ITEM NO. | SUBJECT: Camden to Glassboro Rail Expansion Project, Environmental Impact Analysis (Amending DRPA 09-051, July 2009)

COMMITTEE: | Unfinished Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: | N/A

BOARD ACTION DATE: | October 06, 2010

PROPOSAL: | That the Board amend 09-051 based on the written request of New Jersey Transit that DRPA finance the initial work on this project with the understanding that New Jersey Transit will reimburse DRPA for any costs.

PURPOSE: | To permit DRPA to expend its own funds to pay for costs incurred in connection with the Environmental Impact analysis. New Jersey Transit has agreed to reimburse DRPA for these costs.

BACKGROUND: | The Transit expansion project has been enthusiastically received by most residents of the affected region due to its positive impact on traffic congestion, environmental degradation, and economic growth. In order to keep the project momentum DRPA worked with its vendor, STV, Inc. to initiate work on the next phase of the project, the Environmental Impact Study, while DRPA finalized its arrangements with New Jersey Transit. NJT has now advised that it supports the project but the funds it has promised are not currently available. In a letter sent to CEO Matheussen during the week of September 20, 2010 (erroneously dated April 27, 2010) New Jersey Transit asked that DRPA proceed to finance the current costs of the project and assured DRPA that New Jersey Transit would reimburse DRPA in the future.

SUMMARY: | Amount: not to exceed $450,000
Source of Funds: General Fund (subject to reimbursement from NJ Transit)
Capital Project #: N/A
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: New Jersey Transit
Duration of Contract: December 2009-September 2010
Other Parties Involved: STV, Inc; New Jersey Transit
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Chief Executive Officer to expend not more than four hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($450,000) in order to compensate STV, Inc. for work related to an Environmental Impact Analysis for the Camden to Gloucester Rail Expansion project.

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