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DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

Friends Meeting House
320 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Thursday, September 18, 2014

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PRESENT

PENNSYLVANIA

William Sasso, Esquire
Michelle Kichline, Esquire
Walter D'Alessio
Joann Bell
John Lisko, Esquire (for Robert McCord)
Eugene DePasquale (via telephone)
John J. Dougherty
Andrew Reilly, Esquire
Victoria Madden

NEW JERSEY

Jeffrey L. Nash, Esquire, Vice Chairman
(Chaired the meeting)
Albert Frattali
Richard Sweeney
Charles Fentress
Denise Mason
E. Frank DiAntonio (via telephone)

Officers and Chiefs

John Hanson, Chief Executive Officer
Danielle McNichol, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary
Kristen Mayock, Deputy General Counsel
Michael Conallen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
James White, Chief Financial Officer
Timothy Pulte, Chief Operations Officer
Toni Brown, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Venuto, Chief Engineer
John Rink, PATCO General Manager
Bennett Cornelius, Assistant General Manager, PATCO
Thomas Raftery, Inspector General
Jack Stief, Chief, Public Safety

1 DRPA Staff

2 Nancy Farthing, Executive Assistant to CEO
3 Howard Korsen, Contract Administration
4 Elizabeth McGee, Administrative Coordinator
5 William Shanahan, Director, Gov. Relations
6 Susan Squillace, Manager, Purchasing
7 Dawn Whiton, Administrative Coordinator
8 Dan Auletto, Bridge Director, WWB
9 Mark Lopez, Mgr. Government Relations
10 Barbara Holcomb, Manager Capital Grants
11 Jesse Graziani, Toll Manager, BFB/BRB
12 Matt Luongo, Lt. Police, BFB
13 Fran O'Brien, Manager Comm./Customer Relations
14 Tony DeSantis, DRPA, CAC

15 Counsel

16 Christopher Gibson, Esquire, Archer & Greiner,
17 New Jersey Counsel
18 Thomas Ellis, Esquire, Duane Morris,
19 Pennsylvania Counsel

20 Others

21 Joshua Wilson, Chief of Staff, Office of Lt. Gov.
22 Peter Simon, Esquire, New Jersey,
23 Gov. Authorities Unit
24 John Boyle, CAC
25 Tara Chupka, IBEW
26 Peter Nissan, Acacia
27 Kathy Clupper, PFM
28 Paul Nussbaum, Inquirer
29 Arnold Alston, Wells Fargo
30 Chris Rupe
31 Jim Blume
32 Dan Walworth, Duane Morris
33 Frank Keel
34 Brian Stevenson

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Speakers

Charles Roberts, Ironworkers Local 401
Nina McKissock
Father Waters

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:00 a.m.)

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3 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Good morning, everyone.
4 Welcome to the monthly meeting of the Delaware River
5 Port Authority. Thank you very much for being here
6 today in this historic building.

7 We're going to begin with a moment of
8 silence. I'll ask everyone to please rise and remain
9 standing after the moment for the Pledge of
10 Allegiance. A moment of silence today in memory of
11 the Corporal Brian Dixon, age 38, of Dunmore,
12 Pennsylvania, who was horrifically shot and killed
13 while on duty. That is where the Chairman of this
14 Board is today at the funeral of that officer
15 comforting the family. And also our prayers go to
16 Trooper Alex Douglas, who was also injured in that
17 attack. So please, a moment of silence.

18 (Moment of Silence.)

19 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Thank you. And we also
20 remember today one of our foremen, Ways and Power
21 Track Foreman, Paul Seykot, a long-time employee of
22 the authority who died while working an overtime shift

1 last week.

2 Mr. Hanson: After the shift.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: After the shift. And
4 he and our family in our prayers as well.

5 Thank you.

6 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

7 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Ask the corporate
8 secretary to please call the roll.

9 MS. McNICHOL: Vice Chairman Nash?

10 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Here.

11 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Mason?

12 COMMISSIONER MASON: Here.

13 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Kichline?

14 COMMISSIONER KICHLINE: Here.

15 MS. McNICHOL: Commission DiAntonio?

16 COMMISSIONER DiANTONIO: Here.

17 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Frattali?

18 COMMISSIONER FRATTALI: Here.

19 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Sweeney?

20 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Here.

21 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Sasso?

22 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Here.

1 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Riley?

2 COMMISSIONER RILEY: Here.

3 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Dougherty?

4 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Present.

5 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Fentress?

6 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Here.

7 MS. McNICHOL: Commissioner Lisko?

8 COMMISSIONER LISKO: Present.

9 MS. McNICHOL: You have a quorum, sir.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Thank you very much.

11 Begin the meeting with --

12 Auditor General DEPASQUALE: I am on the
13 phone.

14 MS. McNICHOL: Thank you, General.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Is there anyone else on
16 the phone?

17 Thank you, General DePasquale.

18 We'll begin with a report from the Chief
19 Executive Officer.

20 MR. HANSON: Thank you, Vice Chairman Nash.

21 I just want to say that the report stands as

22 submitted. I just want to highlight a couple of, a

1 couple of operational issues that we have on the way.

2 The Enterprise Resource Planning Project is
3 underway. Kickoff of the new ERP system has begun.
4 The team has collected data from various departments
5 in order to create mockups, which will be used during
6 the blueprinting and creating best practices.

7 Meetings with employees are ongoing and the
8 details of the processes are being discussed. Our
9 second continuous track outage on the Ben Franklin
10 Bridge Track Project is underway. Began August 22nd.

11 Over the past three weeks, we've been able
12 to identify areas where we've increased capacity and
13 reduced passenger congestion, and we've made schedule
14 enhancements that went into effect on Monday,
15 September 15th.

16 I'd like to ask John Rink if he has any
17 other comments on this project.

18 MR. RINK: No. I don't know if Mike will
19 talk about the construction side. The enhancements we
20 did, our field staff looked at the passenger flow
21 during the evening rush and the morning rush. We made
22 some adjustments to make sure our customers had a

1 better ride, less crowded trains, and move them home
2 in the evenings. So far, the schedule is working well
3 and things are running well in regards to that.

4 MR. HANSON: Thanks.

5 Mr. Venuto, any comments on how the
6 contractor's work is progressing?

7 MR. VENUTO: Yes, sir. I will say the
8 schedule on the 50-day outage is going well.

9 I would utilize some lessons learned from
10 the first 60-day outage and incorporate them into our
11 scheduling process for this term. And we are
12 progressing well with the sandblasting and painting,
13 followed up by the track work that we've established.
14 So far we're making good progress.

15 MR. HANSON: Mike, do you want to continue
16 with an update on the PATCO Car Rehabilitation
17 Project?

18 MR. VENUTO: Yes. Right now, as I've
19 indicated before, we have eight of the pilot cars in
20 our Lindenwold shop, currently being tested on our
21 PATCO system. We are approximately 90 percent through
22 the testing. We're finalizing contract items and the

1 details of our 500-mile test. I would still expect to
2 start that 500-mile test this month. The 500-mile
3 test validates that the cars run as they were
4 designed. At this point we're focusing on the
5 integration of new cars into the PATCO system and then
6 communications within the car systems. We've been
7 testing some new software systems to alleviate some of
8 the buzz we've had. We've tested in the lab, and we
9 have some positive results. So new communications
10 software is being installed this week. We do have six
11 more cars nearing completion at the Wornel (ph.) shop,
12 and will be ready to be shipped upon acceptance of the
13 initial eight cars.

