SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.    SUBJECT: Use of DRPA Property for Collingswood Farmer’s Market

COMMITTEE: New Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 20, 2011

BOARD ACTION DATE: April 20, 2011

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to annually prepare an Addendum to the Agreement with the Borough of Collingswood regarding the use of DRPA’s property for the weekly Collingswood Farmer’s Market.

Amount: $200 (in-kind services to prepare Addendum)/year

PURPOSE: To increase Saturday ridership on PATCO and to accommodate the Collingswood Farmers Market

BACKGROUND: In 1985 the DRPA and the Borough of Collingswood entered into an agreement whereby DRPA authorized the Borough to expand its parking facilities in the DRPA property between Collings and Irvin Avenues. Over the past several years, the DRPA and the Borough of Collingswood have signed an annual Addendum to this Agreement to permit the Borough to use this site on Saturdays to host a Farmer’s Market.

This Addendum limits the use of the site by the Farmer’s Market to Saturdays from May through November, with specific weeks and hours of operation noted in the annual Addendum. The Addendum stipulates that no Farmer’s Market-related items of any kind be permitted to remain on site from week to week and that no propane tanks or other flammable substances be placed or maintained under the PATCO right-of-way.

The Borough is responsible for any and all expenses incurred in connection with the Farmer’s Market and is required to indemnify DRPA for any claims associated with this use of DRPA’s property.

The Collingswood Farmer’s Market has been successful in bringing fresh produce to Collingswood residents and to PATCO customers who can easily access the market by walking just a few blocks from the train station. PATCO recognizes the importance of increasing off-
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peak ridership, when trains have excess capacity and parking lots are under-utilized. The Farmer’s Market provides an incentive for passengers to travel on PATCO on Saturdays.

It is recommended that the Board authorize DRPA to renew its Addendum with the Borough of Collingswood to allow use of DRPA property for a Farmer’s Market during the 2011 season.

SUMMARY:

Amount: Not to exceed $200 (in-kind services)
Source of Funds:
Capital Project #: N.A.
Operating Budget:
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: 7 months (through November 2011)
Other Parties Involved: Collingswood Borough
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes DRPA to annually renew its Addendum to its Agreement with the Borough of Collingswood regarding use of the DRPA property between Collings and Irvin Avenues in Collingswood, New Jersey for the 2011 Farmer’s Market season.

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