SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO. | SUBJECT: LEAP Academy University Charter School Bus Parking at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Facility

COMMITTEE: New Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: N/A

BOARD ACTION DATE: December 1, 2010

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to enter into an Agreement to grant LEAP Academy University Charter School, Inc. (LEAP Academy) right of entry access and use of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Facility in Camden, New Jersey.

Amount: $0

PURPOSE: For the purpose of parking one (1) 54 passenger school bus in a secured location at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Facility.

BACKGROUND: LEAP ACADEMY is a NJ charter school and one of the original 13 charter schools started in the 1990’s and has been in existence for 14 years. The school educates 840 children Pre-K to 12th grade, who primarily come from Camden City with the balance from Camden County. Students generally come from depressed urban areas and are selected through a lottery process. Parents or guardians apply having elected the charter school route instead of public schools.

LEAP Academy is located at 6th & Cooper Streets in Camden, NJ, which is immediately south of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. LEAP Academy purchased a 54 passenger school bus for use in class trips, casual trips around the area, enrichment activities, sports, etc. LEAP Academy is in need of a secure location in Camden to park the bus so the bus is not on city streets. LEAP Academy exhausted other nearby possibilities in Camden which were not feasible such as Camden County College Parkade, which does not have adequate vertical clearance for parking the bus and Rutgers University’s buses already use up Rutgers University’s secured parking. Bridge Operations, along with Public Safety, have determined that it is feasible to provide space for a secured parking location within the gated areas of the bridge facility, and also feasible to coordinate 24/7 access to the bus for removing and re-entry. LEAP Academy will provide the necessary insurance certificates.
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Amount: $0
Source of Funds: N/A
Capital Project #: N/A
Operating Budget: $0
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 to enter into an Agreement to grant LEAP Academy University Charter School, Inc. (LEAP Academy) right of entry access and use of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Facility in Camden, NJ for the purpose of parking one (1) 54 passenger school bus in a secured location at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Facility

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