

SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-17-019

SUBJECT: 2017 Church Requests for Special Event Parking Under the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia

COMMITTEE:

Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:

March 7, 2017

BOARD ACTION DATE:

March 15, 2017

PROPOSAL:

That the Board authorize staff to enter into Agreements with three (3) churches in Philadelphia for the calendar year 2017, 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 for 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. While Bridge Operations inspects and sweeps the lots prior to such usage, DRPA incurs no additional Operations staff costs.

The churches will provide monitors to supervise the gated parking areas. 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 or restrict the availability of limited spaces on an as-needed basis in the vent 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 these bridge neighbors, for several years DRPA has approved requests for parking under the Ben Franklin Bridge for special events being held at these churches. This resolution includes special event parking for all three churches.

Special events bring an estimated 100 to 200 vehicles in need of parking. The following is a list of special events for which permission to enter into agreements is requested. All churches will provide required Certificates of Insurance to DRPA. These events and approximate hours requested are:

Sunday, April 16, 2017 – Easter services parking has been requested by all three (3) churches to accommodate congregants from approximately 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 2017 – St. George Church presents its annual Christmas Musical and requests parking from approximately 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday/Monday, December 24/25, 2017 - Parking for Christmas services has been requested by all three (3) churches to accommodate congregants from 4 p.m. to 12:00am on Christmas eve and from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Christmas day.

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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

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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 2017, 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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