

Minutes

RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

9:06 a.m. October 17, 2023

Committee Members: Welch (Chair), Koomar (Vice), Love, Sleasman

Other Board Members: Lucas, McPherson, Mersmann, Weiss **Not present:** Biasiotta

Staff/Other: Birdsong Terry, Caver, Dangelo, Davidson, Fields, Fleig, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Johnson, Jones (Chief), Jones (D), Jupina, Marquit Renwald, Miller, Shaffer, Sulik, Sutula, Talley, Tarka, Temming, Vukmanic, Walker-Minor, Wiehe, Young

Public: Gibbons, Loh, Lukacsy-Love

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. Four (4) committee members were present.

Capital Improvement Plan

Eric Vukmanic, Sr. Budget Management Analyst, Office of Management & Budget, gave the presentation.

Background:

- April 13, 2023 – Board Approved Resolution 2023-026 for twenty-four (24) cars
 - With options to purchase up to thirty-six (36) additional vehicles
- Contract Amount: \$163,920,115
- Notice to Proceed – issued June 26, 2023

CIP Budget Amendment:

- Requesting to Increase 2023 CIP Budget Appropriation
 - Budget for six (6) additional vehicles and related spare parts at original contract price
 - Must occur within 6 months - Notice to Proceed (12/26/23)
- Resolution for 1st Option of six (6) vehicles will be coming to the Board

Funding Sources:

- Federal - Formula Grants and Competitive Grants
- State
- Local Funds - Sales Tax and Bonds

FY 2023 Current Budget

Date	Budget Appropriation	Amended Amount	Justification
May-24-22	\$133,278,394	\$0	
Dec-15-22	\$139,978,394	\$6,700,000	Tower City East Portals
Oct-31-23	\$171,978,394	\$32,000,000	Rail Cars Rplc. Prog.

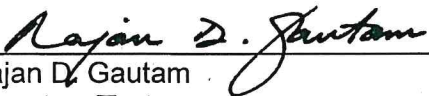
Staff recommends to the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee to present this Amended Capital Budget Resolution to the full Board for approval.

Mayor Koomar asked if the source of the funds had been set aside for this project. Mr. Gautam said this is a combination of the funds previously shared with the Board made of federal, state, NOACA and local funds. Most of the funds have been committed. Roughly \$26 million of the \$393 million still needs to be committed. Mayor Koomar asked why this request is being made today. Mr. Vukmanic said within the first six months of the notice to proceed, we can keep the same contract price. After that, the price for each individual car would increase.

Mayor Weiss asked if the contract price will stay the same over time. Mr. Gautam said there will be escalations based on inflation included in the contract. Mayor Weiss asked for a spreadsheet that shows when we made the purchase, with what funds and what is anticipated going forward with the higher price included. Mr. Gautam said as activity picks up this will happen during the regular reporting period. Mr. Sleasman asked if we are prepared to take on future options at a higher price. Mr. Gautam confirmed that. Ms. Welch asked for the total number of rail cars. Dr. Caver said we have 70-74 cars. They will be replaced with 60 cars.

It was moved by Mayor Koomar, seconded by Mr. Sleasman and approved to move this to the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Assistant