

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION

Authorization to File a Grant Application with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Section 1516 Funding Available in FY 2012

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT), provides Section 1516, Programs of Statewide Significance, assistance to transit operators under the provisions of Act 44 of 2007. Port Authority of Allegheny County proposes to submit an application to PENNDOT to obtain funds for a simulation-based public engagement tool that will enable the public and stakeholders to better understand the opportunities created by Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The funds would also be used to perform a Downtown Circulation Study (Study) in support of BRT Alternative Analysis (Analysis).

The public engagement tool uses videogame and simulation technology to facilitate discussion on various features of transit alternatives in the Downtown/Oakland/East End Corridor. Study will evaluate the best alignments for BRT routes in the Golden Triangle and assess all of the other bus route patterns to simplify the bus route network while improving operational efficiency.

Both of these efforts enhance the existing Analysis work scope. The need for this additional work was anticipated in order to make the planning effort as robust and as complete as possible.

This resolution authorizes the filing of grant applications with PENNDOT to receive capital assistance available during FY 2012 through Section 1516 of Act 44. This resolution further authorizes the execution of contracts with PENNDOT for these funds upon approval of the applications.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, each year the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT), provides capital assistance to transit operators across the state under the provisions of Section 1516 of Act 44 of 2007, 74 Pa. C.S.A. § 1516, as amended (Act); and

WHEREAS, Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) must submit applications to PENNDOT at various times throughout the year for receipt of these and other funds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to submit an application to PENNDOT for certain eligible capital project expenses which are set forth on Exhibit "A" and the Authority will seek funding from PENNDOT for the project expenses up to \$440,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act, the Authority will only use these funds to pay for eligible capital project expenses set forth on Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, any funds not used in FY 2012 will be retained and used only for eligible capital project expenses in subsequent fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will be pursuing non-state match for the requested funds (*i.e.*, up to 20 percent of the total project costs) from project stakeholder groups, foundations, and the County of Allegheny.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the chief executive officer and/or chief financial officer be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and file a grant application with PENNDOT, on behalf of the Authority, requesting FY 2012 Section 1516 funding for the project identified on Exhibit "A" hereto.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief executive officer and/or chief financial officer, and such other officers as shall be required, be, and hereby are, authorized to execute any necessary contract(s) with PENNDOT upon approval of the applications filed pursuant to this resolution and to take all such other actions necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

EXHIBIT "A"

Estimated Amounts of State Section 1516 and Non-State Funds Available

Act 44 Section 1516 - "Programs of Statewide Significance"

	<u>State Section 1516</u>	<u>Non-State</u>	<u>Total</u>
BRT AA/NEPA Study	<u>\$ 440,000</u>	<u>\$ 110,000</u>	<u>\$ 550,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 440,000</u>	<u>\$ 110,000</u>	<u>\$ 550,000</u>