

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Thursday September 22, 2005, 8:30 a.m., at the Jamestown Library.

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman David A. Darlington

Members Present:

David A. Darlington, Chairman

Richard P. Eannarino, Vice President

Arthur H. Fletcher

Stephen C. Waluk

Members Absent:

William Chuck Alves, D.O.T.

Invited Guests:

Kenneth M. Bianchi, Executive Director

Richard E. Dragon, CPA, Chief of Finance

Peter M. Janaros, P.E., Director of Engineering

Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations

Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance

Jo-Ann Head, Executive Assistant

Susan Leach DeBlasio, Esq., Legal Counsel

Michael Turillo, RITBA

Item No. 2

Motion made by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve the minutes to the August 10, 2005 meeting.

Item No. 3

Motion made by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to approve: Tillinghast Licht

Invoice 2983466

#00007 \$1,116.23

#00048 5,580.54

Total \$6,696.77

Item No. 4, 5,6,&7

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to ratify: R.I. Department of Transportation

Highway Safety Improvements to Rt. 114

Proj. #TBA2000(001)

Invoice No. 3 \$35,141.14

**Parsons Transportation Group – Mt. Hope Bridge
Construction Support & Field Inspection Services**

Invoice 05070493 \$45,167.19

Invoice 5080940 36,187.19

Design On-Call Deck Maintenance #05-6

Invoice 05070495 7,047.14

Invoice 05080942 17,034.69

Total \$105,436.21

**Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas
Security/Electrical Upgrades - Pell Bridge**

Invoice 270217 \$62,515.34

Emergence Rail Repairs

Invoice 274612 957.34

Total \$63,472.68

E.W. Audet & Sons, Inc.

Electrical Upgrade - Mt. Hope Bridge

Applications No:13 \$149,625.00

Item No. 8

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to authorize the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer to release a copy of the 2005 audited financial statements to the Office of the Auditor General by September 30, 2005.

Item No. 9

Richard E. Dragon, CPA, RITBA Chief Financial Officer, reported on final 2005 traffic and revenue statistics and discussed the 2005 audited financial statements draft presented. Fiscal 2005 traffic was relatively consistent with 2004, with increases in traffic and revenue of 0.3% and 1.2%, respectively. Final (unaudited) traffic is 10,399,003 vehicles and toll revenue is \$12,319,680. These figures are among those reported in the Authority's 2005 audited financial statements, a report on which is expected to be approved by auditors engaged by the Authority before the end of September.

Item No. 10

Richard E. Dragon, CPA, RITBA Chief Financial Officer, reported the July 2005 Operating and Maintenance ("O&M") Fund results and traffic and revenue statistics. Aggregate July O&M expenses are consistent with one-twelfth of the annual budget. Unusually high amounts incurred in certain categories, such as contributions and advertising/marketing are due primarily to the seasonality of these expenditures. July 2005 traffic and revenue both decreased by an average of

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1.6% as compared to the same month in 2004 overall and specifically for two-axle vehicles. The only increases were in non-two-axle vehicles.

Item No. 11

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table Item 11, the participation in Newport County Development Councils efforts related to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Business Development until the next Board meeting. The Executive Director will request a detailed program plan and work statement from the Newport Chamber of Commerce

Item No. 12

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to table RITBA engagement of a consultant for issues related to facility siting by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to the October meeting.

Item No. 13

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to give tentative approval for the RITBA to host the IBTTA Facility Innovation Workshop regarding Security, Operations and Maintenance in June 2006. This approval is contingent upon receiving definitive information from IBTTA regarding sponsorships, lodging fee assignment and personnel requirements for RITBA and Board approval regarding terms and

conditions.

Item No. 14

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to award Website and Design Services to Systems Resource Management, Inc. in the amount of \$6050.00 plus a one day (eight hours) at \$55.00 per hour training fee for a total of \$6490.

Item No. 15

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to award Contract No. 05-6 On-Call Deck Maintenance at Mount Hope Bridge to Aetna Bridge Co. in the amount of \$2,608,800 base bid plus Engineering News Record (ENR) price adjustment of \$520,000.

Item No. 16

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve the proposal for Construction Support Services and Construction Inspection Services for 05-6 On-Call Deck Maintenance Contract – Mt. Hope Bridge to Parsons Transportation Group in the amount of \$440,000.

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to go into Executive Session pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) Potential Litigation, at 10:31 a.m.

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to seal the minutes.

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. .

Kenneth M. Bianchi

Secretary