# FINAL SEQR RESOLUTION TURNPIKE REDEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC PROJECT

A regular meeting of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Quackenbush Building located at 333 Broadway in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York on December 14, 2017 at 4:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice)-Chairman of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

#### PRESENT:

John H. Clinton, Jr. Michael Della Rocco

Cynthia A. Henninger Ronald Bounds

Douglas Baldrey

James Church
Renee Powell

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Member Member

#### ABSENT:

### AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Robert L. Pasinella, Jr.

Executive Director

Robin LaBrake

Assistant

Peter R. Kehoe, Esq.

Agency Counsel

George W. Cregg, Jr., Esq.

Special Counsel

	The	following	resolution	was	offered	by	D. BALDROY	seconded	bx
J.	CHURCH	Η	to wit:			-	·	STOCKAGE	0)

Resolution No. 1217-12

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF TURNPIKE REDEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 128 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-d of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and

industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2017, Turnpike Redevelopment Group, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a portion of an approximately 14.50 acre parcel of land located at 164 Columbia Turnpike (tax map no. 155.13-21-13) in the Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York (the "Land"), together with an approximately 123,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Facility"), (2) the renovation of approximately 96,000 square feet of the Facility and the making of related site improvements (collectively, the "Improvements") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, the Improvements and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); all of the foregoing to constitute a facility comprised of office space and a training center and associated uses and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on October 12, 2017 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on October 17, 2017 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on October 17, 2017 at the East Greenbush Town Hall located at 225 Columbia Turnpike in the Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York, as well as on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on October 18, 2017 in The Record, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Rensselaer County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on October 30, 2017 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the East Greenbush Town Hall located at 225 Columbia Turnpike in the Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations")

adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on October 12, 2017 (the "Preliminary SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) determined (1) that the Project involves more than one "involved agency", and (2) that the Agency wished to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and (B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other "involved agencies" for the purpose of ascertaining whether such "involved agencies" were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment, the Company has prepared and submitted to the Agency an environmental assessment form (the "EAF") with respect to the Project, a copy of which EAF was presented to and reviewed by the Agency at this meeting and a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Agency has examined the EAF in order to make an determination as to the potential environmental significance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project does not appear to constitute a "Type I Action" (as said quoted term is defined in the Regulations), and therefore coordinated review and notification is optional with respect to the actions contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to conduct an uncoordinated review of the Project and to determine whether the Project may have a "significant effect on the environment" and therefore require the preparation of an environmental impact statement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF RENSSELAER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based upon an examination of the EAF, and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project Facility and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings with respect to the Project:

A. The project (the "Project") consists of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a portion of an approximately 14.50 acre parcel of land located at 164 Columbia Turnpike (tax map no. 155.13-21-13) in the Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York (the "Land"), together with an approximately 123,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Facility"), (2) the renovation of approximately 96,000 square feet of the Facility and the making of related site improvements (collectively, the "Improvements") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, the Improvements and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); all of the foregoing to constitute a facility comprised of office space and a training center and associated uses and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) he granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

- B. The only potential impacts on the environment noted in the EAF or otherwise known to the Agency, and the Agency's evaluation of the potential significance of same, are as follows:
  - 1. The Project will create employment. The Application indicates that the anticipated number of new full-time employees, at the end of the second year of the completion of the Project Facility, will be approximately one (1). Due to the number of workers currently on the local unemployment rolls, this potential impact will not be significant.
  - 2. The Project will not adversely affect any publicly-owned open space, public recreation and/or critical environmental areas.
  - 3. It is not anticipated that any archeological or historical resources will be impacted by the proposed Project.
  - 4. It is not anticipated that the Project will result in the generation of traffic significantly above current traffic levels and, as a result, the Project is not expected to cause any significant adverse impact on transportation.
  - 5. A portion of the Project will be a training center which will encourage or attract a large number of people for more than a few days. As a portion of the Project is a "tourism destination" project within the meaning of Section 862(2)(a) of the Act, this potential impact will not be significant.
- C. No other potentially significant impacts on the environment are noted in the EAF, and none are known to the Agency.
- Section 2. Based upon the foregoing investigation of the potential environmental impacts of the Project and considering both the magnitude and importance of each environmental impact therein indicated, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - A. The Project constitutes an "Unlisted Action" (as said quoted term is defined in the Regulations) and therefore coordinated review and notification of other involved agencies is strictly optional. The Agency hereby determines not to undertake a coordinated review of the Project, and therefore will not seek lead agency status with respect to the Project;
  - B. The Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which will not cause significant damage to the environment. Therefore, the Agency hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and the Agency will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Project; and
  - C. As a consequence of the foregoing, the Agency has decided to prepare a negative declaration with respect to the Project.
- Section 3. The Executive Director of the Agency is hereby directed to prepare a negative declaration with respect to the Project, said negative declaration to be substantially in the form and to the effect of the negative declaration attached hereto, and to cause copies of said negative declaration to be (A) filed in the main office of the Agency and (B) distributed to the Company.
  - <u>Section 4.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

