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CHERELLE L. PARKER Makes History as First Woman to Chair DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY BOARD



Life-long Philadelphian is leading the bi-state agency's 16-member board.

CAMDEN, NJ - The **Honorable Cherelle L. Parker**, Philadelphia City Council Majority Leader & 9th District Councilwoman, was elected on February 17, 2021 to serve as chairwoman of the 16-member board that oversees operations of the bi-state Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA).

“The Delaware River Port Authority is not only a critical part of our regional infrastructure but the continuation of our shared past and the backbone of our regional future,” said Parker. *“For centuries, the Delaware River has served as the hub of commerce and growth in the region– from the days of the Indigenous Lenape tribe to the skyline of today. Collectively, the Authority’s four bridges and PATCO high-speed line serve millions of commuters and local businesses. The task ahead of us is to revitalize and strengthen the*

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region as we keep a steady, unrelenting focus on the communities we serve. I am honored to work collaboratively with this dedicated Board of Commissioners, DRPA's exceptional senior leadership team, and the hundreds of men and women who commit themselves to the important work of the Authority."

Parker, upon taking over from outgoing Chairman Ryan Boyer, became the first woman elected to lead the agency's 16-member board. In her new role, she will oversee an agency with a \$305.1M annual operating budget, an \$846M five-year capital budget, and an 874-member workforce.

"Five years ago, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf asked me to serve as the Chair of the Board for the DRPA," said outgoing Chairman Ryan N. Boyer. *"Working with the DRPA's Board, the management team under the gifted leadership of CEO John Hanson, and the entire DRPA team has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. I leave this position knowing that it is being entrusted to a dedicated, talented, and brilliant leader like Cherelle Parker. The DRPA is in great hands."*

Chairwoman Parker earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science in English Education from Lincoln University. Her hallmark leadership approach is a strengths-based, positive approach to organization change and leadership. She works to build consensus to create greater efficiency and create equitable opportunities. One of her key legislative efforts during her tenure as a state legislator was the championing of Act 89 of 2013, the Commonwealth's historic Transportation Bill to invest \$2.3 billion in the state's aging roads, bridges and transportation infrastructure.

Parker has dedicated her life to serving the City of Philadelphia, serving as a high school English teacher, senior policy advisor for the City Council of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania State Representative, and as 9th District Councilwoman and Majority Leader for the City of Philadelphia. She has studied leadership and management extensively, earning numerous fellowships and certificates. Parker has distinguished herself as an advocate for working families, creating initiatives and legislation to support job creation, sustainability and economic development. As a leader whose lifelong career mission has been to bridge the divide between the have and have nots, taking the helm of our region's bridge authority is timely, appropriate and fitting.

DRPA New Jersey Commissioner Albert F. Frattali placed Parker's name in nomination. The nomination was seconded by Pennsylvania Commissioner Donna Powell.

"One of the most important elements of our success at the DRPA has been our ability to work collectively and collaboratively in the interests of both Pennsylvania and New Jersey," said DRPA Vice-Chairman Jeffrey L. Nash. *"I have had the opportunity to meet with Chairwoman Parker and have been extremely impressed by her insight and knowledge of the work of the DRPA. At a time when our nation and our region are faced with a host of significant challenges, I look forward to partnering with her as we successfully navigate the Authority through these difficult times."*

The Delaware River Port Authority of Pennsylvania and New Jersey is a regional transportation agency that serves as steward of the Ben Franklin, Walt Whitman, Commodore Barry and Betsy Ross Bridges, and the PATCO transit line on behalf of the community. It is administered by a 16-member board of commissioners - eight each from Pennsylvania and New Jersey - who serve without compensation. Pennsylvania's elected auditor general and treasurer are ex-officio members; others are appointed by their respective governors.

Here's what regional leaders are saying about Councilwoman Parker's new role:

SEPTA Board Chairman Pasquale T. Deon Sr.:

"Gov. Wolf has made an outstanding choice in naming Councilwoman Parker to serve as Chair of the Delaware River Port Authority," said SEPTA Board Chairman Pasquale T. Deon Sr. "Throughout her career, Councilwoman Parker has been a consensus builder, working with diverse stakeholders to pursue the region's transportation and infrastructure priorities. As a State Representative, she led the passage of Pennsylvania Act 89, and I look forward to working with her in her new role to help grow the region's economy and build stronger communities."

SEPTA General Manager Leslie S. Richards:

"I am thrilled that Councilwoman Parker will chair the Delaware River Port Authority at this critical time," said SEPTA General Manager Leslie S. Richards. "She has long been a strong advocate for public transportation. Cherelle brings a wealth of experience and new perspectives, and I look forward to partnering with her in her new role, as we work to meet our regional challenges."

