

**SUMMARY STATEMENT** (Amendment to DRPA-10-062, 8/18/10)

**ITEM NO.: DRPA-10-062** **SUBJECT: Funding for Economic Development Projects**

**COMMITTEE:** Unfinished Business

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:** December 5, 2012

**BOARD ACTION DATE:** December 12, 2012

**PROPOSAL:** That the Board of Commissioners cease spending funds for projects that are not directly connected to the assets under its direct control (i.e. the bridges, commuter train, ferry) – with an amendment allowing for the completion of projects authorized by a resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners before December 31, 2011.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Resolution and Summary Statement is to allow the DRPA and PATCO to comply with the spirit of the original resolution banning new economic development projects, while recognizing that the DRPA and its subsidiaries have a legal obligation to honor contracts executed during the original DRPA economic development program.

**BACKGROUND:** DRPA and PATCO have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on so-called “economic development” projects, funds that could have been invested in the agencies’ own assets. After December 2011, no new projects can be authorized. However, projects authorized before the termination of the economic development program must be completed according to the terms of executed contracts. The original resolution is being amended to reflect that reality.

**SUMMARY:**

<b>Amount:</b>	N/A
<b>Source of Funds:</b>	N/A
<b>Capital Project #:</b>	N/A
<b>Operating Budget:</b>	N/A
<b>Master Plan Status:</b>	N/A
<b>Other Fund Sources:</b>	N/A
<b>Duration of Contract:</b>	N/A
<b>Other Parties Involved:</b>	N/A

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED:** That all Board of Commissioners recognize and affirm that the core mission of DRPA and PATCO is to provide a safe and effective means of travel for the public via assets under the Board's direct control (i.e., the bridges, commuter train and ferry); and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Board hereby prohibits the use of any funds controlled by DRPA and PATCO, whether those funds are in existence now or will be generated or received in the future, to be used for projects that are not directly connected to the assets under the Board's direct control. However, any economic development project explicitly authorized by a resolution passed the Board of Commissioners before December 31, 2011 may be completed in order to allow the DRPA and PATCO to discharge lawful contractual obligations. Moreover, be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Board shall not authorize, underwrite, guarantee or in any way fund any projects that are not directly connected to the assets under the Board's direct control, with the sole exception of projects already explicitly authorized, underwritten, guaranteed or funded by resolutions passed by the Board of Commissioners before December 31, 2011.

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