

**SOUTHSIDE NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**June 11, 2021
2:00 PM**

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the Southside Network Authority (SNA) members, staff, and the general public, the SNA meeting will be held electronically.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval/Modification of Agenda**
- 3. Public Comments**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, interested persons may submit comments to the SNA in advance of the meeting by email to kmiller@hrpdcva.gov or phone (757) 366-4370. Each comment is limited to three minutes. All comments received 48 hours before the meeting will be provided to the SNA Members and included in the official record.

4. Meeting Minutes (Attachment 4)

Attached for the SNA's consideration are the minutes from the following SNA meeting:

- May 14, 2021 (2:00 pm)

Action Requested: SNA Board approve minutes for the May 14, 2021 Board Meeting.

5. Status Update on Near-Term Action Items (Attachment 5)

Staff will provide a progress update to the Board (Attachment 5) which includes projected timelines for near-term action items.

Action Requested: This project update is for the Board's information and several associated action items are required by the Board of Directors and are included as Agenda Items 6 and 7.

6. Revised Timeline for Awarding a Construction and Maintenance Invitation to Bid (IFB)

Agenda Item 5 recommends that the Board consider issuing a Construction and Maintenance IFB as well as a companion Financing Request for Proposals (RFP) in July rather than the August release discussed at the May meeting. The planned August release of the Construction and Maintenance RFP was based on the premise that our five SNA cities would have a better estimate of the availability of American Recovery Plan (ARP) funds in the August timeframe. Since there is no current commitment on how much ARP funding each city might contribute to building the Regional Connectivity Ring, staff believes the best strategy to keep the process moving forward (our Dual Path strategy comprised of conventional delivery or a public-private partnership(P3)) is to simultaneously issue a Construction and Maintenance IFB and a Financing RFP. The objective of the Financing RFP would be to identify potential lenders and/or investment partners for an SNA construction option which will facilitate a balanced evaluation with the P3 option currently underway.

Action Requested: SNA Board approve the proposed change in the near-term actions to release a Construction and Maintenance Invitation for Bid (IFB) as well as a companion Financing Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 8.

7. Revised Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Budget (Attachment 7)

It is proposed that FY21 retained earnings be carried forward to the FY22 Budget. (Estimated unobligated FY21 expenses of \$368,884 - primarily from Design and Follow-on Contract actions). These funds could be used for financial advisor services as well as legal and contractor staff support related to reviewing and negotiating ongoing contract actions leading to funding, construction, and operations/maintenance of the Regional Fiber Ring.

Action Requested: SNA Board approve the proposed amended FY22 budget as detailed in Attachment 7.

8. Old/New Business

9. Adjournment