PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a perpetual easement agreement with Holt Hauling and Warehousing Systems, Inc. or Affiliated Companies (“Holt”) for the purpose of relocating utilities at the anchorage yard of the Walt Whitman Bridge.

PURPOSE: To enter into an easement agreement with Holt for the installation of utilities at the anchorage yard of the Walt Whitman Bridge.

BACKGROUND: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) has declared the former Welsbach Gas Mantle sites, and various related sites, a Superfund remediation area, and has been involved in the investigation and remediation of thorium and radium contamination since the 1990s. A significant amount of radioactive contamination has been identified under the Walt Whitman Bridge and in an area south of the bridge. The investigative work has finally been completed after many years. USEPA has determined that there is a necessity to build an on-site processing plant for these radioactive materials in the Holt-leased property due to the nature and extent of the contaminated materials in the vicinity of Holt’s leasehold. To be able to complete the remediation work, USEPA has determined that the existing utilities for Holt will need to be relocated across two strips of DRPA property, each of which is located adjacent to the Holt-leased property.

The utilities will be relocated across the anchorage yard of the Walt Whitman Bridge in Gloucester City, New Jersey. The property in which Holt is required to install the utilities is along King Street, Block 2.01, Lot 4 and between the New Jersey Tower and Delaware River, Block 2.01 Lot 3. Holt will have the utilities installed and will need access to the utilities in case of maintenance or repair, for which Holt will bear full responsibility.

Walt Whitman Bridge Operations has confirmed that the presence of these utility runs will not interfere with DRPA operations. Holt will be required to
obtain insurance pursuant to DRPA requirements and will be required to
indemnify DRPA for any losses sustained relative to this easement.

SUMMARY:  
Amount:       TBD  
Source of Funds:  N/A  
Capital Project #:  N/A  
Operating Budget:  N/A  
Master Plan Status:  N/A  
Other Fund Sources:  N/A  
Duration of Contract:  Perpetual  
Other Parties Involved:  N/A  
Estimated Number of  
Jobs Supported:  N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority to negotiate a perpetual easement agreement with Holt Hauling and Warehousing Systems, Inc. or Affiliated Companies for the purpose of relocating utilities at the anchorage yard at the Walt Whitman Bridge. This will allow the United States Environmental Protection Agency to complete a remediation project at the New Jersey approach to the Walt Whitman Bridge; and be it further

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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