PROPOSAL: That DRPA accept funding in the amount of $1.5 million from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for the purpose of undertaking the PATCO Alternatives Analysis Study to consider the expansion of transit service in Gloucester County, New Jersey and that DRPA promptly award the contract for the said Study to STV, Inc. which is the firm recommended by staff after a Brooks Method procurement process. Also, that the DRPA promptly award the contract for the study of transit expansion in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Parsons Brinkerhoff which is the firm recommended by staff after a Brooks Method procurement process. The DRPA study will use DRPA Capital funds.

PURPOSE: To continue work on analysis of transit expansion in Gloucester County, New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BACKGROUND: The PATCO High Speed Line (PATCO) has operated to provide transit services between Southern New Jersey and the City of Philadelphia since 1969. The DRPA and others interested in public transportation have been considering ways to enhance and expand public transportation within the region. The next step in the process involves completing an Alternatives Analysis Study. DRPA has been offered $1.5 million from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund to pay the costs of the Alternatives Analysis Study for Gloucester County, New Jersey. DRPA and PATCO staff have used the Brooks Method of procurement to identify a qualified firm to perform the study and recommends awarding a contract for the work to STV, Inc. This resolution will allow the Study to proceed promptly by authorizing DRPA to accept the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund money and to award the contract for the Study. With respect to the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania transit expansion study, staff at DRPA and PATCO have similarly used the Brooks Method of procurement to identify a qualified firm to perform that work and recommends awarding that contract to Parsons Brinkerhoff. The Philadelphia Study will be paid for with DRPA Capital Funds.

SUMMARY: Amount: not to exceed $1.5 million (New Jersey); not to exceed $700,000 (Pennsylvania)
Source of Funds: New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund; DRPA Capital Funds
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: Approximately 2 years
Other Parties Involved: New Jersey Department of Transportation; STV, Inc.; Parsons Brinkerhoff
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners authorizes and directs that staff take all steps necessary or convenient to accept funding from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund in the amount of $1.5 million to pay for the PATCO Alternatives Analysis Study; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That staff be and hereby is authorized and directed to promptly award the contracts for the said Study, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The Chair, Vice Chair and the Chief Executive Officer must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of the DRPA. If such agreements, contracts, or other documents have been approved by the Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter either the Chair or Vice Chair is absent or unavailable, the remaining Officer may execute the said document(s) on behalf of DRPA along with the Chief Executive Officer. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent or unavailable, and if it is necessary to execute the said document(s) while they are absent or unavailable, then the Chief Executive Officer shall execute such documents on behalf of DRPA.

SUMMARY: Amount: $1.5 million (NJ); not to exceed $700,000 (PA)
Source of Funds: New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund; DRPA Capital Funds
Capital Project #: N/A
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: Approximately 2 years
Other Parties Involved: New Jersey Department of Transportation, STV, Inc.; Parsons Brinkerhoff