

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 17-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ("SPC") to authorize the Port Authority of Allegheny County to re-program \$35,400,000 of federal funds, \$44,250,000 total, in transit funding which has already been obligated by the Federal Transit Administration from the Section 5309 – New Starts Program to Port Authority of Allegheny County from the Airport Busway/Wabash HOV project to the Automatic Fare Collection System project.

WHEREAS, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447) includes a provision that allows that funding made available under Chapter 53 of Title 49, U.S.C., and Section 1108 of Public Law 102-240 to Port Authority of Allegheny County for the Airport Busway/Wabash HOV Facility project which remains unexpended may be used by Port Authority for the purchase of buses and bus-related equipment in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5309;

WHEREAS, the regional Automatic Fare Collection System is to provide a smart-card based fare collection system that can be utilized by all regional transit operators that elect to participate in the project;

WHEREAS, the use of a common system infrastructure would facilitate the move toward seamless coordination of regional transit services and better data collection to establish usage and travel patterns, made possible by up-to-date fare collection technologies;

WHEREAS, an Automatic Fare Collection System will be able to accommodate current and future transit fare structures and fare options of all participating agencies;

WHEREAS, \$35,400,000 of federal funding remains in the Airport Busway/Wabash HOV Facility grant (PA-03-0227) and Port Authority of Allegheny County intends to close out that grant and move funds to a new grant for the regional purchase of automated fare collection equipment;

WHEREAS, Port Authority of Allegheny County intends to provide \$8,850,000 of state and county capital bond funding to match the \$35,400,000 in federal funding;

WHEREAS, Port Authority of Allegheny County intends to require regional operators that participate in the project to provide local match commensurate with their share of the total project costs;

WHEREAS, the proposed action conforms with SPC’s TIP amendment policies and public involvement process, does not change TIP fiscal balance, does not affect any STIP project, or affect the region’s air quality conformity determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, recognizing first its collective interests in the well-being of its residents and in the continued effective operations of the overall transportation system, approves the Port Authority of Allegheny County's request to re-program \$35,400,000 of federal funds, \$44,250,000 total, in transit funding which has already been obligated by the Federal Transit Administration to fund the Automatic Fare Collection System project.

I, Charles A. Camp, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am Secretary-Treasurer of the SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION: that the foregoing resolution was adopted, in accordance with the By-Laws, by the Members of said Commission at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of December 2007, a quorum being present and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.

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Secretary-Treasurer