SUMMARY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Placement of Items on Board Meeting Agenda

COMMITTEE: Unfinished Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: N/A

BOARD ACTION DATE: September 15, 2010

PROPOSAL: That the Board directs that no item be placed on the Board meeting or committee agendas for DRPA or PATCO by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer/President, or the designees without at least 48 hours advance notice to all Board members, the public and the media, except in cases of true emergency or other valid reason.

PURPOSE: To promote accountability, transparency, good government and fiscal responsibility at the DRPA and PATCO.

BACKGROUND: The Board typically receives its meetings packets less than a week before Board meetings. The same packet is provided to the public and the media in advance of the meeting. However, there have been many instances in which controversial and/or complex issues were not presented to the Board for consideration until the caucus meeting immediately prior to the public Board meeting. Although caucus meetings have been abolished by prior Board resolution, it is nevertheless important to ensure that all Board members have the opportunity to be fully informed and prepared to discuss significant issues at the full Board meetings.

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

RESOLVED: That all Board members deserve that opportunity to be fully informed and prepared to discuss significant issues that will be addressed at the monthly DRPA and PATCO meetings; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the public and the media also deserve the opportunity to advance notice of the complete meeting agendas; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board hereby directs that no item be placed on the Board meeting or committee meeting agendas for DRPA or PATCO by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer/President, or their designees without at least 48 hours’ advance written notice to all Board members, the public, and the media; be it further

RESOLVED: That the 48 hours’ advance written shall include the provision of complete copies of all draft resolutions and other relevant written materials to all Board members and the availability of such copies to the public and the media; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the advance notice rule established by this Resolution may be waived only by a supermajority vote of the Board to approve a motion to waive the rule, such motion to include a declaration, with specificity, of the existence of a true emergency or other valid reason to waive the rule; and be it further

RESOLVED: That for the purpose of this Resolution, a “supermajority” shall consist of at least six votes from the Commissioners of each state, including at least one of ex officio members of the Board.

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