Estelle Richman, former DPW Secretary and HUD senior official

"Councilwoman Parker is a true community person - which means she listens to feedback, weighs alternatives, and makes decisions based on facts and the well-being of people," said Estelle Richman, a former Secretary of the PA Department of Public Welfare who also served as chief operating officer of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under President Obama. "She is a leader who knows how to garner support for innovative ideas and to work with those ideas to assure that policy changes to benefit fit individuals. Most importantly, Councilwoman Parker is a communicator who believes in transparency and in sharing information."

Harold Epps, former Philadelphia Commerce Director

"Everyone who's been around Majority Leader Parker knows that she has a unique ability to see potential, seize opportunities, and deliver results for Philadelphia," said Harold Epps, former City Commerce Director and a leading business executive. "I have no doubt she'll tap into the immense economic potential of the DRPA while lifting up and connecting the communities that need it most, at a time when we need it most. It's not often that we see someone who is so uniquely qualified to lead from day one; Majority Leader Parker's appointment is a huge win for the City, we're all looking forward to her work."

Donna Cooper, Executive Director, Pennsylvanians for Children & Youth

“Cherelle Parker is the refreshing choice for next chair of the Delaware River Port Authority, an agency managing hundreds of millions of dollars of infrastructure projects for the Philadelphia region,” said Donna Cooper, Executive Director of Public Citizens for Children and Youth, Greater Philadelphia’s leading child advocacy organization. *“As City Council Majority Leader, and before that as leader of the Philadelphia delegation in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I watched Cherelle Parker work across the aisle and get things done. Cherelle will show the board and residents of the region the wisdom of working harder to end all racial or gender barriers to talented individuals being at the helm of our public agencies.”*

Darrell L. Clarke, President, Philadelphia City Council

“I’ve watched Cherelle Parker grow, from State Representative to leader of the Philadelphia delegation in Harrisburg, from City Council to Majority Leader,” said Darrell L. Clarke, President of City Council. *“Everywhere she’s been, her trademarks - tenacity, attention to detail, focus, working to find common ground - shine through. Government is about serving people and getting things done. Cherelle Parker delivers on both fronts, and will now at the Delaware River Port Authority too.”*

Gabe Morgan, Vice President, SEIU 32BJ, representing 175,000 workers in PA, NJ, NY and MA

“Cherelle Parker has worked for and fought for thousands of workers, primarily women and persons of color, on a wide array of crucial issues around their basic rights in the workplace,” said Gabe Morgan, Vice President, SEIU 32BJ, representing 175,000 workers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts. *“How workers are treated in the workplace, expanding and safeguarding their rights -- Councilmember Parker has always been there for working people. This is an excellent choice by the Governor.”*

Sue Jacobson, President, Jacobson Strategic Communications and Chair of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce

“On behalf of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Board, I am thrilled to congratulate Cherelle on her appointment as Chair of the Board of the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA). The DRPA plays a critical role in connecting people to jobs and economic opportunity. Cherelle excels at everything she takes on - and I have no doubt that she will draw on her leadership on Philadelphia’s City Council to oversee the authority’s legacy of operating this critical transportation infrastructure and serving the citizens of the Greater Philadelphia region.”

Marian Tasco, former Councilmember, 9th Councilmanic District

“I’ve watched Cherelle Parker grow literally from high school to City Council aide to state Representative to now serving as Council Majority Leader,” said Marian Tasco, the former Councilmember of the 9th Council District that Parker now represents. *“She works extremely hard, she listens to her constituents, she takes issues seriously and works 24/7 to accomplish things for people. She’ll do the same things for the DRPA and the region.”*

John J. Taylor, former State Representative and House Transportation Chairman

“During my years serving in the state legislature with Cherelle, I watched her evolve into a tireless leader; an energetic, thoughtful, practical problem solver. She has taken her leadership skills to Philadelphia City Council and now to the DRPA. I look forward to watching her progress in these roles.”

Joseph P. McLaughlin, Jr., Temple University Professor of Public Policy, former senior adviser to a Pennsylvania Governor and Philadelphia Mayor

“As an experienced leader in the state capitol and City Hall, Cherelle Parker is well-prepared for this important role,” Joseph P. McLaughlin Jr. said. “She is a big thinker who has tackled complex and challenging issues like public pensions and school funding and done so with impressive courage, energy and commitment. As the chair of Philadelphia’s delegation in Harrisburg, she worked across political and geographic boundaries to win support for goals important to our city. In her new role, I am sure she will do the same for our nine-county region.”

