

Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority

of Nashville & Davidson County, Tennessee

Board Action Item

Item Number:	M-A-20-001	Meeting Date:	01/23/2020
Item Title:	Nolensville Transit Stop Improvement Project		

BACKGROUND:

Nolensville Pike is WeGo Public Transit's third busiest corridor with an average monthly ridership of 58,000 riders. This heavily-used transportation corridor accommodates multi-modal amenities for vehicles, transit buses, bicycles, and pedestrians. The goal of our project is to improve transit service amenities and safety on this important corridor.

WeGo staff, with the assistance of consultants from CDM Smith, completed the design and construction plans for key transit stops. This effort includes coordination with Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Region 3, TDOT Headquarters, Metro Public Works, and Metro Planning. The plans consist of design concepts from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Transit Street Design Guide. The designs mirror the Transit Design Guidelines discussed at the January 2019 New Initiatives & Community Engagement Committee meeting. They exemplify WeGo's high-quality expectations and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The new transit stop designs update amenities, improve safety, facilitate service operation, and enhance access to transit.

The construction package includes 18 upgraded transit stops:

- Six Sidewalk Stops:
 - 4th & Church Outbound
 - Lafayette Inbound
 - Chestnut Outbound
 - Glenrose Outbound
 - Peachtree Inbound
 - Joyner Inbound
- One Bus-Bulb at Chestnut Inbound
- Eights Shared Cycle Tracks:
 - Glenrose Inbound
 - Morton Inbound and Outbound
 - Antioch Inbound and Outbound
 - Veritas Inbound and Outbound
 - Elysian Fields Inbound
- One Boarding Island at the Nashville Zoo
- Two Extended Boarding Platforms with large custom shelters at Walmart Inbound and Outbound

Solicitation of the bid package occurred from September to December 2019 and yielded three qualified bidders. Following the bid opening, the lowest bidder, CD Steger Construction, withdrew his bid with concerns that he may have missed key elements, underbid, and consequently, may be unable to complete the project. The next apparent bid winner is SBW Construction. WeGo engaged with SBW Construction to review the bid scope based on bid price. SBW Construction's base bid for the project was \$1,292,200 to cover sixteen stops excluding the Walmart locations outlined above. Additionally, SBW Construction bid \$869,165 for construction of the two extended platform sites at the Walmart inbound and Walmart outbound locations. In total, SBW Construction bid \$2,161,365 for the construction of the 18 transit sites as part of this project. SBW's bid is approximately 15% under the Engineer's cost estimate for the total project.

Funds for construction are from Tennessee Department of Transportation IMPROVE Act, 5307 Federal formula funds, and local matching funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Operations & Finance Committee recommends the Board provide the Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter into a construction contract with SBW Construction for a base amount of \$2,161,365. Due to the nature of the project, specifically the unknowns associated with working within the right-of-way, we also request the Committee recommend to the Board to authorize a project contingency of 25%, resulting in an authorized not-to-exceed project total of \$2,702,000.

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Board Secretary

January 23, 2020

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responsive to mobile platforms. A new, single website aligned with nMotion’s principle of a seamless experience will not only help to reduce costs but will also allow us to offer multilingual translation, improve Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessibility, lessen administrative management and costs, and truly make our website mobile responsive. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised for a vendor to develop a single point of entry website to all WeGo services and products for current and prospective customers and broader business functions.

WeGo Public Transit received responsive and responsible bids from nine vendors, which included ACS Group, American Eagle, Horton Group, Infojini, Inc., Nagarro, Efelle Creative, Pavlov, Planeteria Media, and Younger Associates. An evaluation committee reviewed and scored the qualifications of each team on July 10, 2019. As a result of the review, four vendors were invited to present to the evaluation committee. Following the presentations, the evaluation committee reviewed and scored each team with American Eagle receiving the highest score. Through the submitted qualifications and in-person presentations, American Eagle demonstrated their understanding of the scope, their ability to support WeGo with all the required core functions, and their passion for advancing transit service within Middle Tennessee. The strengths noted by the evaluation committee included focus on improving accessibility, multi-lingual support, and advanced customer features such as push notifications. In addition, the vendor has a well-developed content management system with pre-existing modules for public sector clients, specifically transit agencies.

RECOMMENDATION

The New Initiatives & Community Engagement Committee recommends the Board provide the Chief Executive Officer the authority to negotiate and enter into a contract with American Eagle in the amount of \$201,200 for a one-year base term for development, implementation, and hosting of a new website with four optional one-year extensions in the amount of \$31,200 for ongoing maintenance and support with a not-to-exceed total of \$350,000. Funding for the development of the website is identified through federal funding sources during the development of the FY2018 Capital Plan.

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