SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-19-054

SUBJECT: DRPA Application for Grant Funding through FY 2019 US Department of Transportation Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development or “BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant,” for the Reopening of Franklin Square Station on the PATCO Transit Line

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: June 11, 2019

BOARD ACTION DATE: June 19, 2019

PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Board of Commissioners authorize staff to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Transportation, Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development or “BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants,” for Construction for the reopening of the Franklin Square Station on the PATCO Transit Line with an estimated total cost of $25,160,000.

PURPOSE: To make application to the US DOT BUILD 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 of 2019, appropriated $900 million dollars to the US Department of Transportation to fund National Infrastructure Investments. FY 2019 BUILD 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 BUILD Funding. This project aligns with the goals of the BUILD Discretionary Grant Program by improving connections between people and centers of employment, education, and
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services. DRPA seeks $12,580,000 of Federal Funding with the residual project amount coming from DRPA General Funds.

The FY 2019 Appropriations Act is extremely competitive and consideration will only be given to projects having a cost in excess of $5 million dollars that will make transformative surface transportation improvements that are measurable over existing conditions.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $12,580,000
Source of Funds: Federal Grant
Capital Project #: PTD.01502
Operating Budget: DRPA General Fund
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: Federal FY 2026
Other Parties Involved: US DOT, FTA, DVRPC
Estimated Number of Jobs Supported 79
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority be and hereby are authorized to apply to the United States Department of Transportation, Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development or “BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants,” 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 $25,160,000. DRPA seeks $12,580,000 of Federal Funding with the residual project amount coming from DRPA General Funds.

RESOLVED: The Chairman, Vice Chairman 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 Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter either the Chairman or Vice Chairman 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 Chairman and Vice Chairman 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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