SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-15-059

SUBJECT: DRPA Application for Grant Funding through FY 2015 US Department of Transportation TIGER VII Discretionary Grant Program for the Reopening of Franklin Square Station on the PATCO Transit Line

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: May 6, 2015

BOARD ACTION DATE: May 20, 2015

PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Commission authorizes staff to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Transportation, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) VII Discretionary Grant program to complete Design & Construction for the reopening of the Franklin Square Station on the PATCO Transit Line with an estimated total cost of $28,000,000.

PURPOSE: To make application to the US DOT TIGER Discretionary Grant Program to secure grant funding for the Design & Construction of the reopening of the Franklin Square Station on the PATCO Transit Line.

BACKGROUND: The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, appropriated $500 million dollars to the US Department of Transportation to fund National Infrastructure Investments. FY 2015 TIGER Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a Metropolitan area, or a Region. Consideration will be given to projects that improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation, with emphasis on improving connections to employment, education, services, workforce development and community revitalization.

The PATCO owned Franklin Square Station located in Philadelphia, PA has been closed since 1979. A DRPA sponsored study (2003) detailed the necessary improvements and associated costs to reopen Franklin Square Station. In 2014, this study was updated with a current site condition assessment, capital cost estimate and ridership forecast. The project is now part of the DRPA capital program.
Based on the findings and recommendations of the updated study, the project is eligible for US DOT TIGER Funding. This project aligns with the goals of the TIGER VII Discretionary Grant Program by improving connections between people and centers of employment, education, and services.

The FY 2015 Appropriations Act is extremely competitive and consideration will only be given to projects having a cost in excess of $10 million dollars that will make transformative surface transportation improvements that are measurable over existing conditions. Projects will be funded at 80% with a 20% local match requirement.

SUMMARY:  
Amount: $28,000,000 (80% Grant Funded)  
Source of Funds: 80% Grant; 20% General  
Capital Project#: New Item 15  
Other Fund Sources: 20% DRPA General Fund  
Duration of Contract: Federal FY 2022  
Other Parties Involved: US DOT, FTA, DVRPC
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the appropriate officers of the Delaware River Port Authority be and hereby are authorized to apply to the United States Department of Transportation, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) VII Discretionary Grant Program, for grant funding to support design requirements and construction costs associated with the reopening of the Franklin Square Station on the PATCO Transit Line. This project has an estimated total cost of $28,000,000. The TIGER VII Grant program has a 20% local match requirement, therefore, the project is expected to be funded with 80% TIGER VII Discretionary Grant Program Funds ($22,400,000) and 20% DRPA General Funds ($5,600,000).

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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