14 MR. HANSON: Thank you.

15 Now I'd like to ask General Manager John
16 Rink to provide an update on the PATCO elevators and
17 escalators.

18 MR. RINK: For the month of August our
19 elevators were at 98.5 percent, a target of 90
20 percent. The escalators operate at 96.7 percent,
21 exceeding our target of 90 percent. The contractor
22 that is installing the new escalators at Woodcrest at

1 15th, 16th. Within the next couple of weeks we
2 anticipate the down escalator at Woodcrest to be put
3 back into service.

4 MR. HANSON: Thanks, John.

5 I'd like to, I would like to recognize the
6 work of one of our toll collectors at the Ben Franklin
7 Bridge, Janet Romani. She's been called by one of our
8 bridge customers a wonderful example of a human being
9 and a fine employee. According to that customer she
10 was following her newly licensed 17-year-old son, and
11 Janet saved the day. Panicked mother lost track of
12 her son was across the bridge by mistake. Her phone
13 was uncharged. She had no way of contacting her son,
14 he had no idea how to get back from Philadelphia.
15 Toll collector Romani saw the mother's plight. She
16 called the woman's son from her personal phone, and
17 then patiently directed the mother and son to a safe
18 place where they were reunited. She followed up with
19 a text to check on their safe arrival. Clearly an
20 example of one of our employees going above and beyond
21 their duties on behalf of our customers.

22 Finally, I would just like to make mention,

1 the tragedy that happened earlier this week to PATCO
2 The individual was struck by a train at 8th and Market
3 and I would like to report that the train operator who
4 was involved in this tragedy seems to be doing well
5 according to Mr. Rink, and he's eager to come back to
6 work. So that concludes my comments.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Thank you.

8 Next will be the report of the Chief
9 Financial Officer.

10 MR. WHITE: Good morning, Mr. Vice Chair and
11 Commissioners. I'd like to turn your attention in
12 your packet to the DRPA dashboard. I will also be
13 using as a supplemental document the document we use
14 in the Finance Committee meeting, which is also called
15 the DRPA Unaudited Financial Summary.

16 As you look at the DRPA dashboard, just a
17 couple of overall comments I wanted to make. If
18 you'll look at that dashboard, you will see four out
19 of the last five months bridge traffic has exceeded
20 the budget. So we've recovered from some of the
21 traffic losses that we had during the earlier part of
22 the year because of inclement weather. Also,

1 additionally, if you'll look at the dashboard under
2 DRPA bridge revenue, five out of the last five months
3 our actual revenues have exceeded budget. So we've
4 seen improvement there, particularly in revenue and in
5 traffic. And from the preliminary information I have
6 for the month of August, it appears that the traffic
7 was flatter. It may be slightly above August of last
8 year. Year-to-date, when you look at the traffic and
9 the revenues, we are still around \$345,000 less than
10 last year. DRPA total revenues are around \$524,000
11 less than last year. However, when you look at the
12 budget, DRPA traffic is only around \$28,000 below what
13 we estimated, and DRPA revenues, total revenues are
14 \$1.5 million over budget. The reason for that is
15 because we did budget three decrement against the toll
16 revenues. We budgeted three inclement weather days,
17 and that helped us to stay, given the fact we had a
18 tough time this year, that's the reason we're so close
19 to budget. So if you will turn to the second portion,
20 DRPA Operating Budget, DRPA Capital Budget, again we
21 see trends for the most part that DRPA operating
22 budget actuals are less than budget except for the

1 month of June. So we are year-to-date through July we
2 are roughly \$3.9 million below budget or roughly eight
3 percent under budget at this point in terms of the
4 DRPA Operating Budget. That is primarily driven by
5 the fact of unfilled positions and payroll and ESC
6 expenses being significantly below our budget.
7 Capital Budget. We had an aggressive expenditures
8 during the month of June. July we still had a healthy
9 \$9.1 million spent. But significantly different than
10 the \$18.5 million, which was primarily driven by the
11 Ben Franklin Bridge PATCO car project payments that we
12 made to the vendor there.

13 If you'll turn to PATCO ridership. PATCO
14 ridership has been between 95 and 98 percent of budget
15 during 2014. Obviously there's been an impact because
16 of the track rehab project. The revenue trend has
17 been in the 95 to 99 percent range with the one
18 exception being during the month of May when we had an
19 extraordinary miscellaneous receipt that caused
20 revenues to exceed the budget there.

21 If you'll turn to PATCO Operating Budget,
22 the operating budget actuals are less than budget;

1 particularly the last two months. Earlier in the year
2 because of overtime and other factors, the PATCO
3 expenditures were over budget. Year-to-date we are
4 \$143,000 less than budget or roughly a half a percent
5 less than budget at this point through July 31.

6 And if you will turn now to PATCO on-time
7 performance, that has improved in terms of trend.
8 From April we see a trend of 96.1 percent. It has now
9 reached July, 97.2 percent.

10 And, John Rink, I don't know if you want to
11 make any comments related to that, but, obviously, the
12 trend here is a positive one over the last four months.

13 MR. RINK: Yes. For the last five months
14 coming out of the winter and concluding the Ben
15 Franklin Bridge schedule, we've improved our on-time
16 performance. We've had our equipment run to schedule.
17 Everything has been running normal on schedule. And
18 with that we have improved our on-time performance.
19 The last couple of months the number of trips that you
20 notice on that scheduled amount of trips is lower than
21 previous months, and that's due to the fact that we're
22 running less trains during the bridge outage schedule.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I'm going to ask
2 everybody to speak directly into the microphone
3 motorcycle it's hard to hear. Or maybe it's just me,
4 but it's very hard to hear.

5 MR. RINK: Okay. Can you hear me okay?

6 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Not great.

7 MR. RINK: Okay, very good. I'm sorry.

8 The last item I wanted to show on the DRPA
9 dashboard is to just make a comment related to DRPA
10 open positions and PATCO open positions. Obviously
11 that's one of the reasons why the actuals are less
12 than budget. We still have a fair number of unfilled
13 positions, and that drives the personnel expenses and
14 the healthcare expenses, et cetera. So that's worth
15 noting.

16 So generally our revenues are up,
17 particularly as it relates to the DRPA, and our
18 expenses are down. So that means from a cash flow
19 perspective, we're exceeding budget. And that
20 concludes my remarks.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Jim, let me ask you,
22 what, and this is an issue that's important to many of

1 the commuters, what is the status of the traffic study
2 that we're conducting.

3 MR. WHITE: That we're conducting? We're
4 awaiting for the final signatures on the contract
5 extension. We've provided data to the, to the firm
6 that is working related to that, but we can't start
7 until the documents are signed. We're looking to add
8 results hopefully in a six-week timeframe. So that's
9 the status where we are at this point.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: The traffic study is
11 required if we are going to give our commuters a break
12 on the tolls.

13 MR. WHITE: That's correct. We have to do,
14 we have to get a traffic certification. In addition
15 we need to get a certification related to operating
16 expenses in order for that to happen. I have with me
17 Pete Nissan from Acacia.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: We don't need to get
19 into the details right now.

20 MR. WHITE: Okay, no details.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I know that Lieutenant
22 Governor Cawley has been interested as have I and the

1 Commissioners about exploring opportunities to give
2 our commuters a break.

3 MR. WHITE: Okay.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: And we need to have
5 that traffic study done as quickly as possible.

