SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-15-024
SUBJECT: 2015 Church Requests for Special Event Parking Under the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: February 5, 2015

BOARD ACTION DATE: February 18, 2015

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorize staff to enter into Agreements with three (3) churches in Philadelphia for the calendar year 2015, allowing special event parking under the Ben Franklin Bridge on the DRPA property located along Florist Street between 3rd and 4th Streets and/or between 2nd and 3rd Streets in Philadelphia.

PURPOSE: To provide parking in the gated and fenced area under the Ben Franklin Bridge for use by attendees at special events at three (3) churches that are neighbors of the bridge: St. Augustine Catholic Church, St. George Methodist Church, and Old First Reformed United Church of Christ.

Support services from Public Safety include unlocking and then securing the gate to the fenced space under the bridge before and after the events. Since Public Safety personnel would already be on duty, there would be no additional cost to DRPA. DRPA incurs no Operations staff costs.

The churches will provide monitors to supervise the gated parking area. The churches will also provide the necessary Certificates of Insurance and will adhere to DRPA’s Indemnification and Liability requirements.

DRPA reserves the right to withhold approval or cancel any agreement on an as-needed basis in the event of unforeseen public safety, security, maintenance or construction issues which may arise and take precedence.
BACKGROUND: There is limited free and metered street parking available in the vicinity. Due to this limited availability and, in an effort to maintain and promote positive relations with bridge neighbors, for several years DRPA has approved requests for parking under the Ben Franklin Bridge for special services or events being held at these neighboring churches.

Attendance at holiday services, festivals, musicals and celebrations at these churches ranges from 500 to 1,000 people from around the region. The following is a listing of events for which permission to enter into agreements is requested.

All churches will provide required Certificates of Insurance to DRPA.

These events are:

**Easter Sunday – April 5, 2015** - Parking for Easter Sunday Services has been requested by all three (3) churches located along 4th Street: St. Augustine Catholic Church, St. George Methodist Church, and Old First Reformed United Church of Christ. Request is for parking to accommodate congregants from 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM.

**Sunday, August 16, 2015** – St. Augustine Church is hosting its annual Summer Sinulog celebration and requests parking from 9 AM to 4 PM.

**Sunday, December 6, 2015** - St George Church presents its annual Christmas Musical and requests parking from 2 PM to 6:30 PM.

**Friday, December 25, 2015** - Parking for Christmas Sunday Services has been requested by all three (3) churches located along 4th Street: St. Augustine Catholic Church, St. George Methodist Church, and Old First Reformed United Church of Christ. Request is for parking to accommodate congregants from 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM.
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Under the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia

O&M 2/5/2015

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 Agreement: N/A
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes DRPA staff to enter into Agreements with St. Augustine Church, St. George Church and Old First Reformed United Church of Christ for the calendar year 2015, allowing special event parking on DRPA property under the Ben Franklin Bridge, along Florist Street between 3rd and 4th Streets and/or between 2nd and 3rd Streets in Philadelphia, at no cost to DRPA, on the dates indicated. Therefore, 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, or other documents on behalf of the DRPA. If such Agreements 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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