Chris Woods, SEIU 1199C

“District 1199C is thrilled that Councilmember Parker has been appointed to serve as Chair of the Delaware River Port Authority. Councilwoman Parker has been a steadfast ally to District 1199C members and has always advocated for policies that improve the lives of Black and Brown communities throughout the Commonwealth. We are thrilled that she will be taking this legislative approach to the DRPA and look forward to working with her. Congratulations on making history, Councilwoman Parker.”

Sam Staten, Jr., Laborers District Council 332

“Majority Leader Parker’s appointment as Chairwoman is a historical and economical win for the entire region. I know she’ll look out for the workers day in and day out and work tirelessly for those that need to use the bridges and trains to find opportunity and access.”

Women’s Business Enterprise Center (WBEC – East)

Until we are ready to meet in person again, many organizations will continue to participate in virtual events. WBEC - East will be hosting a variety of events that you might find beneficial for your business. Please visit <https://wbeceast.com/events/> to see what events might interest you.

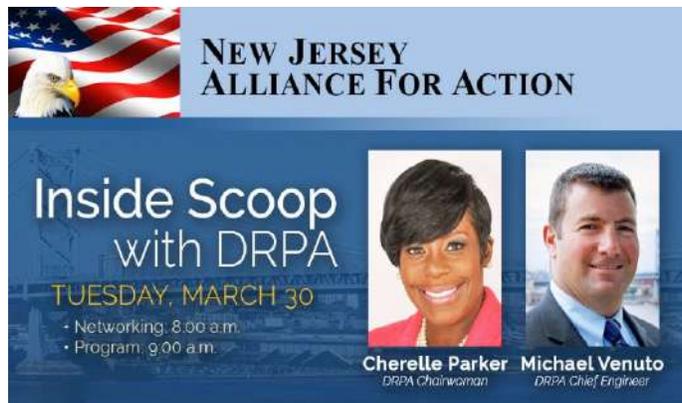


Virtual Networking

In recent weeks, DRPA staff have been actively networking virtually to amplify DRPA's mission and vision as well as to highlight the Authority's \$846M five-year capital program. Recent events include:

Celebrating Change Makers, Rebuilding Our Future

On March 30, The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Philadelphia Chapter hosted DRPA Chairwoman Cherelle Parker, SEPTA GM Leslie Richards, SYSTRA USA CEO Kimberly Slaughter & FTA Region III Administrator Terry Garcia Crews for an informative event regarding transportation in our region.



“The Inside Scoop”

The DRPA was the focus of the latest “Inside Scoop” webinar series hosted by the New Jersey Alliance for Action. Chairwoman Cherelle Parker and DRPA Chief Engineer

Michael Venuto provided Alliance members an inside look at the latest infrastructure projects at DRPA & PATCO.

Largest Project in DRPA's History Wins Award

The Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) was honored to receive a "Leading Infrastructure Projects Award" from the New Jersey Alliance for Action.

The 10th annual awards ceremony was held virtually on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

The awards congratulate the people and organizations throughout New Jersey that work together as partners to ensure the state's infrastructure's safety and efficiency.



The award received by the DRPA recognizes the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Rehabilitation of the Suspension Span and Anchorages. The \$216.9 million project consists of five separate design projects combined into one construction project.

"DRPA's Benjamin Franklin Bridge Rehabilitation of the Suspension Span and Anchorages project is creating jobs, increasing economic development and making New Jersey a better place to work and live," said Gerald T. Keenan, New Jersey Alliance for Action President.

"We are grateful to accept this prestigious award for a project that strongly reflects our commitment to maintaining our transportation assets in excellent condition," said John T. Hanson, DRPA CEO.



The award marks the 5th time the DRPA has been honored with an award from the New Jersey Alliance for Action.

- "New Jersey's Leading Infrastructure Projects Award" from the New Jersey Alliance For Action for the PATCO Elevator Installation Project. (2020)
- "New Jersey's Leading Infrastructure Projects Award" from the New Jersey Alliance for Action for the Ben Franklin Bridge Bike and Pedestrian Ramp Project. (2019)
- DRPA CEO John T. Hanson recipient of the NJ Alliance for Action Eagle Award - Walter Rand South Jersey (2019)
- "New Jersey's Leading Infrastructure Projects Award" from the New Jersey Alliance For Action for the Walt Whitman Bridge Redecking Project. (2014)

"This project is a major project, the largest in DRPA's history. It reinforces our commitment to the community to keep the iconic bridge in its best shape for the next 100 years," said Hanson. "To be recognized and honored by the New Jersey Alliance for Action is a true testament to our stewardship mission."



