

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A TIGER GRANT APPLICATION

Philadelphia Regional Port Authority

Resolution No. 2016-P1

April 19, 2016

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority has been authorized under Section 6 of the Act of July 10, 1989, P.L. 291, 55 P.S. Section 697 et seq. of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “PRPA Act”) to promote, apply for and accept grants for the purposes of advancing regional port facilities and port-related projects to include furtherance of cooperative state efforts; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation announced federal funding for a grant program; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects include port infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Authority identified several port infrastructure projects that would benefit the region if grant funding is received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Authority has determined, on the basis of information provided to it (which information is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by references) to approved submission of a grant application

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board authorizes its staff to submit the Tiger Grant Application for the projects listed in Exhibit “A”, and submission of the formal grant application.
2. The Executive Director of the Authority, with the advice of its Chief Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the specific terms and conditions of the agreements and the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of the Authority any agreements, documents or other instruments as may be necessary to effectuate such arrangements.

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MOVED: Rocky Bryan

SECONDED: Robert Clark

APPROVAL: Yes

Qualified Majority Required: No

Sweeney*

Bryan**

Clark*

Dougherty***

Gramian*

Guilday**

Gureghian**

Mannino**

McNichol***

Pearson*

Skoutelas***

Gubernatorial Appointee*

Legislative Appointee**

Gubernatorial Appointee - County Recommendation ***



DATE: April 11, 2016
TO: PRPA Board of Directors
FROM: Edward G. Henderson, Director of Finance
SUBJECT: 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program

Background

The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2016 appropriated \$500 Million to be awarded by the Department of Transportation for National Infrastructure Investments. This funding is often referred to as TIGER Discretionary grants. Transportation related projects including rail, transit, marine and highway can be funded through this program. A minimum local match of 20% is required with most prior awarded projects having a substantial overmatch. The primary selection criteria for these projects are: state of good repair, economic competitiveness, quality of life, environmental sustainability, and safety. Final applications are due April 29, 2016. Projects need to be obligated by September 30, 2019

The Authority proposes to submit a grant for two projects: the Southport Berth Development and the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal Berth and Crane Rail enhancement project.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Board Authorize the staff to submit the two identified grant applications.