PROPOSAL: That the Board approves PATCO’s Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

PURPOSE: Approval of this plan is required for compliance with 49 CFR Part 673.11.

BACKGROUND: On July 19, 2018, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a final rule for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans as authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The final rule requires operators of public transportation systems that receive Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 to develop Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) based on the Safety Management System approach. Operators of public transportation systems are required to implement the PTASPs. The development and implementation of the PTASP is intended to ensure that PATCO continues to operate safely.

As of July 20, 2020, PATCO must certify that it has established a comprehensive PTASP, have the PTASP approved by the Board, and certify to FTA that the PTASP is in place and complies with the final rule. Per 49 U.S.C. 53 (d) (1) (A), the operator’s (i.e., PATCO) PTASP must be approved by the board of directors of the recipient of the financial assistance. DRPA is the recipient of the assistance, thus DRPA’s Board must approve the PATCO PTASP.

At a minimum, the PTASP must:

- Include the documented processes and procedures for the transit agency's Safety Management System, which consists of four main components: (1) Safety Management Policy, (2) Safety Risk Management, (3) Safety Assurance, and (4) Safety Promotion.

- Include performance targets based on the safety performance
criteria established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan

- Address all applicable requirements and standards as set forth in FTA's Public Transportation Safety Program and National Public Transportation Safety Plan;

- Establish a process and timeline for conducting an annual review and update of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan;

- Include an emergency preparedness and response plan; and

- Be reviewed and approved by the State Safety Oversight Agency (NJDOT).

PATCO staff began development of the PTASP early in 2019 with substantial assistance from its consultant, STV. A final draft PTASP was submitted to NJDOT on October 30, 2019. The submitted PTASP was conditionally approved on November 21, 2019. Final NJDOT approval is conditioned on Board approval of the PTASP. NJDOT also made recommendations for further development that were incorporated into the final PTASP.

SUMMARY:  

| Amount:            | $0          |
| 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: | N/A     |
| Other Parties Involved: | None |
| Estimated Number of Jobs Supported: | 0 |
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority approves the PATCO Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan; 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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Estimated Number of Jobs Supported: 0