

Justification:

An additional \$153,721.66 is needed to cover the cost of Task Order #7 and the upcoming Internal Safety Management Audits (ISMAs). As of now, ADS has a current available balance of \$53,046.75. However, Task Order #7 requires \$153,721.66. Task Order #7 will involve ADS assisting with Corrective Action Plan (CAP) deliverables to the State Safety Oversight (SSO). This task is crucial, particularly in the creation of a standalone Rail Operations Rulebook. The necessity for this rulebook has been underscored by the RTA Rail on RTA Bus accident that occurred in March this year, as well as other system-wide deficiencies identified during the APTA Peer Review and subsequent internal and external audits.

Additionally, continuing to utilize ADS Consulting services will be highly beneficial due to their extensive industry knowledge and experience. Their expertise in the following areas is particularly valuable:

- 49 CFR 674, Rail Fixed Guideway Systems, State Safety Oversight (SSO), Final Rule
- Part 672 Safety Certification Training Program
- Part 673 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
- Safety Management Systems (SMS)

ADS Consulting will provide technical support for completing the ISMAs, including but not limited to:

- Developing a list of records/documents needed for review
- Determining ISMA verification methods by element
- Conducting ISMA interviews
- Conducting ISMA records reviews
- Conducting ISMA inspections
- Determining the audit findings/recommendations
- Conducting a requested exit briefing
- Preparing the ISMA final report

Given the critical nature of these activities for enhancing our system's safety and compliance, your approval of the additional funds would be greatly appreciated.

Financial Impact:

Funds are available in the approved budget 1.4600.02.7070.166, for a cost of \$153,721.66.