SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.    SUBJECT: PATCO Expansion Project; Environmental Impact Study

COMMITTEE:     New Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: N/A

BOARD ACTION DATE:    July 15, 2009

PROPOSAL: The DPRA accept funding from the State of New Jersey for the purpose of undertaking the PATCO Environmental Impact Statement for the expansion of transit service in Southern New Jersey and that DRPA supplement the current PATCO Alternatives Analysis Study contract with STV, Inc. to add the environmental impact work to the existing scope of work.

PURPOSE: To continue work on transit expansion in Southern New Jersey.

BACKGROUND: The PATCO High Speed Line (PATCO) has provided transit services between Southern New Jersey and the City of Philadelphia since 1969. The DRPA and others interested in public transportation have been evaluating ways to enhance and expand public transportation within the region. An Alternative Analysis Study is near completion and a preferred alternative has been selected. The next step in the process involves completing an Environmental Impact Statement. Funding for this initiative will be provided by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation or another appropriate governmental agency. This resolution will allow the work to proceed promptly by authorizing DRPA to accept the New Jersey funds and to supplement the current STV, Inc. contract for the Study.

SUMMARY: Amount: Not to exceed $8,954,000 (funds to be provided by New Jersey DOT)
Source of Funds: State of New Jersey Dept. of Transportation or other agency.
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.
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority authorizes and directs that staff take all steps necessary or convenient to accept funding from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund to pay for the PATCO Environmental Impact Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That staff be and hereby is authorized and directed to supplement the current STV, Inc. contract to add work required to complete the Environmental Impact Statement and the required funding; and be it further

RESOLVED: That prior to entering into an agreement with STV, Inc. the DRPA must first execute a funding agreement with New Jersey Department of Transportation or another appropriate NJ funding agency; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Chairman, Vice Chairman 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 Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter either the Chairman or Vice Chairman 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 Chairman and Vice Chairman 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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