

Summary of the Resolution

Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security for FY 2010 Transit Security Grant Funding

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed a National Infrastructure Plan and a National Strategy for Transportation Security. An important component of DHS Infrastructure Protection Program is the Transit Security Grant Program. The FY 2010 Transit Security Grant Program is providing funding for transit projects which meet the national goals to strengthen the security of the nation's transit systems.

Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) was notified in December 2009 that funding for FY 2010 Transit Security Grant Program was available and project proposals were due February 18, 2010. After reviewing the application materials and guidelines, the Authority learned that Pittsburgh is categorized as a Tier 2 city for both bus and rail. As a result, the Authority is required to compete nationally among the other Tier 2 cities for funds totaling \$27.3 million for rail and bus.

The Authority is developing a proposal to request a total of approximately \$700,000 to ensure radio frequency communications/interoperability between the Authority Police, City Emergency Services and other Regional Emergency Responders. The Authority's new radio enhancements will comply with FCC bandwidth requirements, will be upgraded to digital technology, and will specifically replace the existing radiating coaxial cable antenna distribution network with new radiating coaxial cable.

Federal funding is provided in the amount of 100 percent of total project costs requiring a zero percent non-federal match.

This resolution authorizes the Authority to enter into an agreement with DHS for transit security funding for FY 2010.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Infrastructure Protection Program includes a Transit Security Grant Program component; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2010 Transit Security Grant Program will provide financial assistance to selected mass transit systems; and

WHEREAS, Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) has, or will submit, project proposals for consideration for such funding in the amount of \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to access these funds to enhance the security of its bus and rail facilities; and

WHEREAS, these federal funds require no local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the chief executive officer and/or chief financial officer be, and hereby are, authorized:

1. To execute grant and cooperative agreements on behalf of the Authority with DHS under the FY 2010 Transit Security Grant Program component of the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate; and
2. To execute and file with such agreements other documents that may be required by DHS to be submitted before federal assistance may be awarded.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief executive officer and/or the chief financial officer be, and hereby are, authorized to execute any and all documents and to take any and all actions necessary and proper to effectuate the processing of the proposals and agreements herein authorized.