Transit Authority of River City

MEMORANDUM

To: TARC Board of Directors

From: Ozzy Gibson, Executive Director

Date: January 22, 2025

Re: Resolution 2025-01 - Construction of Bus Fleet Charging Infrastructure (RFP 20231791)

In August, the Board approved resolutions 2024-28 Purchase of Depot Charging Equipment and 2024-29 LG&E Electrical Supply Extension related to the installation of bus charging infrastructure in the 10th Street Bus Storage Building. Those resolutions allowed TARC to purchase charging equipment to support extended-range electric buses and to coordinate with LG&E to install a new power supply from 9th Street.

In early November, the Procurement Department issued Request for Proposals (RFP 20231791) for Construction of Bus Fleet Charging Infrastructure and Related Improvements which was advertised in TransitTalent and TARC's website Bonfire portal. This third step provides for structural and electrical improvements to the Bus Storage Building that are needed to house and operate the charging equipment and link the new system to the LG&E power supply. Structural improvements will include more than 20 steel support column repairs and replacement of two large areas of concrete.

On December 12th, TARC received responses from three (3) vendors, and two (2) were determined to be responsive and responsible proposals. A committee of TARC staff from a range of departments evaluated and independently scored the proposals from D.F. Osborne Construction, Inc. and Martin Construction Company.

Factors considered during the evaluation process included technical approach, understanding of project requirements, relevant experience successfully completing similar projects, and professional references. Additionally, a best and final offer (BAFO) was requested from the two (2) responsive proposers. After scoring and careful consideration, the evaluation committee determined that the proposal from D.F. Osborne Construction, Inc. offered the best value to TARC which is in alignment with the independent cost estimate of $2.89M.

With D.F. Osborne's proposed cost of $2,699,000 and an approximate 20% contingency, the not to exceed authority request for this resolution is $3,250,000. Funds for the project are available from Bus & Bus Facilities Discretionary grant KY-2024-006, which is dedicated to electric bus related facility improvements, and multiple 5307 & 5339 formula grants with budgeted funds for facilities renovation.

This Resolution seeks approval for the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a contract with D.F. Osborne Construction, Inc. based on the proposed cost of $2,699,000 and with a total project cost not to exceed $3,250,000 which had been deemed fair and reasonable.

Please call me at 561-5100 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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RESOLUTION 2025-01
CONSTRUCTION OF BUS FLEET CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS (RFP 20231791)

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a contract with D.F. Osborne Construction, Inc. for construction of bus fleet charging infrastructure and related improvements at a cost not to exceed $3,250,000.

WHEREAS, TARC has received funding awards to purchase up to sixteen (16) extended-range electric buses depending on final pricing and options; and

WHEREAS, TARC has funds available from grant KY-2024-006 FFY 2022 Bus & Bus Facilities Discretionary and multiple years of 5307 & 5339 formula grants to make needed structural and electrical improvements to the facility and to install the charging equipment that has been ordered from Gillig; and

WHEREAS, two (2) responsive proposals were received from D.F. Osborne Construction, Inc. and Martin Construction Company; and

WHEREAS, Best and Final Offers were requested from each of the two proposers; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee comprised of knowledgeable TARC staff from relevant departments reviewed and scored each of the proposals; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation team determined that the significant and consistent scoring margin between the two proposals supported award without the optional step – 2 interview process; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation committee unanimously recommends an award to D.F. Osborne Construction, Inc. as the best value, which had been deemed fair and reasonable for TARC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Transit Authority of River City that:

The Executive Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with D.F. Osborne Construction, Inc. for construction of bus fleet charging infrastructure and related improvements at a cost not to exceed $3,250,000.

ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2025

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Ted Smith, Chair of the TARC Board of Directors