

RESOLUTION NO. 19- 224

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH WSP USA, INC. TO COMPLETE A STATION
AREA PLAN TO DETERMINE THE STATION AREA AND TRACKAGE
IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE REINSTATEMENT OF
PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES INTO PUEBLO, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, in November 2016, County voters passed Ballot Question 1A, which allows the County to collect, retain and spend all revenue from all sources notwithstanding the limitations of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution ("TABOR") or other law and utilize revenues from expiring Tax Incentive Agreements ("TIA") in the amount of approximately \$66 million to fund an initial list of 20 specific community improvement projects, as modified or supplemented from time to time, now formally known as the Capital Improvement Program ("CIP"); and

WHEREAS, the County has conducted an analysis surrounding a proposed financing utilizing Certificates of Participation (the "Certificates") and the TIA revenues, determining that financing is possible to support funding of approximately 15 community improvement projects in the CIP beginning in 2019, including identifying and conceptualizing a station and determining trackage improvements necessary to accommodate reinstatement of passenger rail services into Pueblo via Amtrak's Southwest Chief multi-state passenger train, or other passenger rail (hereinafter "Pueblo Station Area Plan" or "Study"); and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to obtain professional consulting services to complete the Study and the Pueblo County Facilities Department recommends this Board enter into an Agreement with WSP USA, Inc., an engineering firm with significant experience in transportation planning, engineering and construction management; and

WHEREAS, this Board concurs with this recommendation and desires to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with WSP USA, Inc. to provide said consulting services at a cost not to exceed of \$219,997.98, subject to the appropriation of funds for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Pueblo County, Colorado, that:

1. The Professional Services Agreement between WSP USA, Inc. and Pueblo County, Colorado, for completing a station area plan to determine the station area and trackage improvements necessary to accommodate reinstatement of passenger rail services into Pueblo, the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved and the Chair is hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of Pueblo County.

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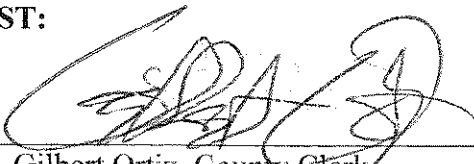
2. The officers, employees and agents of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution in accordance with Colorado law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of August, 2019, in Pueblo County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO**

By: 
Garrison Ortiz, Chair

ATTEST:

By: 
Gilbert Ortiz, County Clerk