SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.      SUBJECT: FY05 Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Earmark Grant Application

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: July 18, 2007

BOARD ACTION DATE: August 15, 2007

PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Commission authorize staff to prepare an application to the Federal Transit Administration for Section 5309 earmarked capital funds in the amount of $485,888 for parking/intermodal facility improvements at the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal; the total project cost for this phase will be $607,360. Also, that the DRPA Commission authorize the non-federal matching share which must be provided by the authority in the amount of $121,472 or 20% of the total.

PURPOSE: To make application to the federal government for FY05 FTA earmarked capital funds for Cruise Terminal parking/intermodal facility improvements in the amount of $485,888. These funds must be matched by the Authority in the amount of $121,472.

BACKGROUND: The U. S. Congress makes funds available through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 program on an earmarked basis for certain projects. This earmark is E2005-BUSP-357, available under 49 U.S.C. 5309. Federal Law mandates that applications be advanced in relation to adopted regional programs for transportation improvements. This application contains a program which is part of the approved Transportation Improvement Program of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for FY07. Staff is now preparing an application which requests funding under 49 U.S.C. 5309 for engineering and design, followed by later construction, of an intermodal parking facility at the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal. An FY06 SAFETEA-LU earmark in the amount of approximately $3,000,000 will be forthcoming for use on the construction phase of the project.

The accompanying resolution has been drawn to satisfy federal requirements concerning specific Board approvals which are necessary to the grant approval process.
SUMMARY:  
Amount:  $607,360  
Source of Funds:  General Fund 20% $121,472  
Capital Project #:  none  
Master Plan Status:  none  
Other Fund Sources:  Federal Transit Administration 80% $485,888  
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. 5309 in the amount of $485,888 and to expend such funds from FY05 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 $121,472 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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