

Minutes

RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

9:04 a.m. January 5, 2021

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

Other Board Members: Clough, McCall, Weiss

Not present: Bibb

Also Present: Benford, Birdsong, Bitto, Burney, Caver, Dangelo, Davidson, Davis, Dimmick, Feke, Fields, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Johnson, Laule, Rusnov, Schipper, Sutula

Mr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that six (6) committee members were present. This meeting was conducted by teleconference for members of the Board in accordance with Sub. H.B. 404 of the 133rd 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. The meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rideRTA) for staff and members of the public.

Proposed Change Order – Tower City East Portal Rehabilitation

Kirk Dimmick, Project Manager of Bridges, made the presentation. This is for the proposed change order for the Tower City East Portal rehabilitation. He showed an aerial view of the site. The area shows the east portal with Ontario Street to the right and Huron Road on top. The parking lot of Tower City is below to the left. Canal Road is further below. There are five tracks that come in from our joint territory. The original design impacted one track. The proposed change will impact all five tracks. The east portal structure is 100 years old and hasn't had significant rehab during its lifetime. The original scope looked at improving drainage. The proposed original was to fill the area in and bring track 8 up. Track 6 is currently inactive, but is set to be functional. There is a cross over connecting tracks 10 east and 7. In their rail scheme, they will utilize all five tracks tracks.

They found accelerated deterioration in their preliminary findings. In lieu of patching the walls, they were scheduled for replacement. In addition to the fact they cannot fill in track 8, which was found to be non-viable, they found the walls had accelerated deterioration. Inside the portals, they are still planning to take care of the drainage, ceil joints and limit water intrusion. The proposed change conforms to a recommended design alternative that came out of the preliminary findings. With accelerated deterioration of the exposed portal, it required replacement. Work limits require a new more efficient maintenance of the rail traffic scheme. They have to put in complex temporary shoring to support the ground above in four portals. In one location, they have to install a temporary catenary between tracks 6 and 7 to make that function in the various phases to provide service management.

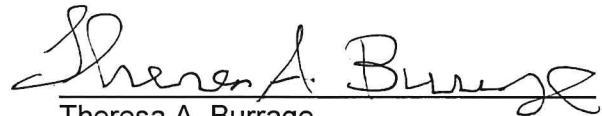
The original contract was just over \$1 million. Change order 1 removed track 8 fill, which resulted in a net reduction of \$241,919. Proposed change order 2 includes the new walls, shoring, impact to the tracks and catenary work. That amount exceeded the authority of the General Manager. The change would have a \$21,460 net reduction to the original contract. The revised schedule will still put them in 100% plan completion for design at the end of the first quarter. They are looking to advertise in mid-May and come back to the Board mid-summer for award. The original budget was just over \$6 million for the more expensive option. The design option is reduced to \$4,915,000.

Staff requests the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee advance the Proposed Change Order No. 2 to E.L. Robinson Engineering for Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of the Tower City East Portal Project to the full Board for action. It was moved by Mr. Serrano, seconded by Ms. Pellet and approved to move this to the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.



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



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Secretary