

PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2023

Board Committee Members

Michelle Zmijanac, Chair
Lori Mizgorski
Rep. Nick Pisciotanoq
Jeff Letwin

Other Board Member

Ann Ogoreuc (in-person)
John Tague Jr.
Ali Doyle

1. Approval of Minutes:

The Committee approved the minutes from the January 19, 2023 Performance Oversight Committee meeting.

2. Proposed Resolution:

The Committee first reviewed six procurement items and determined the bids to be in accordance with PRT's procurement policies and procedures, the prices fair and reasonable, the bidders to be responsible and the bids responsive.

The Performance Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the award of bids listed in the resolution for the total amount of \$2,018,182.76.

The second resolution reviewed was to authorize PRT to approve and ratify the terms of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Port Authority Transit Police Association covering Transit police officers. It was reported that the current agreement expires on July 31, 2023 and that PRT staff and Police Association representatives have been engaged in good faith bargaining in an effort to reach a new agreement.

It was also noted at the meeting that the Police Association has voted to accept the terms and conditions of the amended agreement.

The Performance Oversight Committee agreed to recommend approval to approve and ratify the Agreement between PRT and the Police Association covering the terms and conditions of employment for the officers for the period August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, as set forth on the summary attached to the resolution as Exhibit A.

The next resolution reviewed was to authorize PRT to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for the Mellon Terrace Bus Layover project.

It was reported that PRT operates bus service on a portion of Mellon Terrace, a public street in the city of Pittsburgh's Highland Park neighborhood. PWSA is in the process of finalizing plans to perform construction work along Mellon Terrace.

Currently there is insufficient space along Mellon Terrace for buses to layover without disrupting the flow of vehicular traffic. PRT therefore desires to construct a bus layover space and perform related roadway improvement work along Mellon Terrace.

In order to reduce the overall cost and duplication of tasks, and to maximize coordination and minimize the potential for conflicts or delays, PRT and PWSA have agreed that PWSA's contractors will also perform the construction on PRT's layover project, for which PRT will reimburse PWSA.

The Performance Oversight Committee agreed to recommend authorizing PRT to enter into the Cooperation Agreement with PWSA for this project.

Next at the meeting, Chief Safety Officer, Burt Jennings, updated the Committee on the Amended Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

It was explained at the meeting that since PRT is a recipient of federal and state funding, we are required to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and rules. On June 26, 2020, the Board authorized PRT to adopt and implement its first Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan to replace its previous System Safety Program Plan.

Pursuant to FTA regulations, PRT must review its PTASP on an annual basis to determine if further changes and/or updates need to be made. Should there be any necessary changes or updates, approval is required by the PRT's Board along with PennDot's Rail Transit Review Program.

It was noted at the meeting that PennDot's Rail Transit Review Program has preliminarily approved the plan. Due to the large amount of material included in the plan, it has been posted on PRT's website.

The Performance Oversight Committee agreed to recommend approving and implementing the 2022 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

It was then reported at the meeting that in January 2019, PRT entered into agreements with Greenlee Partners, LLC and Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC to provide governmental relations and legislative consulting services.

The agreements were for an initial term of three years and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$888,000, to be allocated by PRT among the two firms on an as-needed basis. Agreements also contained two option years to be exercised by PRT in its sole discretion.

In November 2021, the Board authorized PRT to exercise the first option year to extend Agreements through March 31, 2023 and increase the total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,137,206. PRT determined that the services performed by both firms have been satisfactory and in compliance with the agreement.

The Performance Oversight Committee agreed to recommend exercising the second option to extend the term of Agreements for an additional year to March 31, 2024, and to increase the previously authorized amount by \$292,650.50.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.