

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 20-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to amend the 2030 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania to reflect the updated project schedule and cost estimate for the “North Shore Connector LRT – Gateway Line” and to reflect newly identified funding for the project.

WHEREAS, the “North Shore Connector LRT – Gateway Line” is a 1.2 mile extension of the Light Rail Transit system from the existing Gateway Station in Downtown Pittsburgh to the Carnegie Science Center in the North Shore via a tunnel under the Allegheny River and three new stations; and

WHEREAS, the project is identified in the region’s conforming, fiscally constrained 2030 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania and the 2005-2008 Transportation Improvement Program for completion by 2010 at a total cost of \$393.0 million with \$48.4 million received for the project prior to the 2005-2008 TIP period, \$295.1 million committed on the 2005-2008 TIP, and the remaining \$49.5 million committed in the Long Range Plan in 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project has increased by \$42.0 million and is now estimated at \$435.0 million, with completion by 2011; and

WHEREAS, prior to executing a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the Port Authority of Allegheny County, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that the total cost of the project be programmed on the fiscally constrained TIP and Long Range Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Allegheny County has secured commitments from federal, state, and local sources to cover the \$42.0 million cost increase as follows: a federal share of \$33.6 million (\$18.0 million from the FTA Section 5309 New Starts Program in 2009, \$5.0 million from the FTA Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization Program in 2010, and \$10.6 million from the Dedicated Statewide Transit Reserve [\$5.0 million in 2010 and \$5.6 million in 2011]), a matching share of \$7.0 million from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and a matching share of \$1.4 million from Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Allegheny County has entered into discussions with the Commonwealth and with Allegheny County officials regarding payment of the additional matching shares in 2009, 2010, and 2011; and

WHEREAS, a 30-day public review and comment period was held from June 27, 2006 through July 27, 2006 consistent with the SPC Public Involvement Policy, all comments and responses were available for review by the Commission prior to action on the proposed Long Range Plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Long Range Plan amendment and funding commitments for the project were presented and discussed at the SPC Transit Operators Committee meeting on July 18, 2006, and at the Transportation Technical Committee meeting on July 20, 2006 with both committees recommending SPC approval; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Long Range Plan amendment maintains overall fiscal constraint for the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Long Range Plan amendment will not interfere with the implementation of any State Implementation Plan (SIP) project; and

WHEREAS, approval of the amendment to the Long Range Plan will not alter the finding of conformity with the federal Clean Air Act for the 2005-2008 TIP and 2030 Long Range Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission amends the Available Resources Element (ARE) of the 2030 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania to reflect the new cost of \$435 million to complete the “North Shore Connector LRT – Gateway Line” by 2011 and to update the financial plan for the project to reflect the additional \$42.0 million identified to fully fund the 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 31st day of July 2006, 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.

Secretary-Treasurer