

Minutes

RTA Committee of the Whole Meeting

10:34 a.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Committee Members: Lucas (Chair), Koomar (Vice Chair), Biasiotta, Love, McPherson, Mersmann, Sleasman, Weiss, Welch

Not present: None

Staff: Basso, Becker, Birdsong Terry, Bowles, Caver, Crawshaw, Dangelo, Davidson, Feke, Fesler, Fields, Fleig, Freilich, Garlock, Garofoli, Gautam, Gettings, Harris, Hlavacs, Johnson, Jupina, Kirkland, Macko, Marquit Renwald, Miller, Mothes, Moore, O'Donnell, Reed, Rusnov, Schipper, Scott, Sutula, Talley, Tarka, Togher, Walker-Minor, Woodford, Zimmerman

Public: Gibbons, Loh, Semo

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. There were nine (9) committee members present.

Rail Car Update

Bryan Moore, Railcar Project Lead Manager, Mabry Harris, Procurement Team Manager and Tony Garofoli, Executive Director, Internal Audit gave the presentation.

Procurement Overview

The Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 2023-26 on April 18, 2023, authorizing Contract No. 2021-125 with Siemens Mobility Inc., for the manufacture and delivery of up to twenty-four (24), High Floor Light Rail Vehicles, spare parts, tooling and training in an amount not to exceed \$163,920,115.00 with options to procure up to thirty-six (36) additional vehicles, spare parts, tooling and training to be delivered over the seven (7) year contract term.

- The contract has a provision for the one-time purchase of up to six (6) vehicles, within six (6) months of the Notice to Proceed (NTP), at the original contract unit price, with no escalation.
- The NTP was issued on June 26, 2023.
- On October 31, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 2023-84, which amended the 2023 Capital Improvement budget to fund this contract option.
- Siemens Mobility Inc. will have capacity available to meet GCRTA's production need.

Key Features of New Vehicle:

- First High floor LRV built to RT1-2020 design standards
 - Standards protect vehicles in a catastrophic event
- Ice cutter pantograph on every train
 - Prevents buildup of ice on wires
- Heated windshield and pantograph
- Load leveling system to adjust floor height
- Dedicated HVAC unit for operator cab
- 52 passenger seats, 4 wheelchair areas and 2 bicycle racks
- Passenger Information System

Railcar Replacement Program:

- Railcar Replacement HRV
- Railcar Replacement LRV
- Railcar Spare Parts
- Design & Construction Support Services
 - Hatch consultant services. Others TBD
- Infrastructure Modification

Infrastructure Modifications:

- Brookpark Shop – facility and yard modifications. This is the location for commissioning and testing of the new railcars
- CRMF – facility and shop modifications
- Stations – Platform width Red Line & mini highs on Blue & Green Lines
- Railroad Connection – vehicle delivery

Program Overview – Funding Strategy:

- A firm plan in place to secure the Local match assisted in outreach to potential partners at Federal, State and Local levels
- Identified funding through these efforts to secure:
 - Federal formula funds
 - Federal competitive and community project grants
 - Ohio OTP2 grants
 - Ohio General Revenue Fund (GRF)
 - NOACA Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- Additional efforts continue to bridge the remaining gaps

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
RTA	\$ 79.0M	20.1%
Federal	\$230.0M	58.5%
State	\$ 60.0M	15.3%
Local (NOACA)	\$ 24.0M	6.1%
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$393.0M	100.0%

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING AMOUNT	AWARDED	COMMITTED	UNFUNDED
GCRTA ROLLING STOCK RESERVE FUND	\$79,000,000	\$71,724,187	\$7,275,813	\$0
FTA SECTION 5307 AND 5337 FORMULA GRANT FUNDS (W/O Local Match)	\$75,000,000	\$29,668,087	\$33,831,913	\$11,500,000
FTA SECTION 5337 Rail Car/USDOT BUILD/RAISE FUND	\$155,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$130,000,000	\$0
ODOT STBG/CMAQ	\$55,500,000	\$16,900,000	\$12,408,000	\$26,192,000
ODOT GRF	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$0
NOACA STBG	\$24,000,000	\$9,600,000	\$14,400,000	\$0
Total	\$393,000,000	\$157,392,274	\$197,915,726	\$37,692,000

Contract Value						
	Qty (Vehicles)	Description	Unit Price	Sub-Total	Nonrecurring Costs	Total Price
1	24	Base Contract	\$5,166,336	\$123,992,064	\$39,928,051	\$163,920,115
2	6	PCO #01 - 6 Option Vehicles	\$5,166,336	\$30,998,016	\$0	\$30,998,016
						\$194,918,131

FTA – Buy America Review:

As a condition to receiving FTA grant funds for the purchase of rolling stock, GCRTA must certify compliance with Buy America and the pre-award and post-delivery audit requirements, as prescribed by 49 CFR part 663. This requirement also applies to options.

