SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.             SUBJECT:  FY06 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Grant Application

COMMITTEE:           New Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:  June 13, 2007

BOARD ACTION DATE:   June 13, 2007

PROPOSAL:               That the DRPA Commission authorize staff to prepare an application to the Federal Transit Administration for Section 5307 funds in the amount of $3,340,602 for PATCO capital improvements having a total planned project cost of $4,175,753. Also, that the DRPA Commission authorize the non-federal matching share which must be provided by the authority in the amount of $835,151 or 20% of the total.

PURPOSE:                To make application to the federal government for FY06 FTA capital funds for PATCO improvements in the amount of $3,340,602. These funds must be matched by the Authority in the amount of $835,151.

BACKGROUND:            The Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 program makes funds available to urbanized areas on the basis of a statutory formula. Federal Transit Law mandates that applications be advanced in relation to adopted regional programs for transportation improvements. This application contains programs which are part of the approved Transportation Improvement Program of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for FY06.

Staff is now preparing an application which requests funding under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for use in the advancement of nine capital projects:

1. Bridge Rehabilitation
2. Chain Link Fence Replacement
3. Embankment Restoration
4. Engineering Projects
5. Preventive Maintenance
6. Purchase/Rebuild PATCO Cars
7. Rehabilitate Linden Interlocking
8. Track Upgrade
9. Transit Enhancements

The accompanying resolution has been drawn to satisfy federal requirements concerning specific Board approvals which are necessary to the grant approval process.
SUMMARY:

Amount: $4,175,753
Source of Funds: Project Fund 20% $835,151.
Capital Project #: FT8501; PF9903; PF0008; PF9606; PF0302
Master Plan Status: 2005 Update to Master Plan
Other Fund Sources: Federal Transit Administration 80% $3,340,602
Duration of Contract: Grant Completion
Other Parties Involved: Federal Transit Administration
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the appropriate officers of the Delaware River Port Authority be and hereby are authorized to execute and file an application in proper form on behalf of the Authority with the U.S. Department of Transportation, requesting financial assistance pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5307 in the amount of $3,340,602 and to expend such funds from FY06 appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the appropriate officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate an agreement to commit Authority funds in the amount of $835,151 and to expend such funds as a non-federal contribution to secure the federal grant; 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.

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