SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.    SUBJECT: Grant of Permanent Easements to NJDOT for Admiral Wilson Boulevard/ NJ Route 30 Cooper River Drainage Project on DRPA Property in Camden, New Jersey

COMMITTEE: Projects

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: September 16, 2009

BOARD ACTION DATE: October 21, 2009

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorize staff to negotiate permanent easements or other similar conveyance with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to permit NJDOT to improve the drainage of U.S. Route 30 (Admiral Wilson Boulevard) in the City of Camden, Camden County, New Jersey.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed conveyance of permanent easements is to support NJDOT’s U.S.Route 30 Cooper River Drainage Improvement project which includes construction of drainage pipes, berms, and wetlands mitigation on DRPA property in the City of Camden, New Jersey.

BACKGROUND: In order to improve the drainage of the eastbound lanes of Admiral Wilson Boulevard, NJDOT proposes to construct underground storm water pipes and other related improvements across DRPA property located between Admiral Wilson Boulevard and Cooper River. In June 2009 DRPA and NJDOT entered into a right of access agreement to allow NJDOT to begin construction of the improvements.

NJDOT now requests permanent easements to allow the operation and maintenance of the drainage facilities. The drainage facilities will continue to be the property of NJDOT. The permanent easements consist of drainage easements, berm easements, and wetlands mitigation easements. NJDOT has offered to pay nominal compensation to the DRPA for the acquisition of the easements.

Staff has reviewed the easement plans for the project and has determined that the conveyance of permanent easements to NJDOT would not be detrimental to the interests of the DRPA and would not adversely impact upon the operations of the DRPA.
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In fact, improving the drainage of Admiral Wilson Boulevard will reduce the frequency and severity of flooding which is expected to have a positive impact on traffic flow to and from the BFB.

It is recommended that permanent easements agreements be negotiated with NJDOT, to allow for the operation, and maintenance of the drainage improvements for U.S. Route 30.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $1.00 paid to DRPA
Source of Funds: NJDOT, FHWA
Capital Project #: N/A
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: NJDOT, FHWA
Duration of Contract: Perpetual Easements
Other Parties Involved: NJDOT
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority hereby approve the conveyance of specified permanent easements to NJDOT for nominal consideration, in support of NJDOT's Route 30 Drainage Improvement Project; and the proper officers of the Authority be and are hereby authorized to negotiate such documents as are necessary to grant NJDOT temporary access for construction and convey to NJDOT permanent drainage and other easements to DRPA located in the City of Camden Block on 1216, Lot 2, Block 1217 Lots 2, 14, Block 1237; Lot 8 and the Township of Pennsauken on Block 6714, Lots 2, 9, and as are more specifically identified in NJDOT’s proposed deed delivered to the DRPA on or about July 22, 2009; and be it further.

RESOLVED: That any instruments of conveyance contain provisions which require NJDOT to forever maintain the easement areas at its cost along with any other normal protections of the DRPA in form and content acceptable to DRPA; and be it further.

RESOLVED: That 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 the Chairman or Vice Chairman is absent or unavailable and if it is necessary to execute the said document(s) while the Chairman or Vice Chairman is absent or unavailable, then the Chief Executive Officer shall execute such documents on behalf of DRPA.

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