6 MR. WHITE: Very good. We're also seeking
7 estimates on what programming would be necessary in
8 order for us to enact it as well.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Very good.

10 MR. WHITE: That concludes my report.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Any questions for the
12 CFO? Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: You mentioned open
14 jobs. You know, I was going to do it later in the
15 session, but I was hoping to maybe get an update on
16 all the vacancies, all the jobs that still have
17 interim titles associated with them, and, you know,
18 maybe get a breakdown of some of the contracts that we
19 do have. And some of the people haven't had a raise
20 in maybe seven, eight years. And want to have that
21 discussion a little bit --

22 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Speak closer into the

1 mic. COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Okay. I said I'm
2 going to do it a little bit later, but you mentioned
3 open jobs. So I was hoping that, you know, a little
4 bit probably on the new business. So if you in the
5 meantime you can get me some sort of number of how
6 many open jobs we have, how many interim titles we
7 still have, okay. And I want to talk about, you know,
8 we have people that haven't had a raise in 7, 8, 9
9 years, you know. And I understand there's legislation
10 that, you know, but that's not my concern. My concern
11 is about, you know, you have on one side of the aisle
12 you still have people that haven't been reappointed,
13 you know. On the other side of the aisle you have an
14 election in November. And we shouldn't let politics
15 control business. Okay. So we should have a business
16 game plan. We should stick to the business game plan.
17 I mean if it means -- you know, we can't be paralyzed
18 by politics when it comes to people who deliver the
19 critical services to make sure that this Authority
20 runs.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I agree with the
22 Commissioner that the unrepresented employees of this

1 Authority have not received a raise in six years. And
2 especially the Pennsylvania residents, they are now
3 paying extra money because one of the benefits that
4 they had a long time ago 1926 actually was that they
5 were able to use the bridge without paying for it, and
6 that was ended two years ago. So these compensation
7 issues are critical to the continued operation of this
8 Authority. And Toni Brown, who directs HR, I'm going
9 to ask you to provide Commissioner Dougherty and any
10 Commissioner who wants, a complete list of all the
11 outstanding vacancies. And also, John, if you can
12 identify which of those vacancies are priority
13 vacancies for the safe continued operation of the
14 Authority.

15 Commissioner Sasso.

16 COMMISSIONER SASSO: I would just suggest
17 that you send it to all the Commissioners. I think
18 it's an excellent point, and everybody should have a
19 copy so we can have an intelligent discussion about
20 moving forward along the lines of what Commissioner
21 Dougherty indicated.

22 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: I'd like to

1 continue the conversation a little bit more later.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: As for the New Jersey
3 appointments that's a decision of the Governor.

4 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Well, that's,
5 again, you know, we can joke about that, but that's
6 not my concern here when it comes relative to if I'm
7 here, I've been here, I've been let go. I've been
8 brought back. The system is still the same, the
9 bridges still the same when I left, and the people
10 that maintain the bridges are real important. And I
11 want to make sure that we don't let the politics, you
12 know, hold up the ability to make sure that we have
13 qualified people here. For example, the gentleman to
14 your right has done about six, seven months with the
15 interim title on his name. I mean that's just not
16 right, okay. When you have someone whose got a
17 department that he's overseeing, we ask him to do
18 something different for less money, when he's in a
19 position that's actually one of the arms of the
20 Authority that was working. So we've got to take a
21 look at that. We've got to make a decision. So we
22 can't worry about, you know, if we get overrode, we

1 get overrode. But then it's the responsibility of the
2 person who overrode you not the responsibility of the
3 Commissioners.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Any other questions for
5 the CFO?

6 All right, seeing none, I'm going to ask
7 regarding the minutes for August the 20th -- oh, yes,
8 I'm sorry, John.

9 MR. HANSON: Thank you, Chairman Nash. I
10 have one disclosure to make that I neglected to make
11 during the, during my CEO report, and that is that
12 during this week I have agreed to allow the Girl
13 Scouts to have a art judging contest on the Gateway
14 Park area. There was some discussion about whether or
15 not this was an in kind contribution because there is
16 no fundraising. It's a community service project by
17 the Scouts. We didn't prepare a resolution because it
18 was contemplated at the last meeting that within two
19 weeks the property would be transferred, and that was,
20 that was stated at the meeting. That hasn't happened.
21 So we thought that the art contest, which is going to
22 occur this Saturday would wouldn't be our property

1 anymore. The Scouts had advertised it, and it's on
2 their website. It had been publicly disseminated.
3 The plans were set for this project. Everyone is
4 coming out. Thanks to the heroic efforts of Deputy
5 General Counsel Mayock, and then, and then General
6 Counsel McNichol, we were able to get a right of entry
7 together. We're making the arrangements to have the
8 gates open and to have the area cordoned off that they
9 are going to use. But, again, there's possibility
10 that if this is viewed to be an in kind contribution
11 then this decision is in violation of the reform
12 resolution that would have required a resolution
13 authorizing that. And I want to disclose that to the
14 Board at this time.

15 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Are you asking for a
16 resolution?

17 MR. HANSON: No. I mean we've given them
18 the right of entry. So I just want to make sure that
19 everybody is aware that this action was taken. And if
20 there were issues about whether or not it was in kind
21 contribution as well as we didn't think we were going
22 to own the property as of this Saturday, but right now

1 we still own it.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: So if we see Girl
3 Scouts in the park, don't be worried.

4 MR. HANSON: Right.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Okay.

6 MR. HANSON: Don't be worried.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Don't call John at
8 home.

9 MR. HANSON: We won't, and we won't be, we
10 won't be ejecting them from the park.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Thank you.

12 Are there any questions or concerns about
13 the Girl Scouts coming into the park?

14 All right. Seeing none, thank you, John.

15 Next are the minutes of the August 20, 2014
16 Board meeting that were previously provided to the
17 Commissioners. Are there any corrections?

18 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Move they be approved
19 as submitted.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Been a motion. Is
21 there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Second.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

2 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed.

4 Motion carries.

5 Next item is the monthly list of purchase
6 orders and contracts covering the month of August
7 2014. Is there a motion to accept?

8 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Move the motion.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: There's been a motion.
10 A second, please.

11 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Second.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: There's a second. All
13 those in favor?

14 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed.

16 Motion carries.

17 We're going to go a little bit out of order
18 and ask for public comments. I have two names of
19 people who have pre-registered for public comment.
20 The first is Charles Roberts of Local 401.

21 Mr. Roberts, please identify and give us
22 your address for the record.

1 MR. ROBERTS: Charles J. Roberts.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: If you don't mind,
3 stand by the microphone so everyone can hear.

4 MR. ROBERTS: My name is Charles J. Roberts.
5 I'm a representative and steward for Local 401,
6 currently working on the Walt Whitman Project, bridge
7 project. I understand that you want to send the job
8 out to bid for the repairs, remaining repairs on this
9 bridge.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: You talking about the
11 gusset plates that are required?

12 MR. ROBERTS: Yes. Yes.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: We're going to have a
14 discussion probably executive session because it does
15 involve contracts. The question that you're concerned
16 about it is whether or not the DRPA under its existing
17 procurement process --

18 MR. ROBERTS: Yes.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: -- is required to send
20 out for an RFP and bid for the purchase of gusset
21 plates.

22 MR. ROBERTS: Yes.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Which is an important
2 part of that. We're going to talk about that in
3 executive session. But we do have procurement
4 procedures that must be followed. What runs up
5 against that procurement procedure is the practical
6 need to have these gusset plates purchased as quickly
7 as possible and not to delay the project so it's a, an
8 enormous inconvenience not only to the contractors but
9 also to the commuters. And the reason we need to go
10 into executive session is to discuss those legal
11 issues.

12 MR. ROBERTS: I've been doing bridge work
13 for 18 years, and by far the decay on this bridge
14 itself is the worst I've ever seen.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: We're going to make
16 sure that a procurement procedure is not going to
17 upend the safety of our commuters. I can assure you
18 that. That's why we're going to address that issue
19 today.

20 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. Yes.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Commissioner.

22 COMMISSIONER SASSO: I just want to say,

1 Mr. Roberts, that we've discussed your work at the O&M
2 Committee meeting, the Operations and Maintenance
3 Committee meeting and the work that the general
4 contractor has you on the job. We are exceedingly
5 pleased with the work that you folks have done.
6 Absolutely first-rate, well ahead of schedule. I just
7 wanted to express my appreciation. I know I speak on
8 behalf of the Commissioners for a job well done to
9 date. And that's part of the consideration we're
10 going to get involved in. But please don't think
11 we're ignoring that. And thank you, thank you for
12 your efforts.

13 MR. ROBERTS: I thank you. Just my point on
14 the whole situation. There was a certain amount of
15 repairs were done on there deemed emergency. Well, we
16 did do those. We completed those in a timely fashion,
17 faster than what, I guess we should have, but which is
18 a great thing, but and along to doing those repairs,
19 we discovered repairs that were far worse than what we
20 took out and replaced. For example, if I may, a 15-
21 inch hole in a load-bearing diagonal beam on the north
22 or south side of the Philadelphia tower anchorage.

1 That's a load-bearing beam with a 15-inch hole. You
2 could put a hard hat in that. And to me personally
3 myself that's scary. And I've got to work around
4 this. And find more. I mean there were ties placing
5 gussets that we took out that had minimal holes. But
6 some of the ones just setting and removing the load
7 lines for everything else they were worse, and that's
8 the point I'm trying to make. These repairs need to
9 be done.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: John.

11 COMMISSIONER HANSON: I would also like to
12 commend you on your work and thank you for the
13 excellent work you and the contractor performed out
14 there. I've been out there myself with General
15 Counsel, with Deputy General Counsel, with the bridge
16 director, and I've seen the, I've seen the issues that
17 you've discussed. I would like to assure you and the
18 public that we have had consulting engineer carefully
19 examine those gusset plates. We have monitoring
20 devices on several of the gusset plates that are out
21 there, ensuring that there is no danger of a failure.
22 I would also like to reiterate something that I've

1 said before, which is that even if there was a
2 failure, and we've addressed the urgent repairs
3 according to our consulting engineers, that failure
4 would not result in a safety issue to commuters as
5 I've been told again by our engineers. It would
6 result in more extensive damage to the bridge. And so
7 this is not a safety issue to our commuters, and,
8 again, it is an issue that has been carefully examined
9 by consulting engineers. Although I do understand the
10 issues that you raise of efficiency, of the appearance
11 of the plates there because I've been there and seen
12 them with my own eyes, you know, being under that
13 bridge on the platform under the bridge personally
14 looking at them. And I don't know if our Chief
15 Engineer, Mr. Venuto, do you have anything you want to
16 add on that?

17 MR. VENUTO: Yeah. I'll reiterate what you
18 said. We obviously did the first set of priority
19 repairs at a very timely and efficient fashion, and we
20 were very happy and pleased, and were able to take the
21 restrictions off the bridge exactly when we intended.
22 There are in fact more areas that need to be addressed

1 as you say. And we did a careful job of evaluating
2 where we drew the line between the immediate
3 priorities, which is the one that we did now versus
4 the other set of priorities that we had intended to
5 put for bid. And like Vice Chairman Nash said, we are
6 running up against the procurement procedures that we
7 had, and, again, we're going to talk about those in
8 executive session today. But you are correct, there
9 are ones that are out there that need repairs. But I
10 can assure the Commissioners and yourself, you know,
11 we ran calculations on each of the 45 total that needs
12 to be addressed, and we ran calculations on each of
13 the 45 to make sure, to be able to rank and prioritize
14 those, and that's where we came up with the list of
15 the ones that we did already and the ones that we are
16 going to go forward with.

17 MR. ROBERTS: Not even the concern of the
18 daily traveler, but you also have the shipping lane
19 not a concern to what we're doing, but to them it is.
20 Just taking these platforms down, the level of
21 material that's falling off the bridge, it's pretty
22 immense plus everything else. And I don't speak for

1 Wholesale or Delmonte, but it's a concern. So that's
2 all I really have.

3 MR. VENUTO: Thank you, sir.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Commissioners.

5 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: You know I work
6 alongside my brothers and sisters in the labor
7 movement every day. But we're managed, right. We
8 bring things in under budget all the time, on time all
9 the time. The problem that the brother said here is
10 that he made reference that there was a hole, and we
11 responded to it. What's the process? Because in my
12 experience, you know, when someone who is on the
13 jobsite says that there's a problem, okay, it's
14 usually a much bigger problem than we realize. So,
15 you know, the process when we say because it comes
16 across to anyone sitting out here it sounds pretty
17 illogical that how could you, you know, have a 15-inch
18 hole in the bridge and it really doesn't, you know,
19 hold any bearing on the transportations back and
20 forth. When, like the process is he would report that
21 to his contractor. The contractor would report it to
22 the DRPA person on the site. The person on the site

1 would get it back to Michael, and then we would
2 immediately react to that. I mean is there, is there
3 a, you know, you never want to scare anybody, but I
4 mean when we see something like that, just explain to
5 us a little bit the process in which we reacted to it.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Mike, do you want to
7 talk about that a little bit?

8 MR. VENUTO: Yes, sir. Commissioner, I got
9 pretty much heard what he said. Some of it missed.
10 So if I missed part of it just reiterate that part of
11 it. But so the process is exactly, I think the
12 initial question is if we see something onsite or we
13 get reports back that we saw something onsite what's
14 our process to go through. So what we have on the
15 site, we have not only the contractor's eyes who are
16 out there and the daily workers, we have our
17 consulting engineers, who did the biennial inspection.
18 So as we discovered that this would be a problem or as
19 we discovered this as a problem during the biannual
20 inspection, we came back to this Board and got a
21 supplement to that contract for some enhanced
22 investigation. So our internal engineers do some

1 work, our bridge operations folks onsite, and our
2 consulting engineer also perform additional enhanced
3 inspections. We did two other things. We also had
4 them run calculations on the gusset plates based off
5 the deck has new loading on it, new design loads
6 'cause it's a new deck. And what we did, one of the
7 issues with the gusset plates is there are the old
8 deck had expansion joints every sixth floor beam, and
9 that is where we're seeing the corrosion on the gusset
10 plates because of the salts getting through that. The
11 new deck is a continuous deck. So we eliminated the
12 majority of the joints. So that's, that is going to
13 slow down the deterioration that we've seen over the
14 past couple years. So we ran the calculations on the
15 gusset plates based on the existing loading to
16 determine, to prioritize. So we labeled them Priority
17 0, which was the ones we had to initially get,
18 immediately get to, Priority 3, which was we had to
19 get to them in three months; Priority 6 and Priority
20 12. And what we decided to do we vetted with the O&M
21 Committee, was attend to all the P0's, P3's, and P6's
22 in a priority under emergency authorization. The CEO

1 gave emergency authorization. And then we came back
2 to the O&M Committee. And then we have monitor string
3 gauges on three string gauges out there to monitor
4 conditions of the P12's. One that's in good shape,
5 one that has already started some deterioration, and
6 one of the new gusset plates to monitor the
7 performance to see how they react versus the design
8 loads in the event that we see something that we don't
9 expect and it then pushes it from a P12 to a P6. And
10 that's kind of how we made the cutoff of which ones we
11 would bid versus which ones we would do under
12 emergency powers.

