis, Dietrich, Feliciano, Garofoli, Gibbons, Jaszczak, Jones, Kerg, Kirkland, Lee, Lewis, Loh, Marcano, Metcalf, Pickett, Rusnov, Schipper, Scott, Sutula, Togher, Vukmanic, Wiehe, Winn, Woodford, Zeller

Mr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that six (6) committee members were present.

RFP Procurement: Light Rail Track Rehabilitation from Kinsman to Buckeye-Woodhill

Chris Coppock, engineering project manager of track and Jonathan Laule, contract administrator, made the presentation. This presentation is informational. Not action is required. The track rehabilitation will run from Kinsman interlocking on Cleveland’s eastside just east of Kinsman Road along the trunk line to the Buckeye Woodhill Station. It will impact service to the Blue and Green Line, which will result in a six-week shutdown from June 28 to August 8. Replacement bus service (67R) will be provided to serve these lines. The engineer’s estimate is $8,148,470. Some of the track improvements will be changing of 6,000 timbre cross ties (100% tie replacement). The rail will be upgraded to the 115 lbs. rail section, which matches what is used on the Red Line and the standard in the transit industry. It improves maintenance and ordering material. It unifies the system as far as keeping parts available. Other improvements include insulated joints, which helps improve the signal system and signal reliability, undercutting of 12,000 linear feet of track structure, track surfacing of 16,000 linear feet of track structure, and hillside stabilization along the East 75th Street curve.

The invitation for bid (IFB) issued February 3, 2020. The pre-bid meeting was held on February 11, 2020. Bids are due on March 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM. An 18% DBE goal was assigned to this project. If a bid from a responsive and responsible bidder is received, a resolution will be brought to the board for approval on March 24, 2020. No action is being requested at this time. Mr. Serrano asked how easy is it to get the rail ties. Chris said there is a two and a half month lead-time to get the material. Mr. Joyce asked if the replacement bus service would be easy for the customers. Chris said the travel times should be similar to rail service. Mayor Weiss asked if there is a period when the tracks are usable or will it be the length of the project. Dr. Caver said the bus bridge would be in affect for the duration of the project and will extend from Tower City to the end of the Blue Line and Green Line.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Floun'say R. Caver, Ph.D.  
Interim Secretary/Treasurer

Theresa A. Burrage  
Executive Secretary