SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.          SUBJECT:     West Jersey Shore Line Project

COMMITTEE:       Projects

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:   April 21, 2010

BOARD ACTION DATE:     May 19, 2010

PROPOSAL: That the Board revise and update previous resolutions 05-043 and 09-007 re-authorizing funding in an amount not to exceed $1,750,000 to Salem County to assist in the maintenance and rehabilitation of the “West Jersey Shore Line” (“Rail Project”).

PURPOSE: To update project administration and provide funding to assist Salem County in maintenance and rehabilitation of the “West Jersey Shore Line.”

BACKGROUND: In 2005 the Board approved Resolution 05-043 contributing funding to participate in the rehabilitation of 17 miles of the West Jersey Shore Line Rail. The rail line is owned by Salem County and provides access to businesses including Anchor Glass and Mannington Mills. In 2009 the Board approved Resolution 09-007 revising the scope of the Rail Project to reflect that the rehabilitation will be accomplished in stages rather than in one large project, due to increased costs.

At the time that the Board first was asked for the funding, Salem County and the NJDOT jointly asked that the Authority for the funds for the project. Since that time, the NJDOT has expressed its preference that it not participate in administering the funding provided by the Authority. NJDOT has requested that the Authority work directly with Salem County to administer the funds.

In addition, the scope of the project has changed slightly and now consists of rehabilitating approximately two miles of rail line instead of approximately four miles of rail line. As time progresses and costs increase, the priority repair sections change due to occurrences of derailments. The recent winter has adversely affected the following sections of the Salem Railroad and has resulted in a need to amend to the scope of work under this authorization. The scope of work authorized hereunder is from Milepost (“M.P.”) 15.10 to M.P. 17.11 - a distance of 2.01 miles starting at a point nearly 3000 feet south of Oldmans Trestle, and traveling south to a point just north of Elm Avenue, passing thru Pilesgrove Twp and Woodstown Boro and M.P. 13.26 to M.P. 13.55, a distance of 0.29 miles, and from M.P. 13.26 to
M.P. 13.55 a distance of 0.29 miles of railroad starting at Oldmans Creek Road, traveling south, in increments of 0.10 miles, until funds are expended.

All other aspects of the Rail Project as described in resolution 09-007 remain unaltered.

SUMMARY: Amount: $1,750,000
Source of Funds: 2001 PDP Series A
Capital Project #: N/A
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: Subject to 2005 Master Plan
Other Fund Sources: FRA
Duration of Contract: 1 Year
Other Parties Involved: NJDOT, FRA, Salem County
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes that Resolution 09-007 be amended to reflect the change that the Authority shall work directly with Salem County to administer the Authority funds for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of West Jersey Shore Line ("Rail Project") as set forth in the attached Summary Statement, and be it further resolved;

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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