13 MR. DOUGHERTY: It sounds to me based on my
14 experience that the people who are responsible for
15 overseeing this are comfortable with the contractor.
16 We have emergency powers around here. We hired a
17 public relations person because we had a backup of
18 PATCO, okay, from all their emergency powers. So I
19 would think that, you know, we're not talking about
20 taking a new contractor and placing him here,
21 somebody's favorite son. We're talking about using
22 someone who has already delivered a product in

1 probably the biggest life safety thing that we can do,
2 keep the bridges safe. So I don't even know why we
3 need executive sessions. That's something we should
4 just do.

5 MR. HANSON: I agree with you. In fact,
6 when we, you know, when we confronted this issue, we
7 did do a million, \$1.6 in emergency work. And when
8 you look at this, Daniel Auletto, who is the Bridge
9 Director for the Walt Whitman Bridge, he's back there.

10 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Just put not to
11 exceed cap. Put not to exceed cap on it and just get
12 the work done.

13 COMMISSIONER SASSO: I, for those of you who
14 aren't aware, I chair the O&M Committee, and we have
15 very, very thorough discussion at the O&M Committee
16 about these types of issues, and we had extremely
17 thorough discussion about this particular issue. And
18 I'm in the same place as Commissioner Dougherty. We
19 have a contractor that has gone over and above. We
20 have a situation and, and by the way, I think I speak
21 on behalf of the entire O&M Committee, and I want to
22 mention that there are individuals on that Committee

1 who are far more experienced than I am in construction
2 issues and construction problems, and as I look up and
3 down this table, I see those individuals present
4 today. But the fact of the matter is we've got a
5 contractor who is performing over and above. We've
6 got people on the job represented by Mr. Roberts here,
7 who are doing a job over and above. It's something
8 which makes sense to me from the standpoint of saving
9 money for our commuters that we move forward and
10 complete this effort without putting it out for formal
11 bid. I know we have bid procedures, but the fact of
12 the matter is by discussing it out here in the open
13 and in public saying that we have an opportunity here
14 to correct the problem, I don't know if it's an
15 emergency problem or not, but I just don't want to be
16 thinking about this at night whether or not, you know,
17 maybe the consultant is wrong and maybe it is an
18 emergency problem. I would just like to get the job
19 done. So we do have a resolution to move forward and,
20 you know, if the rest of the Board is comfortable.
21 But I think we have to have discussion about this. I
22 would just like to make the resolution.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: There's been a
2 resolution. I think there had been a resolution
3 proposed by the O&M Committee initially to move
4 forward with this purchase.

5 MR. HANSON: We removed it from the packet
6 subsequent to the O&M Committee meeting. We realized
7 that at the O&M Committee meeting that it didn't
8 appear to qualify as an emergency. However, I
9 authorized it to be placed on the agenda to give us
10 further time. Because Bridge Director Auletto raised
11 a number of important issues. The crowding of the
12 construction schedule, the length of time of the
13 construction season, particularly in view of the harsh
14 winter that we had last winter when we didn't get as
15 much work as we had had done. And we looked at it
16 very, very carefully, and still could not justify it
17 in the context of our procurement procedures as an
18 emergency, even though Director Auletto was very
19 anxious to get the work done. COO Pulte, Chief
20 Engineer Venuto and myself, it did not appear to be
21 emergent. In addition to the superior work of the
22 contractor, that's already been mentioned, the

1 crowding of the construction schedule, all those other
2 things still appeared that it could be accomplished by
3 the time specified by the consultant. Although just
4 at the end of the time specified by the consultant in
5 a way that would maintain the integrity of the bridge
6 structure. But I think every one of us would say for
7 all those reasons that we would much prefer to have it
8 done and out of the way.

9 COMMISSIONER FRATTALI: You know, I'm not an
10 engineer, but I've got 44 years in the iron worker
11 industry. What we're missing here is when you do a
12 job and you guys get into the flow of the job,
13 productivity goes up. Now these guys, you know,
14 engineering inspector, one gusset plate every 12 days,
15 they're getting six. That's money saving to the
16 DRPA. We shut this project down to go through the
17 procurement process, we've got to reengineer it, we've
18 got to put it out to bid. We're going to waste time.
19 We got a new crew coming in that's got to get
20 acclimated to the work again. Mike, what did you say
21 that dollar figure was? Two million more?

22 MR. VENUTO: We're estimating approximately

1 \$2.7 million for the remaining 30.

2 COMMISSIONER FRATTALI: Sometimes you've
3 just to use common sense. I mean, you know, a similar
4 thing happened at the Ben Franklin Bridge Rail
5 Project. We delayed and stalled, and it cost us a
6 million dollars more for that project. I see, more
7 than that, I see the same thing happening now, you
8 know. Sometimes like Commissioner Dougherty said, we
9 should just do it. We're the Board, you know. I just
10 don't understand. It's not making sense to me.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Well here's a
12 suggestion. I do agree. If this is going to cost the
13 toll payers another two to three million dollars and
14 shut down a project, which apparently has some safety
15 concerns.

16 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Based on the
17 conversation that I just had with General Counsel what
18 we have heard here in this discussion, she recommends,
19 and I agree, that this is the basis for a sole source
20 justification which would conform to our procurement
21 policies, and we could move forward under the sole
22 source procurement vehicle.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Do you need a
2 resolution?

3 MR. HANSON: We would need a resolution to
4 do that, yes.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: So does that resolution
6 need to be framed in any way before we vote on it? We
7 can put it under new business. We could do it right
8 now?

9 MS. McNICHOL: It would need to go into new
10 business, sir. And in addition to that, we're going
11 to have to do a super majority because it is not
12 currently on the agenda.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Right. So our intent
14 is under new business, which is forthcoming in a
15 minute or so, we will introduce that resolution with
16 great appreciation that you brought this matter to our
17 attention, Mr. Roberts, and we will need, in order to
18 introduce that resolution because it's not on the
19 packet, we will need to introduce it and receive a
20 super majority of the Commissioners. And assuming
21 that we do receive that, we will pass that resolution
22 under new business in a minute or so.

1 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you very much.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: You're welcome. Thank
3 you for coming.

4 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: The next speaker is
6 Nina McKissock. Ms. McKissock, please identify where
7 you're from.

