



Meeting Name

Meeting Date: Public Services Committee Meeting 07/30/2024 01:00PM

Motion to approve bid award contract for RFQ 24-185 – Augusta Regional Transportation Study 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to WSP USA, Inc.

- Department:** Planning and Development
- Presenter:** Carla Delaney or Department Designee
- Caption:** Motion to approve bid award contract for RFQ 24-185 – Augusta Regional Transportation Study 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to WSP USA, Inc.
- Background:** On May 8, 2023, the ARTS MPO was awarded \$280,000 from the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) to complete the 2055 MTP with a \$200,000 contribution from Aiken County Planning and Development. On November 7, 2023, the Augusta Commission approved the 2055 MTP funding GDOT contract. On June 25, 2024, with the help of the Augusta Procurement Department, WSP USA, Inc. was deemed the successful consultant to complete the 2055 MTP. The Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) comprises Aiken, Augusta, Columbia, and Edgefield County. The last MTP was completed in September 2020 and is federally required to be updated every 5 years.
- Analysis:** Each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must prepare a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), in accordance with 49 USC 5303 (i), to accomplish the objectives outlined by the MPO, the state, and the public transportation providers with respect to the development of the metropolitan area's transportation network. This plan must identify, how the metropolitan area will manage and operate a multi-modal transportation system (including transit, highway, bicycle, pedestrian, and accessible transportation) to meet the region, economic, transportation, development, and sustainability goals - among others - for a 20+year planning horizon, while remaining fiscally constrained.
- Financial Impact:** \$550,000 has been earmarked in the MPO Budget for FY 2025 to cover the expense. The contract will utilize \$508,877.37 of the \$550,000.00 planned.

The funding source(s) are outlined as follows:
FHWA-GA-PL= not to exceed \$280,000.00
Augusta Local Match: not to exceed \$70,000.00
Aiken County Contribution: not to exceed \$200,000.00

Alternatives: Forfeiture of the funds and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will be outdated and out of federal compliance.

Recommendation: Planning & Development seeks approval to award the Augusta Regional Transportation Study 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to WSP USA, Inc. in the amount of \$508,877.37

Funds are available in the following accounts: 220016309/5212999

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: N/A