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Street Curve Realignment – Project Authorization

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**225 Park Avenue South**

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**PRESENT:**

Hon. Henry R. Silverman, Vice-Chair

Hon. Virginia S. Bauer

Hon. Stanley E. Grayson

Hon. Fred P. Hochberg

Hon. H. Sidney Holmes III

Hon. David S. Steiner

Committee Members

Karen E. Eastman, Secretary

Ernesto L. Butcher, Chief Operating Officer

Steven J. Coleman, Assistant Director, Media Relations, Public Affairs

William R. DeCota, Director, Aviation

Michael G. Fabiano, Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller

Michael B. Francois, Chief, Real Estate & Development

Richard Friedman, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director

Christopher M. Hartwyk, First Deputy General Counsel

Mark D. Hoffer, Special Advisor to the Executive Director

Richard M. Larrabee, Director, Port Commerce

Susan Bass Levin, Deputy Executive Director

Dennis Lombardi, Deputy Director, Port Commerce

Desiree Ramos, Principal External Affairs Representative, Government & Community Affairs

Stephen H. Sigmund, Chief, Public and Government Affairs

Andrew S. Warshaw, Chief of Staff to the Executive Director

Guest:

Sonia Frontera, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey

In view of the fact that there was an insufficient number of affirmative votes cast to constitute a quorum with respect to a matter to be considered at today's Board meeting, the Secretary reported that, pursuant to the Board's resolution of December 15, 1994, a special, interim meeting of the Committee on Operations was called to permit the Committee to act on this item for and on behalf of the Board.

The meeting was called to order in public session by the Vice-Chair at 10:18 a.m. and ended at 10:35 a.m.

**ELIZABETH-PORT AUTHORITY MARINE TERMINAL – NORTH AVENUE EAST/  
MCLESTER STREET CURVE REALIGNMENT – PROJECT  
AUTHORIZATION**

It was recommended that the Board authorize: (1) a project for the design and construction of the final phase of the North Avenue East Improvement Project (NAEIP), to allow for the realignment of the curve at North Avenue East and McLester Street (Project) at the Elizabeth-Port Authority Marine Terminal (EPAMT) and for permanent changes in the roadway to improve safety, to meet the needs of property owners along the roadway and to accommodate future traffic growth in the vicinity of the EPAMT, at a total project cost of \$31.5 million; and (2) the Executive Director to enter into agreements with Public Service Electric and Gas Company, in an amount of approximately \$2.6 million, and Verizon New Jersey, in an amount of approximately \$1.5 million, and with others as may be necessary, to provide for the payment by the Port Authority of costs for the relocation of overhead and underground utility lines at the EPAMT in connection with the Project.

In February 1994, the Board authorized, among other items, a project, known as the NAEIP, for the widening of certain portions of North Avenue East, in order to accommodate increased vehicular traffic in the vicinity of the EPAMT. The work associated with the NAEIP was subsequently divided into three phases, two of which were completed by 2002.

The proposed Project includes a new scope of work reflective of current and projected traffic growth and the needs of new property owners along the roadway. Included in the scope of work is the construction of an additional lane of ingress and egress to access the EPAMT, as well as a center median, improved pavement surface, significant new driveway connections, installation of storm drainage, relocation of sanitary sewers and water supply, and traffic controls, including signals and barriers.

Authorization is being sought separately at the meeting of the Board being held today, to declare certain additional parcels at the EPAMT surplus property, and for the Executive Director to enter into agreements with North Avenue East, LLC (NAE), a private owner of property abutting the EPAMT, to acquire property and accept deeds from NAE, and to sell property and grant deeds to NAE necessary to effectuate the Project.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the Committee on Operations, acting for and on behalf of the Board pursuant to delegated authority, adopted the following resolution with Commissioners Bauer, Grayson, Hochberg, Holmes and Silverman voting in favor; none against; Commissioner Steiner recused:

**RESOLVED**, that a project for the design and construction of the North Avenue East/McLester Street Curve Realignment (Project) at the Elizabeth-Port Authority Marine Terminal (EPAMT) to allow for the realignment of both streets, at a total estimated project cost of \$31.5 million, be and it hereby is authorized; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of the Port Authority, to enter into agreements with Public Service Electric and Gas Company, in an amount of approximately \$2.6 million, and Verizon

New Jersey, in an amount of approximately \$1.5 million, and with others as may be necessary, to provide for the payment by the Port Authority of costs for the relocation of overhead and underground utility lines at the EPAMT in connection with the Project; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the form of all contracts and agreements in connection with the Project shall be subject to the approval of General Counsel or his authorized representative.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary