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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO THE 2019 MASTER TRAVEL CORRIDOR
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

MAY 17, 2019

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act) directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Master Plan) and requires such management plans to conform to the guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan conforms with such general guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan classifies twenty-eight state highways comprising 1,078 miles in the Park under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation (DOT) as Travel Corridors; and

WHEREAS, DOT prepared a draft Master Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan (Master TCUMP), in consultation with Agency and DEC staff, to provide guidance for the development of individual TCUMPs for each of the twenty-eight Travel Corridors in the Park; and

WHEREAS, DOT and DEC, as co-lead agencies for purposes of State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) compliance and in consultation with the Agency as an involved agency, prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) for the draft Master TCUMP and published notice of acceptance of the DGEIS in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) on September 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, DOT and DEC sought public comment on the draft Master TCUMP and DGEIS at three public hearings and in writing; and

WHEREAS, the agencies made modifications to the draft Master TCUMP in response to public comment and on July 13, 2018, presented a proposed final Master TCUMP to the Agency Board, which the Agency Board authorized staff to seek public comment on with respect to conformance with the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency sought and received public comment on the proposed final Master TCUMP as summarized in Agency staff's May 8, 2019 memorandum to the Agency Board; and

WHEREAS, DOT and DEC published notice of acceptance of a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the proposed final Master TCUMP in the ENB on May 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Agency Board has considered the foregoing recitations, the proposed final Master TCUMP and FGEIS, and Agency staff's May 8th memorandum and May 16th presentation with regard to Agency SEQRA compliance and the conformance of the Master TCUMP with the Master Plan's general guidelines and criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to SEQRA the Agency:

- (1) has considered the relevant environmental impacts, facts, and conclusions disclosed in the Master TCUMP and the FGEIS; and
- (2) has weighed and balanced relevant environmental impacts with social, economic, and other considerations; and
- (3) has found that the Master TCUMP will provide essential guidance regarding the environmental setting, goals, policies, and management criteria that will be universally applied and characteristic to all Adirondack Park Travel Corridors; and
- (4) has complied with its SEQRA responsibilities as an involved agency under 76 NYCRR Part 617; and
- (5) certifies that consistent with social, economic, and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the Master TCUMP is one that avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable, and that adverse environmental impacts will be avoided or minimized to the maximum extent practicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act the Master TCUMP, dated May 2019, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order to provide the public and other agencies with an opportunity to consider the FGEIS consistent with the requirements of 6 NYCRR § 617.11(a), the Agency's findings and conformance determination will not be effective until 10 calendar days after the date the notice of completion of the FGEIS was filed and published in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.12; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon expiration of the period for public consideration of the FGEIS, the Agency's Executive Director shall issue the Agency's findings by filing and distributing them as required by 6 NYCRR § 617.12(b) and shall transmit the Agency's Master TCUMP conformance determination to the

Commissioners of Transportation and of Environmental Conservation as required by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation Concerning Implementation of the State Land Master Plan for the Adirondack Park.

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