

## **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

**ITEM NO.:** DRPA-17-020

**SUBJECT:** 2017 Charity Event  
Bridge/Ramp Closures at BFB,  
CBB & BRB

**COMMITTEE:**

**Operations & Maintenance**

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:**

**March 7, 2017**

**BOARD ACTION DATE:**

**March 15, 2017**

**PROPOSAL:** That the Board authorizes staff to provide labor support for five (5) annual charity events during 2017 that involve bridge roadway or ramp closures at three of our four bridges: three (3) events at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, one (1) event at the Commodore Barry Bridge and one (1) event at the Betsy Ross Bridge.

**PURPOSE:** To allow DRPA to provide Construction & Maintenance support for sign placement, lane closures, and traffic control; Public Safety support; and Information Services (IS) support, as needed, for the events.

**BACKGROUND:** Over the past several years, DRPA has permitted bridge roadway and/ or ramp closures, generally during off-peak periods of lower traffic volume (such as early weekend or holiday mornings) for charity-related events. Coordination with local and state police and transportation agencies, as well as extensive public notice, helps ensure safe, efficient bridge closures that minimize the impact on the traveling public.

There are three (3) Sunday events that close the Ben Franklin Bridge for periods of up to two (2) hours on designated Sundays between 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. These closures are well-publicized throughout the region on local media, media advisories, DRPA e-alerts, social media, website, and VMS displays. New Jersey and Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation also provide support by posting closure alerts on VMS boards on roads approaching the BFB for several days prior to the closures.

Due to this advanced notice, it is anticipated that drivers will either divert to another DRPA bridge during the closure hours, or advance or delay their departure times in consideration of these closures.

Below is a listing of dates, descriptions, approximate closure duration and approximate labor costs to DRPA for each of the five (5) charity event-related bridge or ramp closures during 2017.

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – Police Unity Tour at CBB.** The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of and to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. An additional goal is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement officers Memorial and Museum. For several years, the Commodore Barry Bridge has been closed for approximately 20 minutes in the westbound direction to accommodate the arrival of participating bicyclists. The group bikes from North Jersey to the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial in Washington, DC.

<b><u>2017 Estimated Costs:</u></b>	Bridge Operations Support	\$0
	Public Safety Support	\$0
	Impact on DRPA toll revenue	\$0
	Total Cost	\$0

**Monday, May 29, 2017 – United Veterans of Bridesburg Parade at BRB.** This parade honors veterans and military personnel on Memorial Day. Since 1989, the DRPA has accommodated the United Veterans of Bridesburg Parade by closing the Betsy Ross Bridge’s Richmond Street exit ramp during this event which takes place from approximately 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The bridge roadway remains open. Only the Richmond Street ramp is closed.

<b><u>2017 Estimated Costs:</u></b>	Bridge Operations Support	\$610
	Public Safety Support	\$0
	Impact on DRPA toll revenue	\$0
	Total Cost	\$610

**Sunday, June 11, 2017 – American Cancer Society Annual Bike-A-Thon at the BFB.** For more than 40 years, the DRPA has allowed use of the Ben Franklin Bridge roadway to accommodate this bike ride from Philadelphia to Hammonton, New Jersey. The Bike-A-thon raises funds for cancer research, and provides special services to cancer patients. For this event, the DRPA has allowed closure of the roadway in both directions for approximately two (2) hours.

<b><u>2017 Estimated Costs:</u></b>	Bridge Operations Support	\$3,500
	Public Safety Support	\$2,000
	IS Tech Support	\$ 500
	Impact on DRPA toll revenue	\$ 0
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

**Sunday, July 30, 2017 – Irish Pub Foundation Tour De Shore.** For more than 20 years, the Tour de Shore has crossed the Ben Franklin Bridge for this charity event that begins in Philadelphia and ends in Atlantic City. Proceeds benefit law enforcement charities and surviving family of police and firefighters throughout the region. For this event, the DRPA has allowed closure of the roadway in both directions for approximately two (2) hours.

<b><u>2017 Estimated Costs:</u></b>	Bridge Operations Support	\$3,500
	Public Safety Support	\$2,000
	IT Tech Support	\$ 500
	Impact on DRPA toll revenue	\$ 0
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

**Sunday, November 5, 2017 – Ben Franklin Bridge Run for LARC School.** For more than ten (10) years, the DRPA has hosted the Run the Bridge race on the Ben Franklin Bridge. This event which is a premier 10K run in the region, supports the LARC School in Bellmawr, New Jersey, which serves students with a wide range of moderate to severe disabilities. For this event, DRPA has allowed closure of the roadway in both directions for approximately two (2) hours.

<b><u>2017 Estimated Costs:</u></b>	Bridge Operations Support	\$7,200
	Public Safety Support	\$2,000
	IS Tech Support	\$ 500
	Impact on DRPA toll revenue	\$ 0
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$9,700</b>

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	<b>Source of Funds:</b>	<b>Operating Budget</b>
	<b>Capital Project #:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Operating Budget:</b>	<b>\$22,310.00</b>
	<b>Master Plan Status:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Other Funds Source:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Duration of Contract:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Other Parties Involved:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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**Operations & Maintenance Committee: March 7, 2017**  
**Board Date: March 15, 2017**  
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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board hereby authorizes DRPA to provide labor support for five (5) annual charity events in 2017 involving bridge roadway or ramp closures, three (3) at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, one (1) at the Commodore Barry Bridge and one (1) at the Betsy Ross Bridge, Richmond Street ramp.

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