February 10, 2021

Mike Venuto
Delaware River Port Authority
One Port Center, 2 Riverside Drive
Camden, NJ 08101

Dear Mr. Venuto:

We are writing to congratulate the DRPA- Ben Franklin Bridge Improvements for being chosen as **the 2021 Philadelphia Major Bridge Project Award**. We will be formally recognizing this project at the 28th Annual Transportation, Building & Construction Awards Luncheon.

For over two decades, this event has honored both leaders as well as projects from both the public and private sectors of the transportation, building and construction industries. Your project has been selected by our Volunteer Leadership Board to be honored for promoting economic development within the city of Philadelphia. This honor is richly deserved and we are privileged to be able to highlight the positive influence this project has had in the Philadelphia area.

This luncheon brings together over 1000 individuals and over 200 companies within the industries to help raise funds and awareness around the mission of the March of Dimes and to help give every baby a fighting chance. In 2020, this premiere industry event raised over \$535,000 and has raised over \$7.5 million dollars since its inception.

We are very excited to be celebrating our 28th Anniversary of this luncheon! The 28th Annual Transportation, Building and Construction Awards Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, November 3rd 2021** at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in the Ballroom. The event begins with a networking session at 11:30 am followed by lunch and the awards program at 12:30 pm. We expect the program to conclude at approximately 2:00 pm.

Although you may already be familiar with this event, enclosed you will find current information about the March of Dimes and some background information on the event itself, including a list of past honorees and a current list of our Luncheon Board. I have also put together a short list of information we will need from you as we move forward with this event. We hope you will consider being involved with this great event.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David Didier in blue ink.

David Didier
AECOM
2021 TB&C Chair

Handwritten signature of Brian Neckermann in blue ink.

Brian Neckermann
Walsh Construction
2021 TB&C Vice Chair

Handwritten signature of Matthew C. Marquardt in blue ink.

Matthew Marquardt
Urban Engineers, Inc.
2021 TB&C Vice Chair



DRPA ANNUAL CONTRACT LISTINGS

Most annual procurement for goods (non-professional services) at the DRPA are usually for periods of one (1) year with an option to renew for an additional year. At the end of the first year, assuming the vendor's performance has been satisfactory, a DRPA Purchasing staff member will contact the vendor to request pricing information for the second year. If all conditions are in the best interest of the DRPA, the DRPA will exercise its option for a second year renewal with the vendor. At the end of the second year, the contract will be rebid on a competitive basis. If you are interested in pursuing any of the contracts identified below, please call Rich Betts, Manager of Procurement & Stores, at DRPA at (856) 968-2160 or Jesse Mickel, Purchasing Agent, at PATCO at (856) 772-6913.

Delaware River Port Authority		
	<u>Service Products</u>	<u>2nd Year Option or Bid Process</u>
1.	One (1) Year Contract for AC Grade Hot Liquid Asphalt - Bridge Operations - All Bridges	Bid Process January, 2022
2.	Two (2) Year Supply of Bottled Water for DRPA/PATCO <i>Bridge Operations - All Bridges - One Port Center - PATCO</i>	3rd Year Option January 1, 2023
3.	Two (2) Year Hazardous Waste Removal Contract <i>Bridge Operations - All Bridges</i>	Formal Bid Process February 1, 2022
4.	Two (2) Year Solid/Non-Hazardous Trash Removal Contract - Bridge Operations - All Bridges	Formal Bid Process February 1, 2022
5.	Two (2) Year Contract - Movable Maintenance Platform Maintenance & Repair - Bridge Operations - BFB	3rd Year Option March 1, 2023
6.	One (1) Year Diesel, Unleaded & Heating Fuel For DRPA/PATCO - Fleet Operations	2nd Year Option June 1, 2021
7.	Two (2) Year Emergency Generator and ATS Switch Maintenance Contract - Bridge Operations - All Bridges	3rd Year Option April 1, 2021
8.	Three (3) Year Harris 800 MHz Radio System DRPA/PATCO - Public Safety	4th Year Option June 1, 2022
9.	Two (2) Year Office Supply Contract for DRPA/PATCO <i>DRPA/PATCO - All Departments</i>	3rd Year Option July 1, 2021
10.	Two (2) Year Contract for Cathodic Protection <i>DRPA - BFB</i>	4th Year Option July 1, 2022
11.	One (1) Year Annual Office Paper Contract <i>OPC/Storeroom/Print Shop/Br. Oper./Public Safety/Toll/PATCO</i>	Formal Bid Process August 1, 2022
12.	Two (2) Year Fuel Tank Maintenance & Training <i>Bridge Operations - All Bridges, PATCO</i>	Formal Bid Process September 1, 2022
13.	One (1) Year Motor Oils and Lubricants Contract <i>Fleet Operations</i>	Formal Bid Process October 1, 2021
14.	Three (3) Year Weed Control for DRPA/PATCO <i>Bridge Operations - All Bridges - One Port Center - PATCO</i>	4th Year Option September 1, 2022
15.	Annual UBE60 Equipment Rental <i>Bridge Operations/Fleet - All Bridges</i>	4th Year Option October 1, 2022



