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RESOLUTION

APPROVAL TO RELEASE THE DRAFT STATEMENT OF AGREEMENTS AND DISAGREEMENTS (SAD)

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission (the Commission), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-202 of the State Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 to -206), is required to prepare and adopt a State Development and Redevelopment Plan (the State Plan); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199, the Commission is required to revise and readopt the State Plan regularly, with the latest version of the State Plan having been adopted in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, in revising the State Plan, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-199, initiated the Cross-Acceptance Process with the State's counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out this statutory responsibility, the Commission has, pursuant to its rulemaking authority under N.J.S.A. 52:18A-203, promulgated regulations which are set forth at N.J.A.C. 15:30-3.1 to -4.7 and which govern the manner in which the Cross-Acceptance Process shall be conducted; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-1.4, the term "Cross-Acceptance" means a process of comparison of planning policies among governmental levels with the purpose of attaining compatibility between local, county, and State plans and the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and staff of the Office for Planning Advocacy (OPA) have, together with the negotiating entities, undertaken the first two phases of the Cross Acceptance process known as the Comparison and Negotiation phases; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.5(b), periodic reports of agreements reached during negotiation sessions and any remaining disagreements are to be published by OPA and be made available to the general public at the OPA and on the OPA website, county offices, and State depository libraries, as well as distributed to the Commission and interested persons and organizations who have registered with OPA pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-1.6(b); and

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WHEREAS, the Commission with the assistance of the Plan Development Committee (PDC) and OPA prepared a draft Statement of Agreements and Disagreements (SAD), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.6, reflecting the areas of agreements and disagreements identified by the parties to the Cross-Acceptance process during the comparison and negotiation phases of the process; and

WHEREAS, the draft SAD includes a statement on every issue and map amendment negotiated with the negotiating entities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the best way to distribute the draft SAD is by electronic means; and

WHEREAS, the PDC considered the draft SAD at its meeting on August 6, 2025 and believes the negotiations have produced the highest degree of agreement possible among the negotiating entities, consistent with the statutorily mandated Cross-Acceptance process, and recommended that the Commission release adopt the draft SAD.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the release of the draft SAD as the statement reflecting the areas of agreement and disagreement, which have been identified by the parties to the Cross-Acceptance process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission directs OPA, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 15:30-4.6(a), to electronically disseminate the draft SAD to: each municipality, each county, and all interested persons, as well as to the Meadowlands Commission, Highlands Council, Pinelands Commission, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Delaware River Port Authority, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, and each State depository library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission directs OPA to post the draft SAD to OPA's website; and

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

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the State Planning Commission at its meeting on August 6, 2025

Walter C. Lane, Acting Secretary State Planning Commission

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