

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 9-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION to add Job Access and Reverse Commute projects to the Transportation Improvement Program and to select the applicant for available FY 2004 and FY 2005 federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program grant funds.

WHEREAS, Section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-First Century (TEA-21) established the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program to provide funding for up to 50% of the total cost of projects for transportation services designed to increase access to jobs and employment-related activities; and

WHEREAS, under the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are responsible for selecting applicants for federal Job Access and Reverse Commute Program funding; determining that Job Access and Reverse Commute projects are consistent with the regional long-range transportation plan; and endorsing and subsequently programming Job Access and Reverse Commute projects on the Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, any project proposed for funding must also be identified in, or consistent with, an Area-Wide Job Access Transportation Plan resulting from a coordinated public transit and human services transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS; in Resolution 20-02 (August 26, 2002) SPC endorsed the region's Area-Wide Job Access Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, collaborative planning efforts in the region by coalitions of local stakeholders including representatives from public housing authorities, local workforce investment boards, public assistance offices, chambers of commerce, faith-based organizations, social service agencies, job developers, planning agencies and transportation service providers have identified priority projects that will connect concentrations of welfare recipients and low-income persons with jobs and employment support services, and have recommended that those projects be implemented with available Job Access and Reverse Commute Program funds allocated to the region in FY 2004 and FY 2005; and

WHEREAS, the identified priority projects are listed on Attachment 1 to this Resolution and are proposed for inclusion on the Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIP changes will maintain year-to-year fiscal balance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIP changes will not interfere with the implementation of any project identified in Pennsylvania's air quality State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

WHEREAS, approval of the proposed TIP changes will not alter the finding of conformity with the federal Clean Air Act for the 2030 Long Range Plan and 2005-2008 TIP since the affected projects

are categorized by EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93) as having a neutral effect on regional emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Operators Committee has reviewed the proposed JARC Program of Projects and recommends Commission approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission endorses the work of the local stakeholders and recognizes that the 17 projects listed on Attachment 1 to this Resolution are consistent with the Job Access and Reverse Commute Area-Wide Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission determines that the 17 projects listed on Attachment 1 are consistent with the region's adopted 2030 Transportation and Development Plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission amends the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) line item in the 2005-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to identify funding in the FY 2005 Program for each project in the amounts shown in Attachment 1.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission selects Port Authority of Allegheny County to prepare and submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on behalf of the project sponsors whose projects are listed on Attachment 1.

I, Dan Onorato, 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 25th day of April 2005, and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I hereto subscribe my name as Secretary-Treasurer.

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Secretary-Treasurer