

Minutes

RTA Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

9:20 a.m. March 2, 2021

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

Other Board Members: Bibb, Clough, McCall, Weiss

Not present: None

Also Present: Benford, Birdsong, Bitto, Burney, Capek, Catalusci, Caver, Coffey, Cox, Dangelo, Davidson, Dietrich, Ferraro, Fields, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Johnson, Kirkland, Manning, Miller, Mothes, Penning, Schipper, Young

Mr. Joyce called the meeting to order 9:20 a.m. There were six (6) committee members 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, this meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rideRTA) for staff and members of the public.

IFB Procurement – Rehabilitation of the West 117th Street Substation

Michael Capek, Project Manager – Facilities and Lou Catalusci, Contract Administrator-Construction and Engineering Procurement gave the presentation.

RTA has been rehabilitating or replacing older substations over the last several years, with a goal of improving reliability. Substations completed in 2020 include W. 65th and Puritas. W. 30th and Warrensville / Van Aken substations are currently under construction. Other substations slated for improvements include E. 120th and Windermere. He showed pictures of the substation improvements at W. 65th Substation. The W. 117th Street Substation was built in 1964. The traction power transformer is the original equipment and some of the interior gear is from 1964. The goal of the projects is to replace outdated traction power equipment, including the switchgear, transformer, rectifier, and DC breakers. To upgrade control interface to SCADA, replace the building roof and building heaters, and repair brickwork and the sidewalk. Alternates included for potential replacement of feeder and return cables dependent on testing.

The invitation for bid (IFB) was issued December 7, 2020. Bids were received January 22, 2021. It was accessed on the GCRTA website by 51 interested parties. Eight (8) firms submitted a responsive bid. The lowest responsive and responsible vendor was Lake Erie Electric, Inc., of Westlake, Ohio. A 14% DBE Participation goal was assigned to this project and will be achieved through the use of PPW Builders, Inc. The firm's experience include completed projects for GCRTA, the Ford Motor Company, Cleveland Clinic, Summa Health System, and Cleveland State University, among others. Lake Erie Electric, Inc. has several decades of experience and over 500 employees, with offices in Ohio and Michigan.

Two alternates were included in this project. Alternate I includes the potential replacement of the catenary feeder cable. Alternate II includes the potential replacement of the negative return cable with new cable and conduit. Existing cables for both alternates will be tested to make the

replacement determination. They will not know if they will use the alternatives until testing is done to determine if the current equipment is usable.

Staff Requests that the Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee recommend award to Lake Erie Electric, Inc. for the West 117th Street Substation Rehabilitation. The total contract is in an amount NTE \$2,221,504.00, which includes the Total Base Bid in an amount NTE \$2,095,170.00 and pricing of Alternate I in an amount NTE \$ 4,659.00 and Alternate II in an amount NTE \$121,675.00. Mayor Clough asked what the \$121,675 alternate include. Mike said that was for replacement of the negative return cable, which ties into the tracks about 150-200 down the tracks. Mayor Clough asked if they are recommending the Board take Alternate II. He said they will investigate first to determine if the existing negative return is in good shape or not.

Terry said it's always good to come in under estimate and to get a lot of bids. It was moved by Mr. Serrano, seconded by Ms. Pellot to move this to the full Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.



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



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Secretary