8 MS. MCKISSOCK: Yes. Thank you. My name is
9 Nina McKissock. I live at 509 Vine Street in Old
10 City. Yes. Thank you. And I'm here representing the
11 Old City Dog Owners Group. It's a newly formed group
12 of people who are responsible dog owners, and we want
13 to, we live right adjacent to the fenced in area on
14 Fifth and Vine, which is DRPA property. It's a small
15 L-shaped piece of property, if you, if you can
16 remember. It parallels the Ben Franklin Bridge. And
17 we would like to form a dog park, and we understand
18 that you may have some questions about what our
19 intentions are. We have written our mission, our
20 mission statement, and I'd like to read that to you.
21 It just takes a second.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: We had questions about

1 your intentions about creating a dog park?

2 MS. MCKISSOCK: Possibly, yes.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Other than putting dogs
4 in the dog park? Is there possibly another intent?

5 MS. MCKISSOCK: Yes. It will be for dogs
6 and responsible owners. There are some questions
7 about, you know, of course about liability. And, for
8 instance if someone does get injured in the dog park,
9 who is liable. So I want to work with you on that.
10 Apart from that who is going to maintain it also.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I would imagine that
12 who will maintain the dog park is probably a critical
13 issue. Who is speaking with Ms. McKissock?

14 MS. MCKISSOCK: Tom is coming and, and he's
15 on his way here, but I, I don't see him.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Who went to DRPA?

17 MS. MCKISSOCK: Fran O'Brien.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Fran. Okay.

19 MS. MCKISSOCK: Yes.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I think what we'll do,
21 I'm interested. I think dog parks are a great amenity
22 to a community.

1 MS. MCKISSOCK: Yes.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: And I will work with
3 you to see that if we could do this it's possible.
4 Obviously it's a question who is going to maintain the
5 dog park and clean it up.

6 MS. MCKISSOCK: Yes, Um-hum.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: That's always a big
8 issue. But we'll try to work it out maybe with the
9 City of Philadelphia's help and the community's help.

10 MS. MCKISSOCK: All right, so what, what are
11 your expectations for us?

12 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I'm going to speak to
13 Ms. O'Brien, and we'll follow-up with you, and maybe
14 we'll have a meeting to discuss it further.

15 MS. MCKISSOCK: All right, fine. Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Thank you.

17 MS. MCKISSOCK: Bye-bye. Thank you.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: What kind of dogs do
19 you have?

20 MS. MCKISSOCK: I have a rescued Cavalier
21 King Charles Spaniel, yeah.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I have a rescue, half

1 Lab, half something chubby.

2 MS. MCKISSOCK: They're quite wonderful.

3 Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Yeah. All right.

5 Thank you.

6 Are there any other public speakers?

7 Father.

8 FATHER WATERS: My name is Father Bill
9 Waters, a member of the Augustinian community. I do
10 not have a dog. For one month now I've been the new
11 pastor at Saint Augustine Parish right on the bridge,
12 and I come among you today to say it's a very historic
13 parish. It's the first place that the Augustinian
14 community ever came to in this country, which was in
15 1796. So I'm very happy to be here and to be among
16 you and be here today, and to offer to you any
17 assistance that we being right on the bridge may ever
18 be of help to you. I really don't know what that
19 might be. But we are right there, and if we can be of
20 any help to you any way, we'd be happy to do so. Also
21 mention since I'm here, I'd be, I will be less than
22 honest to say I will be very happy when the

1 renovations are over on the bridge. The noise is
2 incredible right where I am. My bedroom, my office.
3 Sometimes we have to go out of our place to be able to
4 make a phone call to hear. There's been an
5 improvement. I'd like to thank Fran O'Brien
6 tremendously. She deserves all the pay that she gets.
7 She's a great community liaison. She really is. We
8 were having the renovations and the noise, the jack
9 hammering literally in the middle of the night, three
10 o'clock, four o'clock in the night. And I understand
11 why they use that for torture in wars now. That's
12 improved. It's during the day. And we'll be very
13 happy when it ends 'cause it really is a necessary
14 inconvenience. I'm sure if it could be done another
15 way it would be. I tell people it is a temporary
16 inconvenience for permanent improvement, but we'll be
17 very happy when that's over. We really will. If
18 there's any way that we at Saint Augustine's can be of
19 any help to you, we're right under the bridge, and be
20 happy to do so. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Father, many times when
22 I served on this Board when I wished someone was

1 praying for me. So that's, that's something, that's
2 something you could do probably for all the
3 Commissioners.

4 FATHER WATERS: We're praying that the
5 renovations will be over soon. Thank you very much.
6 If any help that we can be at any time, let us know.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Father, it's an honor
8 for you to be here today, and we greatly appreciate
9 it. Mike Venuto is overseeing, and you now have an
10 offer of divine assistance to get this job done on
11 time. So I guess what I would ask, Michael, if you
12 would communicate with the Church to make sure that if
13 there is anything that we can do to help the church or
14 if there is times that we should not be hammering and
15 banging to assist. That's something that we might be
16 able to assist with. So, you know, please
17 communicate.

18 FATHER WATERS: Thank you.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: John.

20 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Just for the
21 record, when you come over here in Pennsylvania you
22 get Father Waters. When we go over Jersey we get

1 Elvis.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Thank you very much. If
3 anything we can do, let us know.

4 FATHER WATERS: That's why you pay five
5 dollars to get into Philadelphia.

6 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Does Father Waters
7 get 2.50 of it?

8 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All right. Thank you.
9 Are there any other, any other public speakers?

10 All right, thank you very much.

11 We're going to go back to the agenda
12 approval of the Audit Committee meeting minutes of
13 September 3, 2014. And they have been previously
14 provided to all Commissioners. Is there a motion to
15 accept the minutes, the Committee minutes?

16 COMMISSIONER SASSO: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

19 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed.

21 Motion carries.

22 Next is Resolution DRPA-14-108. It's

1 amendment to the Authority's Right to Know Policy to
2 allow for the Political Contribution Disclosure Forms
3 to be available to the public consistent with the
4 Authority's stated goals of resorting openness and
5 transparency in its transactions

6 Is there a motion to adopt 108?

7 COMMISSIONER SASSO: So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

10 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Motion carries.

12 Any opposed? I guess not.

13 All right, the next is the approval of the
14 Operation and Maintenance Committee meeting minutes of
15 September 3, 2014. Is there a motion to approve?

16 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Move the motion.

17 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

19 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed.

21 Motion carries.

22 Next are the resolutions adopted by the

1 Operations and Maintenance Committee minutes of
2 meeting of September 3, 2014, 109 through 114. Are
3 there any questions regarding any of these
4 resolutions?

5 Seeing none, I'll take them as a group. All
6 those in favor.

7 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed.

9 All of those resolutions are adopted.

10 The next are the resolutions that are
11 approved by the Finance Committee on September 12,
12 2014. They are Resolution 115 through 117. Are there
13 any questions regarding those three resolutions?
14 Seeing none, I'll take a motion to adopt all three of
15 them together.

16 COMMISSIONER SASSO: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Second.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Any opposition?

19 All those in favor?

20 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed.

22 Those three resolutions are approved.

1 Next is unfinished business. Is there any
2 unfinished business of the Board?

3 Seeing none, we'll move to new business.

4 We're begin with the new resolution that we
5 had discussed regarding the purchase of gusset plates.
6 And, John, you want to frame that resolution for us?

7 MR. HANSON: Yes. We are going to continue
8 with the existing contractor as a modification, Mike,
9 to the contract, is that how we'll do it?

