SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-14-096

SUBJECT: Right of Entry and Related Agreements with PENNDOT for Access to DRPA Property at Betsy Ross Bridge for Interstate 95 and Aramingo Avenue Interchange.

COMMITTEE: New Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: N/A

BOARD ACTION DATE: July 16, 2014

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into appropriate property access agreements permitting Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as PENNDOT) and its contractors, subcontractors, consultants, agents, employees and other representatives to access and utilize DRPA property located at the Betsy Ross Bridge facility in Philadelphia, PA in carrying out work related to the improvement of existing ramps and the construction of new ramps at the Betsy Ross Bridge Interchange with Interstate 95 and Aramingo Avenue areas in Philadelphia, PA. The proposal design and construction of Ramps I, JJ and EE and associated improvements and appurtenances are collectively referred to as the “BR0 Project” by PENNDOT. The construction work for which access is sought will pertain to the construction of the “BR0 Project.”

PURPOSE: To provide property access to PENNDOT at the Betsy Ross Bridge facility for the purpose of advancing the PENNDOT improvements of existing ramps at the Betsy Ross Bridge and the construction of what will be known as Ramp I, Ramp JJ and Ramp EE. Access should be granted beginning in August 2014 and will have an estimated completion date of 2018.

BACKGROUND: The DRPA is the owner and operator of the Betsy Ross Bridge and its ancillary roadway approaches, which connect the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Township of Pennsauken, New Jersey. In the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, PENNDOT is the owner and operator of Interstate 95, which interchanges with the Betsy Ross Bridge, and Aramingo Avenue (State Route 2009), which will interchange with the Betsy Ross Bridge upon completion of the projects described in this Agreement. PENNDOT wishes to improve the flow of traffic, at its initial cost, in the vicinity of the Betsy Ross Bridge, Interstate 95, and Aramingo Avenue interchange. PENNDOT also plans to construct
Adams Avenue (State Route 1026) to connect Torresdale Avenue (State Route 1004) to Aramingo Avenue, Interstate 95 and the Betsy Ross Bridge. In order to improve the existing interchange between the roadways owned by the DRPA and the roadways owned by PENNDOT, PENNDOT seeks to design and construct a new westbound Ramp I from the Betsy Ross Bridge to Aramingo Avenue. PENNDOT also seeks to design and construct a new eastbound Ramp JJ, from Aramingo Avenue and Adams Avenue to the Betsy Ross Bridge. To accommodate the construction of Ramp JJ, PENNDOT will reconstruct the existing Ramp E from southbound Interstate 95 to the Betsy Ross Bridge, hereinafter to be known as Ramp EE. The proposed design and construction of Ramps I, JJ and EE and associated improvements and appurtenances are herein collectively referred to as the "BR0 Project." The DRPA supports PENNDOT's efforts to improve traffic conditions in and around the Betsy Ross Bridge, Interstate 95, Aramingo Avenue and Adams Avenue and has agreed to cooperate with the PENNDOT to complete the BR0 Project. Insurance and Indemnification provisions will be included as part of the Right of Entry Agreement.

SUMMARY:

Amount: N/A
Source of Funds: N/A
Operating Budget: N/A
Capital Project #: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: Four (4) years from Execution of Right of Entry Agreement
Other Parties Involved: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into appropriate property access agreements permitting Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as PENNDOT) and its contractors, subcontractors, consultants, agents, employees and other representatives to access and utilize DRPA property located at the Betsy Ross Bridge facility in Philadelphia, PA in carrying out work related to the improvement of existing ramps and the construction of new ramps at the Betsy Ross Bridge Interchange with Interstate 95 and Aramingo Avenue areas in Philadelphia, PA. The proposal design and construction of Ramps I, JJ and EE and associated improvements and appurtenances are collectively referred to as the “BR0 Project” by PENNDOT. The construction work for which access is sought will pertain to the construction of the “BR0 Project.”; 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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