John H. Clinton, Jr.	VOTING	113
Michael Della Rocco	VOTING	YES
Cynthia A. Henninger	VOTING	ABSCONT
Ronald Bounds	VOTING	ABSONT
Douglas Baldrey	VOTING	YES
James Church	VOTING	VES
Renee Powell	VOTING	ABSOUT

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)	
	) SS.:	
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER	)	

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on December 14, 2017 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

# TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

In accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "Act"), and the statewide regulations under the Act (6 NYCRR Part 617) (the "Regulations"), notice is hereby given that Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") has reviewed an application and environmental assessment form from Turnpike Redevelopment Group, LLC (the "Company") in connection with the proposed project described below (the "Project") and that the Agency has determined (A) that the proposed Project is an "Unlisted Action" pursuant to the Regulations, and therefore that coordinated review and notification is optional with respect to said Project; (B) to conduct an uncoordinated review of the Project; (C) that the Project will result in no major impacts and therefore will not have a significant effect on the environment; and (D) therefore that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project. THIS NOTICE IS A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT.

- 1. <u>Lead Agency</u>: The Agency has determined not to follow the coordinated review provisions of the Regulations. Therefore, there is no lead agency for the Project.
- 2. <u>Person to Contact for Further Information</u>: Robert L. Pasinella, Jr., Executive Director, Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency, c/o Rensselaer County Department of Economic Development and Planning, County Office Building, 1600 Seventh Avenue, Troy, New York 12180; Telephone No. (518) 270-2914.
  - 3. Project Identification: Proposed Turnpike Redevelopment Group, LLC Project.
- 4. Project Description: The Project (the "Project") consists of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a portion of an approximately 14.50 acre parcel of land located at 164 Columbia Turnpike (tax map no. 155.13-21-13) in the Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York (the "Land"), together with an approximately 123,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Facility"), (2) the renovation of approximately 96,000 square feet of the Facility and the making of related site improvements (collectively, the "Improvements") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, the Improvements and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); all of the foregoing to constitute a facility comprised of office space and a training center and associated uses and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.
- 5. <u>Project Location</u>: The Project Facility will be located at 164 Columbia Turnpike in the Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York.
- 6. Reasons for Determination of Non-Significance: By resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on December 14, 2017 the Agency determined that the following potential environmental impacts of the Project will not constitute significant adverse impacts:

- 1. The Project will create employment. The Application indicates that the anticipated number of new full-time employees, at the end of the second year of the completion of the Project Facility, will be approximately one (1). Due to the number of workers currently on the local unemployment rolls, this potential impact will not be significant.
- 2. The Project will not adversely affect any publicly-owned open space, public recreation and/or critical environmental areas.
- 3. It is not anticipated that any archeological or historical resources will be impacted by the proposed Project.
- 4. It is not anticipated that the Project will result in the generation of traffic significantly above current traffic levels and, as a result, the Project is not expected to cause any significant adverse impact on transportation.
- 5. A portion of the Project will be a training center which will encourage or attract a large number of people for more than a few days. As a portion of the Project is a "tourism destination" project within the meaning of Section 862(2)(a) of the Act, this potential impact will not be significant.

No other significant environmental impacts were identified by the Agency in its review of the environmental assessment form submitted to the Agency with respect to the Project and, based upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project Facility and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, no significant environmental impacts are known to the Agency.

7. Comment Period: All interested parties, groups and persons disagreeing with or otherwise desiring to comment upon the Agency's environmental determination with respect to this Project are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Agency. All such comments should be sent by mail addressed to Robert L. Pasinella, Jr., Executive Director at the address specified in paragraph two hereof.

Dated: December 14, 2017

RENSSELAER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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BY:_		
	Executive Director	