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RESOLUTION AND SEQRA FINDINGS ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE REMSEN-LAKE PLACID TRAVEL CORRIDOR UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

February 11, 2016

WHEREAS, section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified as Travel Corridors in the Master Plan for Management of State Lands and requires such management plans conform to the guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans (UMPs) and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency will determine whether a proposed individual UMP complies with such guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Transportation adopted a Unit Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor which contained the preferred alternative for rail use along the entire length of the Corridor and encouraged the development of a parallel trail where feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Transportation commenced the preparation of a UMP amendment for the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor, which now includes a new Corridor Management Alternative, Alternative 7, that proposes new management actions for the 119-mile-long railroad right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the proposed alternative is listed as a Type I action pursuant to 17 NYCRR Part 15 for which the Department of Transportation is the lead agency and 6 NYCRR part 617 for which the Department of Environmental Conservation is lead agency and the Adirondack Park Agency is an involved Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Department of Environmental Conservation as co-lead agencies filed a Positive Declaration finding the proposed action might result in a significant adverse environmental impact and that a

supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the original plan would be prepared and thereafter filed notice of acceptance of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on June 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Department of Environmental Conservation have prepared a UMP Amendment/Final Supplemental EIS dated February 2016; the Final Supplemental EIS was accepted and notice of acceptance was filed in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on January 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the UMP Amendment acknowledges that any proposed new development or use outside the Corridor must conform to Master Plan guidelines for State land and may require amendments to the existing UMPs for neighboring Forest Preserve units or the adoption of new UMPs; and

WHEREAS, specific improvements within the Corridor will be developed and reviewed in consultation with the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency issued a press release on November 13, 2015 seeking public comment regarding the consistency of the proposed UMP amendment to the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency's public comment period on the proposed UMP amendment closed on December 18, 2015, and approximately 200 written comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the proposed Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor UMP Amendment/Final Supplemental EIS dated February 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Management Plan amendment, dated February 2016, conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Agency finds pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.11 that the management actions contained therein are intended to protect the travel corridor's natural resources, character and recreational use according to the provisions of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that consistent with the social, economic and other essential considerations required under ECL Article 8, from among the reasonable alternatives, the action approved is one which minimizes or avoids adverse environmental effects to the maximum extent practicable, including the effects disclosed in the Final Supplemental EIS; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioners of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

Ayes: Sherman Craig, Karen Feldman, Arthur Lussi, William Thomas, Dan Wilt, Brad Austin (DED), Dierdre Scozzafava (DOS), Robert Stegemann (DEC)

Nays: Richard Booth

Abstentions: None

Absent: Leilani Ulrich, Chairwoman