- The manufacturer must demonstrate the cost of domestic components is greater than 70% of the value of the total car cost. We must verify the manufacturer's information.
- Final assembly of the vehicles must take place in the United States in accordance with 49 CFR Part 661.11.
- The rolling stock procured is the same product described in its solicitation specification; and the proposed manufacturer is a responsible manufacturer with the capability to produce a vehicle that meets the GCRTA's specification.
- Internal Audit completed the pre-award audit for the base order of 24 cars in May 2023. An additional pre-award audit for the 6 option cars will be completed after board award and prior to notice to proceed.

Recommendation:

Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board of Trustees the award of an option for the purchase and delivery of up to six (6), of the remaining thirty-six (36), High Floor Light Rail Vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$30,998,016.

Ms. Mersmann asked for the difference between awarded and committed dollars and if the station infrastructure work is included in the funding stack. Awarded means the funding is secured. Committed means the money is on the way or pending. The station work is included in the funding stack.

It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mayor Weiss. The roll was called. There were nine (9) ayes and none opposed.

Code Book Updates

Dawn Tarka, Associate Counsel II gave the presentation. Anna Hlavacs, Senior Counsel for Contracts, Real Estate and Administrative Law said that today's presentation is a comprehensive update that is entirely removing three sections from the Code Book so that they are not in two places. These provisions will remain properly in the Personnel Policies & Procedures manual. All three sections will be covered today but three resolutions will be presented at the Nov. 28 Board Meeting. One vote will be requested today for all three provisions.

The Board Policies ("Code Book") were codified in 1989 (Resolution 1989-176). They are reviewing and updating them to bring the policies in line with current operations. They are subject to review every 3 years. Personnel Policies are approved by the Board. Some policies in the Code are also in the PP.

Chapter 644

- Propose removing Sections:
 - 644.07 Temporary Salary Adjustment
 - 644.08 Health Care Coverage
 - 644.09 Prior Service Credit
 - 644.13 Tuition Reimbursement
- Duplicate Personnel Policies

Chapter 646

- Propose removing Sections:
 - 646.01 Holidays
 - 646.03 Bereavement Leave
 - 646.04 Sick Leave
 - 646.05 Extended Disability Coverage
 - 646.06 Jury Duty
 - 646.07 Military Reserve Leave
 - 646.08 Unpaid Leaves of Absence
 - 646.09 Family and Medical Leave
- Duplicate Personnel Policies

Chapter 648

- Propose removing Sections:
 - 648.01 Smoke-free Workplace
 - 648.04 Employee Assistance Program
 - 648.06 Biennial Physical Examination Requirements
 - 648.08 Driver's License Requirements
 - 648.09 Safety Belt Usage
 - 648.10 Hazardous Waste
 - 648.11 Workplace Violence
- Duplicate Personnel Policies

Once the remaining policies that duplicate the Personnel Policies are removed, they can streamline their work and focus on the remaining substantive provisions that need to be addressed.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend these provisions to the Board of Trustees for approval. It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Ms. Mersmann. There were eight (8) ayes and none opposed. Mayor Koomar stepped out of the room.

Executive Session Requested

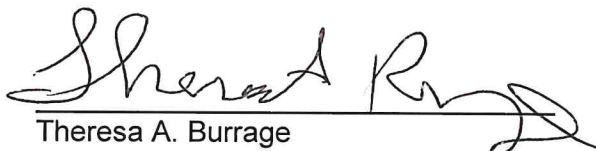
10:50 a.m. - President Lucas asked for a motion and second to consider the appointment of a public employee, or official. It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Love. There were nine (9) ayes and none opposed.

11:14 a.m. – It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mayor Biasiotta to come out of executive session. There were nine (9) ayes and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Assistant

