ITEM NO.: DRPA-12-001
SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340 Grant Application

COMMITTEE:
Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:
December 14, 2011

BOARD ACTION DATE:
January 18, 2012

PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Commission authorize staff to prepare an application to the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") for Sections 5307/5340 funds in the amount of $4,137,684 for PATCO capital improvements having a total planned project cost of $5,172,105. Also, that the DRPA Commission authorize the non-federal matching share which must be provided by the authority in the amount of $1,034,421 or 20% of the total planned project cost.

PURPOSE: To make application to the federal government for FY11 FTA capital funds for PATCO improvements in the amount of $4,137,684. These funds must be matched by the Authority in the amount of $1,034,421.

BACKGROUND: The FTA Sections 5307/5340 program makes funds available to urbanized areas on the basis of a statutory formula. Federal transit law mandates that applications be advanced in relation to adopted regional programs for transportation improvements. This application contains programs which are part of the approved Transportation Improvement Program of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for FY11.

Staff is now preparing an application which requests funding under 49 U.S.C. 5307/5340 for use in the advancement of four capital projects:

1. Rebuild PATCO Cars
2. Embankment Restoration
3. Preventive Maintenance
4. Transit Enhancements

The accompanying resolution has been drawn to satisfy federal requirements concerning specific Board approvals which are necessary to the grant approval process.
SUMMARY:  
Amount: $5,172,105  
Source of Funds: Project Fund - 20% of total planned project cost - $1,034,421.  
Capital Project #: PF9903; FT0503; PF0902; PF0903  
Master Plan Status: 2005 Update to Master Plan  
Other Fund Sources: Federal Transit Administration 80% $4,137,684  
Duration of Contract: Grant Completion  
Other Parties Involved: Federal Transit Administration
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the appropriate officers of the Delaware River Port Authority be and hereby are authorized to execute and file an application in proper form on behalf of the Authority with the U.S. Department of Transportation, requesting financial assistance pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5307/5340 in the amount of $4,095,111 and to expend such funds from FY11 appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the appropriate officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate an agreement to commit Authority funds in the amount of $1,034,421 and to expend such funds as a non-federal contribution to secure the federal grant; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Chair, Vice Chair and the Chief Executive Officer must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of the DRPA. If such agreements, contracts, or other documents have been approved by the Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter either the Chair or Vice Chair is absent or unavailable, the remaining Officer may execute the said document(s) on behalf of DRPA along with the Chief Executive Officer. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent or unavailable, and if it is necessary to execute the said document(s) while they are absent or unavailable, then the Chief Executive Officer shall execute such documents on behalf of DRPA.

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