

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$2,000,000

Vendor: SP Plus

Item: Campus Transit Services

Amount: \$7,800,000

Term: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028 with optional renewals

Department: Auxiliary Services

Source of Funds: Auxiliary Funds – Parking

Remarks:

On behalf of the university, Auxiliary Services is seeking approval from the Board of Trustees to award the Campus Transit Services to SP Plus. The \$7,800,000 contract covers a three-year term (\$2,600,000 per year) with two optional one-year renewals. Purdue's current fixed-route (campus loops) service agreement with CityBus ends July 31, 2025, though services will effectively end at the conclusion of spring semester as services are not offered during the summer. In November 2024, Purdue released a publicly advertised Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals for campus transit services. During the RFP process, Purdue's goal was to partner with an operator that can enhance the transit experience for the campus community in West Lafayette by leveraging technology, improving operations and elevating overall service.

SP Plus has demonstrated its extensive experience in effectively and efficiently designing and operating routes to meet our campus needs. Furthermore, our transit services will be comprised of a mixed-size fleet model that offers greater flexibility and increased frequency. SP Plus' service model emphasizes adaptability and customization, enabling scalability.

Upon Board approval of this contract, the Treasurer/CFO shall have the discretion to approve modifications to the contract, including increases to the total contract amount, as may be necessary to accommodate expanded services, implementation adjustments, or other operational needs. Such modifications shall remain within the overall financial strategy of the University and comply with applicable policies and procedures, with updates to the Board as appropriate.

Additional Information:

As a result of the competitive public bid process, the team received eight proposals, including a proposal from CityBus. Representatives from Student Life, the Office of the Provost, Campus Planning & Architecture and Parking Operations made up the evaluation team. Auxiliary Services has also reached out to obtain student engagement from Purdue Student Government and Purdue Graduate Student Government. Upon approval, further discussions and negotiations between Purdue and SP Plus will commence to finalize route designs and schedules.

Tentative Schedule:

Existing CityBus Service Ends:	May 10, 2025
SP Plus Service Begins:	Aug. 25, 2025