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**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., P.E.  
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

**DATE:** February 4, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Resolution issuing a Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act in connection with the authority to enter into an Aviation Project Funding Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT"), to accept a grant for Airport Infrastructure Improvements at the Westchester County Airport (New York State Contract K007436)

There is currently before your Honorable Board a Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an Aviation Project Funding Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT"), to accept a grant for Airport Infrastructure Improvements at the Westchester County Airport (New York State Contract K007436).

With the assistance of the Planning Department, it was determined that the proposed project would constitute an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, requiring an assessment of potential environmental impacts prior to any action by this Board to authorize this grant.

To assist this Board in complying with the requirements of SEQRA, transmitted herewith is an Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") prepared by the Department of Planning. Your Honorable Board should carefully consider the proposed action and review the attached Environmental Assessment Form and the criteria contained in Section 617.7 of 6 NYCRR Part 617 to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern.

Once you have thoroughly analyzed the relevant areas of concern, you must determine if the proposed action may have a significant impact on the environment. For the reasons set forth in the attached EAF, the Planning Department analysis concludes that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment. The EAF and a resolution in support of this determination of significance are submitted for your review and consideration. Your Honorable Board may utilize the professional advice and assistance of the Planning Department in making your required determination under the applicable SEQRA regulations.

# RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation,

**WHEREAS**, there is pending before this Board a Resolution to authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an Aviation Project Funding Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT"), to accept a grant for Airport Infrastructure Improvements at the Westchester County Airport (New York State Contract K007436); and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has determined that the proposed grant for Airport Infrastructure Improvements at the Westchester County Airport would constitute an action under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, known as the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), requiring this Board to comply with the regulations promulgated pursuant to SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SEQRA and its implementing regulations (6 New York Code of Rules and Regulations Part 617), this project is classified as an "Unlisted" action, which requires this Board to make a determination as to whether the proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with SEQRA and its implementing regulations, an Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") has been prepared to assist this Board in its environmental assessment of this proposed action; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has carefully considered the proposed action and has reviewed the attached Environmental Assessment Form and the criteria contained in Section 617.7 of 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the SEQRA regulations and has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern as described in the attached Environmental Assessment Form to determine if the proposed action will have a significant impact upon the environment; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Acquisition and Contract of the County of Westchester, State of New York, that based upon this Board's review of the Environmental Assessment Form and for the reasons set forth therein, it is determined that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the proposed action as described above; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Board of Acquisition and Contract, as responsible officer in Lead Agency, is authorized and directed to sign the Determination of Significance in the attached Environmental Assessment Form, which Form is made a part hereof; to issue this "Negative Declaration" on behalf of this Board pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and to immediately transmit same to the Commissioner of Planning to be filed, published and made available pursuant to the requirements of Part 617 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars

**Budget Funding Year(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(must match resolution)

**Funding Source:**      **Tax Dollars** \_\_\_\_\_ **N/A** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Aid** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Aid** \_\_\_\_\_  
(must match resolution)

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_