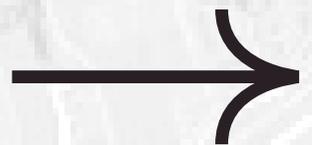




Today, Jan 18, the Port of New Orleans Board will vote on a \$300,000 contract with WSP USA - a company that operates in illegal Israeli settlements

Here's what we know about it..



Item #5F on today's agenda seeks to contract WSP for construction of the St Bernard Transportation Corridor

Action Item 5F:

Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with WSP USA, Inc. for As-Needed Consulting Services for the Development of a Public Private Partnership (P3) Procurement for the Design, Construction, and Operation of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor for a Period of Two Years in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Full Contract Term

From January 18th Port of New Orleans Board Meeting Agenda



What is the St Bernard Transportation Corridor...

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The Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) proposed for St. Bernard Parish has faced significant local opposition. This transportation corridor seeks to appease locals' concerns on increased traffic, but residents still do not want the project in their neighborhoods

"This is nothing more than a public relations stunt that their \$4 million consultants have come up with to deceive the public," said Robby Showalter, a shipping executive and St. Bernard resident who leads Save Our St. Bernard. "They still have not addressed the four major items of concern for the residents of St. Bernard, along with the 10,000 people who have joined SOS in opposing this project."

He reiterated that some experts have said a container port would be much better located at least 30 miles downriver in deeper water.

And he said the proposed feasibility study for a new transportation corridor does not assure any road building before Port Nola would start constructing the shipping terminal. He said residents are still deeply worried about the pollution and destruction of natural habitat from building a huge terminal in the middle of their neighborhoods.

This board is now considering additional use of taxpayer money to pay WSP USA for the construction of the transportation corridor.

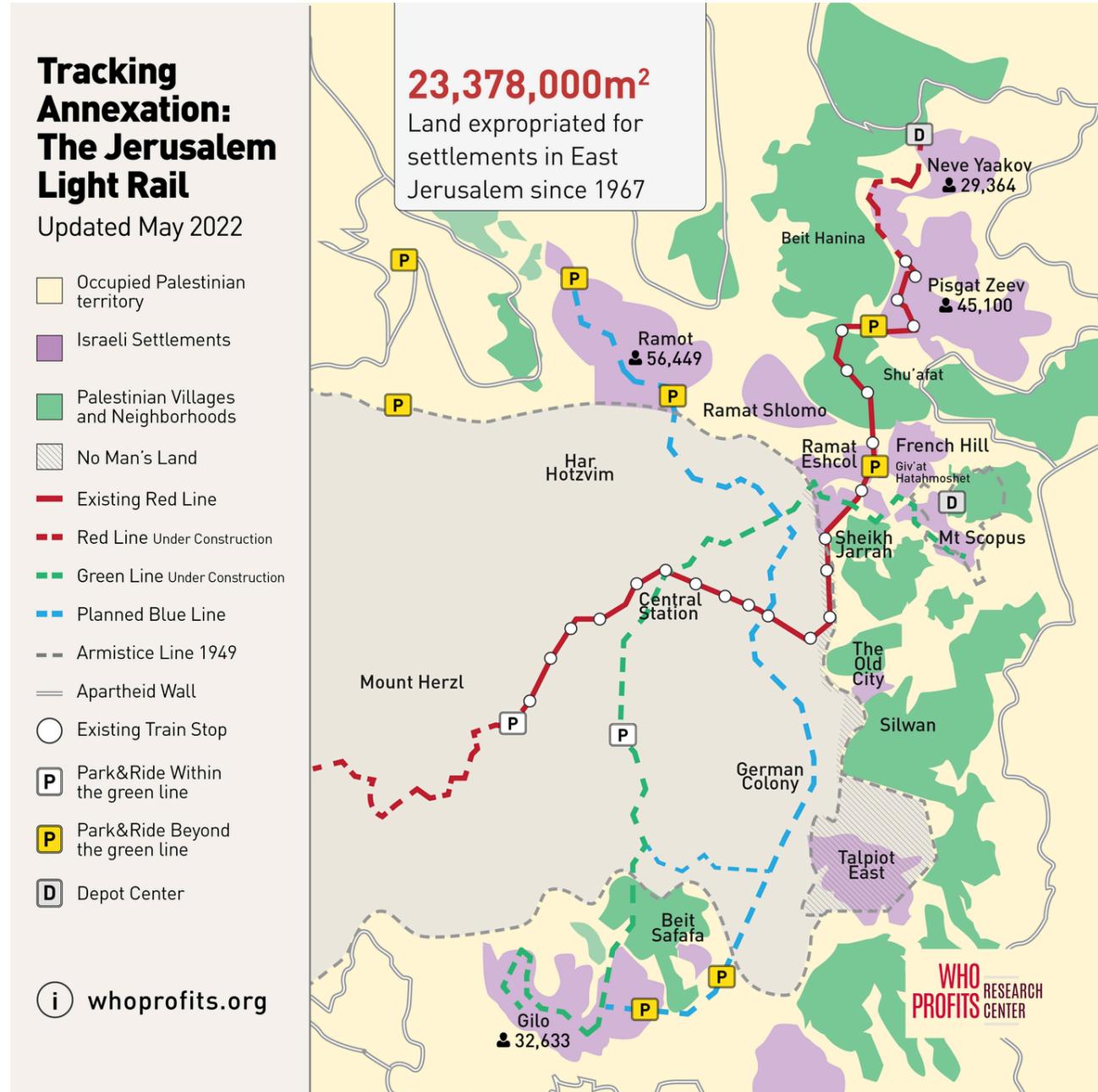


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WPS USA is a subsidiary of WSP Global, an \$24 billion engineering firm

WSP Global entered into a partnership with the Israeli apartheid regime to “plan, design, maintain, and extend the Jerusalem Light Rail”, to strengthen Israeli settlements in occupied Eastern Jerusalem, deemed illegal under international law.



“WSP facilitates the practice of forcible transfer of settlers into the Occupied Palestinian Territory through its construction and servicing of the JLR, a grave breach and war crime under international criminal law, while deepening the physical, social and economic integration of the settlements, yet remains unlisted on the UN database.”

Written statement to UN Human Rights Council, by Al Haq - an independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organisation based in Ramallah, West Bank.



Speak Out Today !

Israel's occupation and apartheid regime is further entrenched by corporations like WSP who continue to profit from Israel's grave violations of human rights and international law, denying the Palestinian people their inalienable right to self-determination, including permanent sovereignty over their land and other natural resources.

Given the abhorrent portfolio of WSP, and the significant local opposition in St Bernard to this terminal, we are shocked by the board's willingness to entice corporations engaged in war crimes into our neighborhoods. As the genocide against Palestinians continues unabated, we must hold the Port responsible in preventing New Orleans from being complicit in war crimes, protecting our region from horrendous companies such as WSP, and to stand against the ongoing genocide.

Tell the Port of New Orleans Board to Vote NO to this resolution!

