SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.     SUBJECT: St. George’s Church Annual Christmas Musical, Benjamin Franklin Bridge Underbridge Parking Support

COMMITTEE: New Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: N/A

BOARD ACTION DATE: November 03, 2010

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to enter into an Agreement for underbridge parking at the Ben Franklin Bridge Philadelphia lot between 3rd & 4th Streets for St. George’s Church Annual Christmas Musical on December 5, 2010 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Amount: $0

PURPOSE: To provide parking under the Ben Franklin Bridge on Sunday, December 5, 2010 and support services consisting of Public Safety providing access to open the lot between 3rd & 4th Streets for the event and closing the lot at the conclusion of the event. Public Safety personnel would already be on duty, therefore, there would be no cost to DRPA. St. George’s Church assumes full responsibility for providing parking monitors and parking lot security on the day of the event.

BACKGROUND: St. George’s Church is the oldest Methodist Church in the US and is located at the foot of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge on the Philadelphia side. For the past 27 years, St. George’s Church has held a Christmas Musical the first Sunday in December. The event gathers approximately 500 people from across the Delaware Valley. Due to extremely limited nearby parking in Old City, Philadelphia, the DRPA has allowed parking under the bridge off of 3rd & 4th Street between New Street and Florist Streets for this event over the past several years.

St. George’s Church organizers have indicated that some of the finest musical talents in the Delaware Valley will join in making this day an Advent/Christmas event: The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Gospel choir, the Patriot Singers from Germantown Academy, Rutgers Collegium Musicum, Celtic Women and Friends and others. St. George’s objective is to offer a rich, wide diversity of musical tradition style and range.
St. George’s Church is fully insured against any liabilities that would arise and would provide DRPA with the necessary insurance documentation. Staffing for parking monitors and security for this event are provided by St. George’s Church. While DRPA Public Safety would support parking by unlocking and relocking gates, there would be no cost to DRPA.

It is recommended that the Board authorize DRPA to provide Benjamin Franklin underbridge parking between 3rd & 4th Streets for St. George’s Church Annual Christmas Musical Event Sunday, December 5, 2010 during the period of 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at no cost to the DRPA.

**SUMMARY:**

- **Amount:** $0
- **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 the Board authorizes DRPA staff to enter into an Agreement to provide underbridge parking between 3rd & 4th Streets under the Benjamin Franklin Bridge for St. George’s Church Annual Christmas Musical Event Sunday, December 5, 2010 during the period of 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at no cost to the DRPA.

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