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RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2026

Chair Hall-Roberts presided. Present: Asante-Smith, Hankins, Ghosh¹, Kushner, Polanco-Galdamez², Szlosberg-Landis and Winters³. Staff present included: President and CEO Landguth, and General Counsel Locklear, and other staff members and guests⁴.

I. Construction Committee – Ghosh presided over the following item:

1. Consideration of Amendment 1 to Task Order 7 to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. for Taxiway J Reconstruction – Final Design Services

Hillary Sudbury, Project Manager FAM – This item provides staff's recommendation to award Amendment 1 to Task Order 7 under the Master On-Call Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. for the Taxiway J Reconstruction project. Taxiway J, constructed in the early 2000s, has reached the end of its useful life. Alkali Silica Reaction has caused advanced cracking and structural deterioration throughout the pavement, and it must be replaced. This project will reconstruct Taxiway J in its current location using concrete pavement in accordance with FAA design standards. The final design and construction documents will build on schematic design decisions. This amendment covers key design and documentation deliverables, including construction safety and phasing plans, erosion and sedimentation control plans, an Engineer's Report, and construction cost estimates during pertinent levels of design. The Consultant will prepare bid documents, assist with advertising, conduct a pre-bid meeting, respond to contractor inquiries, evaluate bids, and help assemble contract documents for construction.

Total compensation under this proposed Amendment 1 to Task Order 7 is a not-to-exceed amount of \$698,357.43. Labor (\$690,870.07) will be billed at established hourly rates, and expenses (\$7,487.36) will be billed at direct cost.

Board Action Requested

Staff requests approval of Amendment 1 to Task Order 7 with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. in the amount of \$698,357.43.

II. Operations Committee - Asante-Smith presided over the following items:

1. Presentation on State of RDUAA Bus Fleet

John Connell, Senior VP & Chief Operating Officer – Information on the Authority's bus fleet

¹ Nil Ghosh attended the work session virtually.

² Yesenia Polanco-Galdamez attended the work session virtually.

³ Shelley Winters attended the work session virtually.

⁴ The work session was live streamed on YouTube.

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was presented.

Board Action Requested

No board action was requested.

2. Consideration of Contract with Midwest Bus Corporation for RDU Transit Bus Repower/Refurbishment

Brian McLean, OAM, Fleet Manager – Staff recommends approval to award and execute contract to Midwest Bus Corporation to repower/refurbish up to twelve (12) RDU diesel transit buses in the amount not to exceed \$4,583,160. The recommended useful life for a transit diesel bus is twelve (12) years and/or 500,000 miles. Several RDU diesel buses have already exceeded their useful life, and five (5) remaining buses are expected to reach 500,000 miles within the next year. The average mileage of the diesel bus fleet is 551,442 miles, which is well beyond the recommended threshold. As a result of the high mileage and age of our existing diesel bus fleet, we have experienced ongoing reliability and availability issues. Repowering/refurbishing will extend the useful life of each diesel bus by a minimum of five years and improve the overall bus performance and reliability. The contract scope consists of the replacement of major components such as engine, drivetrain, etc. This work also includes repairing exterior body damage, repainting, and installation of new decals. Replacement of interior passenger seat inserts and the operator seat. This option provides a more cost-effective alternative to purchasing new buses by extending the useful life of our existing bus assets. This method of repowering/refurbishment is commonplace in the transit sector. Upon execution of the contract, certain parts will require an estimated lead time of six months before the first bus is sent off site. Each bus repower/refurbish is expected to take approximately two to three months to complete. At any given time, no more than two buses will be offsite for repower/refurbishment to ensure the busing operation is not adversely affected. The FY25/26 Capital budget (FY25/26 Vehicles and Equipment) has available funding for this contract and funds will also be included in the FY26/27 Capital Budget to support the overall schedule. This contract will execute through recent solicitation RFP 554-2025-0042 Bus Repower.

Board Action Requested

Staff requests Board approval to award a contract to Midwest Bus Corporation for RDU Transit Bus Repower/Refurbishments in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,538,160.

Motion by Szlosberg-Landis to adjourn; Second by Kushner

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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