Additional Upcoming Purchases and Rental Agreements

- Six (6) Month **Rental** of One (1) T.N.T. Scissor Lift Flat Bed Truck for DRPA – or Approved Equal
- Annual Uniform **Procurement**, including Winter Work Clothing for PATCO
- Aluminum and Steel Stock for DRPA Bridge Facilities
- **Purchase** of Twenty-Five (25) Fujitec Escalator Step Chains (1000 mm steps, 20-ton chain) with Axles Included, (quantity 150 steps, 25 sets of 6 steps) for PATCO
- **Procurement and Delivery** of 136-LB RE Head Hardened Rail in Accordance with the Latest AREMA Specs., 78 Foot Lengths, Blank Ends for PATCO
- Electronic Flash Butt Welding **Services** of PATCO Supplied Rail Sections 136-LB RE and 132-LB RE
- **Purchase** of Fujitec Escalator Parts for PATCO
- **Purchase** of Various Trash Can Liners for PATCO
- Two (2) Year Crane and Hoist Inspection for PATCO

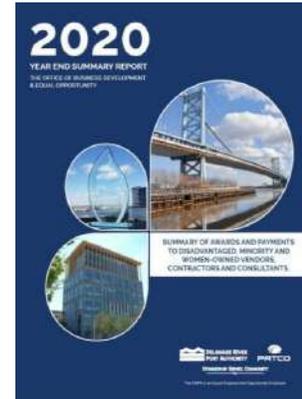
Upcoming Professional Services Contracts - Request for Proposals

- Temporary and Part-Time Toll Collectors
- Surveillance Services
- Cash Toll Revenue, Counting, Processing and Reporting, and Transport Services
- Board Support and Development Services

COMING SOON!

2020 OBD&EO Year End Summary Report

While working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic since March 19, 2020, staff from the Office of Business Development & Equal Opportunity (OBD&EO) continued to collaborate to ensure the report met the high standards of our in-office work. The report tabulates all of the dollars paid to M/W/D/SBEs and veteran-owned businesses on DRPA/PATCO projects, procurements, and professional services each year. The report represents our commitment to authentic communication and transparency. We expect the 2020 Year End Summary Report to be published before the end of May. We invite you to visit <http://www.drpa.org/obdeo/> to view our archived reports from the previous years.



Upcoming Virtual Events

Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, for employee and vendor safety, we will continue our **virtual** outreach participation. We are excited for the virtual events we have in store throughout the year. Be sure to sign up for our e-alerts to be notified as soon as event details are confirmed. Registration for upcoming events will be sent through an instant e-alert.



Signing Up for E-alerts

Our e-alerts are the best way to learn about real-time procurement and contracting opportunities at the Authority, so you can plan ahead. With our e-alert system, you will be notified when our 2020 Year End Summary Report is published online, information and confirmation for our virtual outreach events, and so much more.

To get notifications about all of this and more, sign up for e-alerts by sending your contact information to BusinessDevelopment@drpa.org to be added to our mailing list.



OBD&EO Information Corner

All interested subcontractors, subconsultants and suppliers are welcome to attend Pre-Bid and Pre-Proposal Meetings for DRPA projects, and briefly introduce yourselves to the contractors and consultants present. Information pertaining to these meetings is made available on our website at www.drpa.org/obdeo. Information on the project planholders and short-listed firms can be found on the Bids and Contracts section at www.drpa.org. For more information call OBD&EO at (856) 968-2270.

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Would you like to see us do something different? Maybe it's an additional section in the News Alert, or maybe you would like to see enhancements to our Outreach Events. We are here for you. Our Outreach Events and News Alert format is based on your feedback. Please feel free to call Erin Watterson at (856) 968-2273 or email e_watterson@drpa.org with any suggestions you may have.

Mission Statement

As stewards of public assets, we provide for the safe and efficient operation of transportation services and facilities in a manner that creates value for the public we serve.

Vision Statement

Together we are world-class stewards of public transportation assets. Working collaboratively across all business units, we operate, maintain, improve and protect transportation infrastructure for the benefit of the citizens we serve throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region. We are committed to building credibility, earning public trust and creating public value.