PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Commission adopt an Operating Budget for the year 2008.

PURPOSE: To approve an Operating Budget consistent with anticipated revenues and as required by Bond Indenture

BACKGROUND: The proposed 2008 DRPA Operating Budgets, which are attached hereto, reflect the priorities of bridge operations, security, maintenance and safety. The Budgets were developed based on input from Department Chiefs, Directors and staff, and further refined through a formal review process led by the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the Operating Budget Review Committee.

DRPA Operating Budget
The 2008 DRPA Operating Budget proposes total operating expenditures of $72,297,079. This represents a $3,358,176, or a 4.9 %, increase compared to the 2007 approved budget. (The DRPA operating budget does not include the E-ZPass Customer Service Center, One Port Center, Cruise Terminal and Ferry operations.)

Proposed operating budgets for One Port Center, E-ZPass Customer Service Center, Ferry, and Cruise Terminal operations are described below:

One Port Center (OPC)
Proposed 2008 Operating Budget for One Port Center for 2008 is $1,648,734 which represents a $57,711 (or 3.6%) increase over the approved budgeted expenditures for 2007. One Port Center revenues are budgeted to total $1,734,495 for the year.
E-ZPass Customer Service Center
Proposed 2008 Operating Budget for the E-ZPass Customer Service Center (operated by New Jersey ETC operations) is $4,412,300, representing an increase of $122,024 (or 2.8%) from the 2007 approved budget.

Ferry
Proposed 2008 Operating Budget for the Ferry is $45,950, representing a $10,550 decrease from the 2007 approved budget. Ferry revenues are anticipated to total $65,000 for 2008, similar to the $65,000 budgeted for 2007.

Cruise Terminal
Proposed 2008 Operating Budget for the Cruise Terminal is $1,296,545, representing a $116,464 (or 8.2%) decrease from the 2007 approved budget. Cruise Terminal revenues are anticipated to total $620,060, which represents a $217,940 decrease from the budgeted revenues for 2007. Net loss for the operation is expected to be approximately $676,485 for the year.

SUMMARY:  
Amount for DRPA Operating Budget:  $72,297,079  
Source of Funds:  Revenue Fund, General Fund  
Amount for One Port Center:  $1,648,734  
Source of Funds:  Revenue Fund  
Amount for E-ZPass Customer Service Center:  $4,412,300  
Source of Funds:  Revenue Fund  
Amount for Ferry:  $45,950  
Source of Funds:  General Fund  
Amount for Cruise Terminal:  $1,296,545  
Source of Funds:  General Fund
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the 2008 DRPA Operating Budgets attached hereto are hereby approved;

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the DRPA shall not expend funds in excess of the authorized 2008 Operating Budgets unless such Budgets have been amended by Resolution of the Board of Commissioners to increase said authorization.

SUMMARY:

- Amount for DRPA Operating Budget: $72,297,079
  Source of Funds: Revenue Fund, General Fund
- Amount for One Port Center: $1,648,734
  Source of Funds: Revenue Fund
- Amount for E-ZPass Customer Service Center: $4,412,300
  Source of Funds: Revenue Fund
- Amount for Ferry: $45,950
  Source of Funds: General Fund
- Amount for Cruise Terminal: $1,296,545
  Source of Funds: General Fund