



Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

April 15, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Mr. Sleasman (Chair), Ms. Welch (Vice Chair), Mayor Gallo, Mr. Love, Rev. Lucas

Other Board Members: Ms. Elder, Mayor Koomar, Ms. McPherson, Ms. Pacetti, Mayor Weiss

Staff/Other: Nick Biggar, India Birdsong Terry, Janet Burney, Floun'say Caver, Melinda Dangelo, Nick Davidson, Shashelia Degraffinried, Maribeth Feke, Michael Fesler, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Ida Ford-Marshall, Joel Freilich, Anthony Garofoli, Rajan Gautam, Chief Deirdre Jones, Lawrence Jupina, Carl Kirkland, Sheila Miller, Joshua Miranda, Charles Morgan, Holly Mothes, Mike Schipper, Kay Sutula, John Togher, Natoya Walker-Minor, Carolyn Young

Public: Rich Exner, Loh

Mr. Sleasman called the meeting to order at 9:03 am with a roll call. Five (5) committee members were present representing a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Sleasman, seconded by Ms. Welch to approve the minutes from April 1, 2025.

Mr. Sleasman called for the first presentation of a competitive procurement for the reconstruction of the East 79th Street Blue and Green Line Station. Brian Temming and Ann Marie Prebish gave the presentation. Brian introduced additional guests regarding the project: Jason Klar, Platform's President; Marcellus Byrd – R.L. Hill's VP of Construction; Ken Emling – Bowen's Principal/Director of Public Architecture; Jordan Fitzgerald – Bowen's Project Architect.

Project Overview:

This project is for the total reconstruction of the East 79 Street Blue and Green Line Station to bring it into a state of good repair and ADA compliance.

Procurement Overview:

The Invitation for Bid ("IFB") 2025-007 for the East 79th St. Green and Blue Line Station Reconstruction was issued on January 19, 2025. The necessary legal notice was published in the Plain Dealer and Call & Post newspapers. The IFB was also published on the RTA web site.

The Invitation for Bid was accessed and/or downloaded from the web site by sixty-seven (67) interested parties, including subcontractors. Three (3) bids were received and opened on February 20, 2025. The three (3) responsive bids received were as follows:

Company Name	Total Base Bid
R.L. Hill/Platform Contracting Joint Venture	\$9,984,587.00
Panzica Construction Company, LLC	\$10,091,000.00
John G. Johnson Construction Company, Inc.	\$10,750,000.00

The Basis of Award is the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder for the Total Base Bid price. R.L. Hill/Platform Contracting Joint Venture was determined to be a responsive and responsible bidder.

Recommendation:

The Office of Business Development has set a 24% DBE participation goal for this project. R.L. Hill/Platform Contracting Joint Venture will utilize Irizar Electric, Denise's Flagging, and R.L. Hill Management, Inc. to meet this goal.

R.L Hill Management has completed projects for Starbucks, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and Chase Bank, among others. Platform Contracting has completed projects for Cuyahoga Community College, the Cleveland Police Department, and GCRTA, among others.

A resolution will request authorization to issue a contract to R.L. Hill/Platform Contracting Joint Venture for the East 79th Street Green and Blue Line Station reconstruction in an amount not to exceed \$9,984,587.00. This bid is 10.96% above the Engineer's Estimate of \$8,998,391.00.

Mike Schipper explained that grant funding for this project was not approved until after the April 1st Committee Meeting. As a result, the presentation was given today.

It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Love, and unanimously approved to advance the item to the full Board for consideration.

There being no further business to bring before this Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Mr. Sleasman and seconded by Ms. Welch. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Avis R. Lyons
Interim Executive Assistant