10 MR. VENUTO: If I explain the draft, the
11 draft resolution that we have initially put in and
12 pulled. Commissioners, the resolution that was
13 initially written was similar to the other contract
14 modification resolutions that we typically do for
15 change orders on contracts. We elected to do the
16 gusset plate work with the existing contractor because
17 we have provisions in an existing contract that
18 warrants the deck rehabilitation that gave us the
19 authority to do the direct work and then to proceed
20 under a directive. So what we did, the Board
21 previously approved what that, what that summary
22 statement said, and it had the attachment that we

1 typically have about the contract change
2 modifications. What it, what the resolution showed
3 was two specific line items this Board previously
4 approved \$750,000 following CEO Hanson's emergency
5 authorization to get started with the gusset plates.
6 And we were doing them under time and material at that
7 time. So the change order that I had or the
8 resolution I had proposed with two line items. One
9 would be an additional \$715,000 to pay for the initial
10 15 gusset plates. And that's the \$1.5 million that we
11 referred to earlier. The second line item in that
12 change order would be for the \$2.7 million, which will
13 cover the remaining 30 gusset plates. So we'll
14 actually have two. I didn't think it was appropriate,
15 Commissioners, to give a \$2.7 million change order
16 without addressing the remaining money that we owed
17 them already. So it basically has two, two line
18 items; one adding \$750,000 to pay for the remaining of
19 the first 15 gusset plates, \$2.7 million, which is our
20 estimate, moving forward for the remaining 30.

21 MR. HANSON: Mike, before I get into the
22 sole source justification rationale, this project will

1 be excluded from the OCIP because it's going to extend
2 past the end of the year?

3 MR. VENUTO: Yes, sir.

4 MR. HANSON: Is that right?

5 MR. VENUTO: So, up to now we have been
6 operating under the Owner Controlled Insurance Policy.
7 That expires at the end of the year. We did look at
8 trying to see if we could get this job completed
9 before the end of the year to take advantage of the
10 OCIP policy. But given the amount of work and the
11 fact that we're trying to keep it from weekends, to
12 keep it on normal work shift hours, it is going to
13 push into next year which would mean it wouldn't be
14 beneficial for us to extend the OCIP into next year.
15 So we would ask the contractor to pay for their
16 insurance. We'll have to provide insurance. And if
17 we can discuss whether we're going to provide
18 insurance from day one, from now moving forward or
19 from December 31st moving forward. But I think based
20 on some initial discussions we wanted to stop the
21 OCIP, the work on the OCIP, and then get insurance
22 from here moving forward.

1 MR. HANSON: And it would seem to me that
2 the cleanest way to do it is for the whole additional
3 piece taken out of the OCIP.

4 MR. VENUTO: Yes, yes, sir. So all work
5 that's been completed and any work moving forward from
6 this 30 gusset plates on will all be under their
7 insurance, and will get a cost specifically for their
8 insurance.

9 MR. HANSON: Just because we said different
10 things, and I think it means the same thing, I just
11 want to make sure there's no misunderstanding. The
12 subject of the work that's going to be done under this
13 sole source will all be moved out of the OCIP, right?

14 MR. VENUTO: Yes, sir.

15 MR. HANSON: Okay. Good. All right. So
16 this resolution will be approved on a sole source
17 procurement basis based on the cumulative effect of
18 the newly discussed conditions as well as the greater
19 economic benefit, including less delay, including
20 greater efficiency, including cost savings, including
21 the issues raised by Bridge Director Auletto relative
22 to compressed construction schedules and uncertainty

1 of construction seasons. They form the basis of the
2 sole source recommendation.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All right, thank you.

4 Are there any questions regarding that
5 resolution which we will now list as DRPA 14-121?

6 No other questions? Okay. We need a motion
7 to have this added to the agenda by super majority.
8 Is there a --

9 COMMISSIONER FRATTALI: I make that motion.

10 COMMISSIONER SASSO: I second it.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

12 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed?

14 All right, so the motion, so the resolution
15 is now added to the business agenda. Now I need a
16 motion to adopt that new resolution.

17 COMMISSIONER FRATTALI: Move the motion.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Second.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

21 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed?

1 All right. Mr. Roberts, it's been approved.

2 Next item for new business is DRPA-14-118,
3 consideration of pending DRPA contract between \$25,000
4 and \$100,000. Is there any questions on that
5 resolution?

6 Seeing none, I'll take a motion to adopt.

7 COMMISSIONER FENTRESS: Move.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: Second.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

11 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed?

13 Motion carries.

14 DRPA-14-119 is there a motion to table?

15 COMMISSIONER SASSO: I'd like to propose a
16 motion to table this resolution. At the last Audit
17 Committee Meeting, Commissioner DePasquale came up
18 with some good ideas with regard to the procedure to
19 be followed for outside employment. I think what we'd
20 like to do is discuss that at the next Audit Committee
21 meeting. So I would move to table this motion.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Been a motion to table.

1 COMMISSIONER MASON: Second.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

3 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed?

5 that resolution is tabled.

6 The next item is 14-120. Easement to the
7 City of Philadelphia for the gas meter installation
8 along Hedley Street. Is there any questions on that
9 resolution?

10 Seeing none, I'll take a motion to adopt.

11 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: So moved.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Is there a second,
13 please.

14 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Second.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

16 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed?

18 Motion carries.

19 The next item is the Citizens Advisory Board
20 Report. Is there any members of the Citizens Advisory
21 Board?

22 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: New business

1 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I'm sorry?

2 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: We're still on new
3 business.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Oh, I'm sorry. New
5 business, yes.

6 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Just wanted to
7 continue the conversation we had earlier that, you
8 know, I think we should have, you know, and I don't
9 know what committee it falls under, but I think we
10 should have not only a gathering of the information.
11 Again, you know, open jobs, contracts that have been
12 open-ended for years closing in on a decade, interim
13 titles. You know, again, we can't let things out of
14 our control affect the way we do business. I think we
15 need, you know, a however you want to title it, a
16 definitive business management plan that includes the
17 people in the building, you know. There's a
18 perception out there that as administrations change,
19 people change. That's really not true. It's
20 basically only Board members. So the one thing that I
21 know from over when you go to Camden for the meetings,
22 the one gentleman who meets you at the front desk,

1 okay, probably lives in the neighborhood, great guy,
2 great ambassador for the Authority, always makes you
3 feel comfortable, still wants to see your
4 identification tag, okay, but just good people. We
5 can't let the workers, the people and from that guy to
6 the police officers. You just can't say well there's a
7 piece of legislation someplace that says we can't
8 raise salaries. Okay. This is a business. You have
9 to make decisions to keep, you know, approve
10 resolution to keep the bridge safe just like you have
11 to, you have to make sure that this Authority has a
12 business game plan that you make sure that people are
13 in place to run it, you know. We run it in-between
14 meetings. We run it in in-between elections. But we
15 need people to be able to run it that aren't paralyzed
16 by politics and you've got a lot of good people here,
17 and it's not loaded with drama or anything, but I
18 think that you need something, and you should do it
19 now. I think timing is right. That's point number
20 one. Point number two, Franklin Square Station, I
21 want to keep that on the agenda. I know that you have
22 instituted, you know, a process, you know, you always

1 want to get reports.

