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RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF DRAFT FINAL STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION AND COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL STATE PLAN APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission (hereafter the "Commission") is required to prepare and adopt a State Development and Redevelopment Plan (hereafter the "State Plan") under the State Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required to revise and readopt the State Plan regularly with the latest version of the plan having been adopted in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required to and has completed a cross-acceptance process, as codified at N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202 and N.J.A.C. 5:85-2 through N.J.A.C. 5:85-4, for the purpose of soliciting and giving due consideration to the plans, comments and advice of relevant planning entities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has completed the cross-acceptance process, including approval of the Impact Assessment, the Statements of Agreements and Disagreement and the Statewide Issue Response Report; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required to and has authorized preparation of a draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment (INA) based on said Impact Assessment which is required to be released for public consideration along with a draft Final State Plan; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the negotiations that occurred during the cross-acceptance process, and in light of the great deal of disagreement that remained unresolved in that process, the OPA staff conducted a series of stakeholder meetings with negotiating entities, municipalities, interested persons as well as members of the regulated community, in an attempt to gain more consensus than had been achieved to date; and

WHEREAS, the result of said stakeholder meetings revealed that the draft State Plan prepared in 2009 (hereafter "2009 draft") should be replaced to allow for greater consensus than had previously been achieved, while addressing a number of the criticisms raised regarding same; and

WHEREAS, the “Proposed Final Draft State Strategic Plan: New Jersey’s State Development and Redevelopment Plan” (hereafter the draft State Strategic Plan) is the result of said process; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Development Committee (hereafter the PDC) has concluded that substantial benefit will be derived by considering the draft State Strategic Plan as the draft Final State Plan, including finding that the draft State Strategic Plan is more likely to result in implementing the State Planning Act and achieving intended outcomes; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2011, the PDC approved a Motion to submit the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment and draft State Strategic Plan to the Commission for consideration to commence the process of Final State Plan approval; and

WHEREAS, the Commission hereby acknowledges and accepts the draft Infrastructure Needs Assessment (INA), prepared by Mr. Robert Kull, P.P. and Dr. Robert Burchell, Ph.D., which was prepared based on the conclusions of the Impact Assessment and which compiles estimated costs for long-term needs of selected infrastructure systems for the 20 year period beginning 2008, based on current trends reflecting the current status of implementation of the State Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Commission now wishes to formally approve the draft State Strategic Plan as the draft Final State Plan, including the draft INA, for dissemination and to commence the process of Final State Plan approval; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the best way to distribute the draft Final State Plan and draft INA is by electronic means; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA) will, upon request, make available a written copy or a CD of the draft INA and/or draft Final State Plan at a charge for reproduction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the draft Final State Plan including the draft INA for dissemination in order to commence the process of Final State Plan approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission is not approving proposed changes resulting from cross-acceptance to the 2001 State Plan Policy Map and is choosing instead to transition to a criteria-based identification system for “Priority Growth Investment Areas” and “Priority Preservation Investment Areas.” Therefore, the 2001 State Plan Policy Map is hereby continued in place until the State Planning Rules are amended to provide the detailed criteria and identification process required to operationalize this new system. The SPC will consider amendments to the 2001 State Plan Policy Map according to the process for map changes identified in the State Planning Rules during this transition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission directs OPA to electronically disseminate the draft Final State Plan and draft INA to each negotiating entity, county and municipal planning board, mayor, board of chosen freeholders, county executive or county administrator, county and municipal clerk and interested persons as required pursuant to N.J.C.A. 5:85-5.1, as well as to each State depository library, the State Planning Commission, Meadowlands Commission, Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, Pinelands Commission, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Delaware Valley River Planning Authority and South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission directs OPA to post the approved draft Final State Plan and draft INA to OPA's website and to make a hard copy available at OPA's office for viewing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission directs OPA to provide the approved draft Final State Plan and draft INA in hard copy or CD on request for a charge for reproduction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission directs OPA to provide at least 30 days subsequent to this approval before the first public hearing is conducted as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18a-202c; and

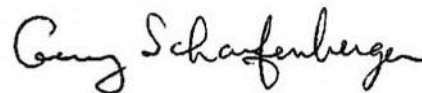
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that OPA is further directed to schedule at least six public hearings on the draft Final State Plan in different locations throughout the State pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202c, with notice being provided at least 30 days in advance, in display ads in at least two newspapers which circulate in the area served by the hearing, and with notice being provided at least 30 days in advance to the governing body and planning board of each county and municipality in the area served by the hearing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.7(b) and (c); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for any area in the Highlands Region served by the hearing, OPA is further directed to provide at least 30 days' notice to the governing body and planning board of each county and municipality in the area served by the hearing and to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202(c); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Commission and the Executive Director and staff of OPA are hereby authorized and directed to schedule hearings, publish notices, execute documents and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate for the implementation of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was adopted by the New Jersey State Planning Commission at its meeting held on Monday, November 14, 2011. Ayes: (11) Ken Albert, John Eskilson, Monique Purcell, Greg Acquaviva, Joyce Paul, Shing-Fu Hsueh, Marc Larkins, Bob Martin, Thomas Michnewicz, Andy Swords, Ed McKenna. Nays (0). Abstains: (0).



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NJ State Planning Commission

Dated: November 14, 2011