

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION

Authorization to Implement Fare Increases Effective January 1, 2011

On July 23, 2010, the Board of Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) passed a resolution authorizing the Authority staff to proceed with a public comment period for proposed service reductions and fare increases in an effort to balance the Authority's budget due to the ongoing statewide transportation funding crisis brought about by the Federal Highway Administration's failure to approve Pennsylvania's proposed tolling of Interstate 80.

Subsequently, proposed service reductions and fare increases were issued to the public and a public comment period was held from Wednesday, July 28, 2010, until Tuesday, August 31, 2010, including a public hearing on August 19, 2010. In September of 2010, following staff input and recommendations, the Board authorized staff to proceed with a supplemental public comment period and public hearing limited to a revised fare increase proposal.

This supplemental public comment period was held from Wednesday, October 13, 2010, until Friday, November 12, 2010, including a supplemental public hearing on November 3, 2010. Staff now recommends that the Board implement the fare increases proposed during the supplemental public comment and public hearing period, as set forth on Exhibit A.

This resolution authorizes the necessary Authority staff to proceed with implementation of the revised fare increases effective January 1, 2011, in order to balance the Authority's operating budget to respond to the ongoing statewide transportation funding crisis.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2010, the Board of Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) passed a resolution authorizing the Authority staff to proceed with a public comment period for service reductions and fare increases in an effort to balance the Authority's budget due to the ongoing statewide transportation funding crisis brought about by the Federal Highway Administration's failure to approve Pennsylvania's proposed tolling of Interstate 80; and

WHEREAS, the proposed service reductions and fare increases were subsequently issued to the public and a public comment period was held, including a public hearing on August 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2010, following staff input and recommendations, the Board authorized staff to proceed with a supplemental public comment period and public hearing limited to a revised fare increase proposal; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised fare increases were issued to the public and a supplemental public comment period was held concerning same, including a supplemental public hearing on November 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Authority staff now recommends that the Board implement the proposed fare increases set forth on the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration, the Board concurs with staff's recommendation to ensure that the Authority can balance its operating budget to respond to the shortfall and challenges resulting from the ongoing statewide transportation funding crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority's chief executive officer, chief financial officer, assistant general manager Service Planning & Development, inside general counsel and/or other necessary Authority staff be, and they hereby are, authorized to proceed with implementation of the fare increases and changes detailed on the attached Exhibit A, effective January 1, 2011, and to take any and all other actions necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.