

11293. RESOLUTION 17-33 – AUTHORIZES ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PASSENGER FERRY GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority is a bi-state government agency with authority to operate and maintain public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration has been delegated authority to award federal financial assistance for a public transportation project; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration has granted The Delaware River and Bay Authority \$6 Million in Federal Transit Administration Grant funds to repower and retrofit the MV New Jersey and MV Cape Henlopen; and

WHEREAS, notice of the award was made in the May 31, 2016 Federal Register; and

WHEREAS, the grant for federal financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon The Delaware River and Bay Authority and may require the Authority to provide the local share of the project cost; and

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority will be required to provide annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to accept the disbursement of the funds from the Federal Administration grant and with the advice of counsel execute all documents related to the grant award.

A motion to approve Resolution 17-33 was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ratchford, and approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

Resolution 17-33 Executive Summary

Resolution: Authorizing the acceptance funds from the Federal Transit Administration Passenger Ferry Grant Program

Committee: Projects Committee

Committee Date: July 18, 2017

Board Date: July 18, 2017

Purpose of Resolution:

To permit the Authority to accept the grant funds awarded from the Federal Transit Administration Passenger Ferry Grant Program.

Background for Resolution:

The Delaware River and Bay Authority operates MV Delaware, MV New Jersey and MV Cape Henlopen. MV Delaware has already undergone engine repowering. By way of notice in the May 31, 2016 Federal Register, the Authority was awarded two grants totaling \$6 Million for engine repowering of the MV New Jersey and the MV Cape Henlopen. This grant funding will allow the Authority to repower and retrofit the vessels to increase efficiency, reduce maintenance and repair costs, and reduce emissions by nearly 40%.