2 MR. HANSON: Mike, can you say something
3 about where we are on the Franklin Square update?

4 MR. VENUTO: Yes, sir. Since the station
5 was opened in the '30s, it's been reopened, closed,
6 and reopened two times. The latest time was 1976.
7 And it was closed within two years after that. In
8 2003, the DRPA understood a study to evaluate the cost
9 and cost of reopening under Franklin Square to take
10 advantage of any potential ridership created by the
11 development in and around Franklin Square. The study
12 identified the improvements, which must be made to the
13 station and develop ridership numbers and the
14 associated cost. At that time in 2003 it cost between
15 \$5.2 and \$6.5 million, with approximately 930
16 customers using it. In 2009, we updated that study
17 based on the additional development that was done
18 there, particularly the National Constitution Center.
19 At that time it came back that it would be between
20 \$9 and \$15 million dollars, depending on how we
21 renovated it. But ridership numbers didn't change
22 much. Over this week we executed a task order with

1 a consultant to update the study. We're going to
2 review the existing conditions of the stations, and
3 we're going to document changes made in the area from
4 the 2003 and the 2009 studies, and evaluate the
5 capital cost of reopening the station. We're going to
6 work with the Regional Metropolitan Planning
7 Organization, DBRPC to develop ridership estimates for
8 the current and future timeframes to capture any
9 effects of the projected development in and around
10 Franklin Square. So we expect that the new study will
11 take approximately 12 weeks to perform.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: I think that, listen,
13 I'm not an engineer, but I do see what's going on in
14 Northern Liberties when I'm not hanging out with Elvis
15 in New Jersey. To me this is natural. That Franklin
16 Square when it was constructed, the dynamics and the
17 demographics of the city have so dramatically changed
18 that our job is to move people in and out of places
19 where they want to be. And I believe that that
20 location is so key to the demographics, the new
21 demographics of the city that we have to not only
22 think about money, but we have to think about our job

1 of moving people in and out of key places. And that
2 is, in my view, a natural location for another train
3 station.

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: I was in Boston yesterday.
5 The IBW pension money has invested close
6 a billion dollars to put out 30-page marketing piece
7 on 11th and 12th, Market and Chestnut. It's going to
8 change the whole environment. It's going to open up
9 Ludlow Street for those who know Center City from
10 Market to Chestnut. It's going to open up Chestnut
11 Street for the first time on that lower end. The
12 Convention Center expansion is just basically starting
13 to kick in. We've got private management. We're
14 bringing the conventions in, okay. That area is
15 jumping. The area, Franklin Square, has over 900,000
16 visitors this year alone. Okay. They, them numbers
17 don't show up in studies. If we were worried about
18 every rider, we wouldn't have a PATCO Speedline. I
19 agree with Mr. Nash. And if you look at it correctly,
20 anyone who hasn't been to Collingswood lately ought to
21 stop there. It's a beautiful town, great restaurants.
22 You hop on the Square and get right off. So it

1 benefits both, Jersey and Philly, you know. And I
2 always thought that was the purpose, keep the bridges
3 safe and get people to use it.

4 MR. HANSON: We will also include in the
5 capital budget money so that we can take action if
6 there's a decision to go forward based on the study.
7 Budget process underway. And I've asked Mike to put
8 something in so that we're prepared in the event that
9 the Board makes the decision to go forward based on
10 the study.

11 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Would Commissioner
12 Dougherty be comfortable if we refer the station
13 matter to O&M and the labor issue to the Labor
14 Committee?

15 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER SASSO: Why don't we just do
17 that. Two good points. We ought to be taking action
18 on.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: This way it has the
20 momentum of those committees to continue looking at
21 the issues.

22 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Just at a

1 accelerated pace because, you know, we can't control
2 some of the things that we can't control, but they are
3 in front of us.

4 COMMISSIONER SASSO: The O&M Committee also
5 moves at an accelerated pace. Right, Mike?

6 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Listen, that's why
7 you're such a fast guy.

8 Mr. HANSON: We do have a task order now to
9 update the study. It's in place.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Appreciate you doing
11 that.

12 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Thank you.
13 Apologize for my back.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Anything else? Any
15 other matters of new business?

16 All right now seeing none, I'll move to the
17 Citizens Advisory Committee Report. Yes, sir.

18 MR. DESANTIS: Good morning.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Tony, identify your
20 full name for the record.

21 MR. DESANTIS: I'm Tony DeSantis. I'm a
22 member of the DRPA CAC. I also live in Hollingsworth,

1 and, yes, it is a lovely town. We don't have much to
2 report. We have people I want to thank. Grant for
3 putting out the word about needing new members. We
4 have about three new members under consideration. We
5 have one member who has attended two meetings, and I
6 think we've submitted his name already for
7 consideration and we have two others. Unfortunately
8 both of them, I believe are from New Jersey, from
9 Barrington. One is currently working and the other is
10 currently in graduate school at the University of
11 Pennsylvania. In fact, he's on their Advisory
12 Committee. So he's very interested. I think he'd be
13 a good addition, if he can do it. I just have one
14 question about the Franklin Square, the old Franklin
15 Square study states it has 800 to 900 riders. Are
16 those people that are new riders or are those people
17 who would be coming from 8th and Market?

18 MR. VENUTO: I'm not exactly sure. I don't
19 have the study here, but I believe that it was a
20 little of both. I think we did expect to see some
21 ridership from shift from 8th and Market. But I don't
22 know, I don't know if the 266,000 per year is new

1 riders. But I, that I have to check and report back
2 to you. We can e-mail you that.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: And if you want, you
4 can have copies of whatever reports we have, and
5 perhaps you can help us in framing this new project
6 have the Citizens Advisory Board offer its assistance
7 as well.

8 MR. DESANTIS: Other than that, that's my
9 report.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Thank you very much.

11 All right, I think what we're going to do is
12 hold the, hold the DRPA meeting in abeyance so that we
13 can come back to executive session after the PATCO
14 meeting so people don't have to leave and then come
15 back, if that's okay. So I'm not going to adjourn the
16 DRPA meeting, but I am going to call for the monthly
17 Board meeting of PATCO.

18 MS. McNICHOL: You have to vote to hold the
19 meeting in abeyance, sir. So that we can go into it.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All right, so there's a
21 motion to hold the DRPA meeting in abeyance, whatever
22 that means.

1 MS. McNICHOL: Yes.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Moved.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Is there a second?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor of
6 abeying the meeting?

7 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All right. So the DRPA
9 meeting is now held in abeyance.

10 MS. McNICHOL: Correct.

11 (DRPA meeting held in abeyance.)

12 (DRPA meeting continues.)

13 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: We are now going to
14 move back to session for the DRPA Board meeting. Do I
15 have to make a motion to un-abey or abey?

16 Okay. Is there a motion to go back into
17 open session on the DRPA meeting?

18 COMMISSIONER SASSO: So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER FRATALLI: Second.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

21 ALL PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed?

1 All right. We're back into open session.
2 Now I'm going to take a motion to go into executive
3 session to discuss matters of contract and legal
4 issues.

5 COMMISSIONER SWEENEY: So moved.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: And at the time that
7 these matters are going to be approved by the Board we
8 will go back into open session for that purpose.
9 There's been a motion. Is there a second?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: All those in favor.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN NASH: Opposed.

14 Thank you very much everybody. We're not
15 going to have any more public session so you are --
16 this meeting is over.

17 (Whereupon, the PATCO Board Meeting open
18 session ended at 10:20 a.m., on September 18, 2014.)

19 (Executive Session.)
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