

SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-17-110

SUBJECT: 2018 Charity Event Bridge
Closures at BFB & CBB

COMMITTEE:

Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:

November 28, 2017

BOARD ACTION DATE:

December 6, 2017

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to provide labor support for five (5) annual charity events during 2018 that involve bridge roadway or ramp closures at two of our four bridges: three (3) events at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, Bridge and one (2) event at the Commodore Barry 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, 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 four (4) charity event-related bridge or ramp closures during 2018.

Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 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.

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| <u>2018 Estimated Costs:</u> | Bridge Operations Support | \$0 |
| | Public Safety Support | \$0 |
| | Impact on DRPA toll revenue | \$0 |
| | Total Cost | \$0 |

Saturday, September 15 2018- Ancient Order of Hibernians-Annual (AOH) Commemoration of Commodore John Barry. Since 1976 AOH & DRPA have worked together to honor the memory of Commodore John Barry by allowing use of the Barry Bridge Plaza and electrical outlet. This event is scheduled to take no more than one (1) hour to lay a wreath at the Naval Anchor to remember John Barry’s life accomplishments and contributions to our nation’s history.

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| <u>2018 Estimated Costs:</u> | Bridge Operations Support | \$0 |
| | Public Safety Support | \$0 |
| | Impact on DRPA toll revenue | \$0 |
| | Total Cost | \$0 |

Sunday, June 10, 2018 – 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.

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| <u>2018 Estimated Costs:</u> | Bridge Operations Support | \$2,485 |
| | Public Safety Support | \$2,000 |
| | IS Tech Support | \$ 750 |
| | Impact on DRPA toll revenue | \$ 0 |
| | Total Cost | \$5,235 |

Sunday, July 29th – 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 families 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.

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| <u>2018 Estimated Costs:</u> | Bridge Operations Support | \$2,485 |
| | Public Safety Support | \$2,000 |
| | IT Tech Support | \$ 750 |
| | Impact on DRPA toll revenue | \$ 0 |
| | Total Cost | \$5,235 |

Sunday, November 4, 2018 – 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.

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| <u>2018 Estimated Costs:</u> | Bridge Operations Support | \$3,660 |
| | Public Safety Support | \$2,000 |
| | IS Tech Support | \$ 750 |
| | Impact on DRPA toll revenue | \$ 0 |
| | Total Cost | \$6,410 |

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| SUMMARY: | Amount: | \$14,880 |
| | Source of Funds: | Operating Budget |
| | Capital Project #: | N/A |
| | Operating Budget: | \$14,880 |
| | Master Plan Status: | N/A |
| | Other Funds Source: | N/A |
| | Duration of Contract: | N/A |
| | Other Parties Involved: | N/A |
| | Estimated Number of Jobs supported: | N/A |

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board hereby authorizes DRPA to provide labor support for four (4) annual charity events in 2018 involving bridge roadway or ramp closures, three (3) at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and one (1) at the Commodore Barry Bridge.

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| SUMMARY: | Amount | \$14,880 |
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| | Capital Project #: | N/A |
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| | Other Fund Sources: | N/A |
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| | Other Parties: | N/A |