RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12
(Duly Adopted February 16, 2023)

> RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT OF SALE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION, AND A TEMPORARY EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION, IN LIEU OF CONDEMNATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE NORTHEAST EXTENSION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, pursuant to the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code (53 P.S. § 56901, et seq.) and Eminent Domain Code ( 26 Pa.C.S. § 101, et seq.), the Township filed a Declaration of Taking in the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, at Docket No. 2022-C-0174, pursuant to which the Township acquired the following properties for the establishment of public park land and open space:

- 2525 Lower Macungie Road, Emmaus, PA 18049, being Lehigh County tax parcel identification number 548449206770 .
- 2700 Lower Macungie Road, Emmaus, PA 18049, being Lehigh County tax parcel identification number 548458530739.
- $\quad 2740$ Lower Macungie Road, Emmaus, PA 18049, being Lehigh County tax parcel identification number 548467782380 .
- $\quad 2250$ Riverbend Road, Allentown, PA 18103, being Lehigh County tax parcel identification number 548459023659, and
- 2300 Riverbend Road, Allentown, PA 18103, being Lehigh County tax parcel identification number 548469002576.
(the foregoing properties are collectively referred to herein as the "Properties.")
WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission ("PTC") is in the process of widening and expanding the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike ("Turnpike Expansion Project") and has informed the Township that it must acquire certain portions of the Properties as required right-of-way, permanent easements, and temporary construction easement, for the Turnpike Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, the portions of the Properties that the PTC must acquire as required right-of-way, permanent easements, and temporary construction easement for the Turnpike Expansion Project are depicted on certain plans provided by the PTC that are attached hereto as Exhibit " 1 " and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, the PTC is authorized by Pennsylvania law to acquire by purchase or condemnation property deemed necessary for the construction and operation of the Pennsylvania Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of the time and expense of condemnation proceedings, the Township desires to sell to the PTC to the portions of the Properties needed for required right-of-way and permanent easements, and to amicably provide to the PTC the temporary construction easement on the Properties, in exchange for a negotiated fair market value of said property interests; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement of Sale for the portions of the Properties that the PTC must acquire as required right-of-way and permanent easements for the Turnpike Expansion Project is attached hereto as Exhibit " 2 " and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length, which Agreement of Sale identifies the purchase price to be paid by the PTC to the Township in the amount of Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$615,100.00); and

WHEREAS, a Temporary Construction Easement for the Turnpike Expansion Project is attached hereto as Exhibit " 3 " and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length, which easement identifies the price to be paid by PTC to the Township for the easement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$6,000.00); and

WHEREAS, after review by the Township staff and consultants, the Township finds the compensation offered by the PTC for the aforementioned interests in the Properties to be fair and reasonable, and consistent with the just compensation paid by the Township for the entirety of the Properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above and Exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
2. In the interest of avoiding the unnecessary time and expense of condemnation proceedings by the PTC, the Agreement of Sale attached hereto as Exhibit " 1 " and the Temporary Construction Easement attached hereto as Exhibit " 2 " are hereby approved and may be executed by the Township Manager on behalf of the Township.
3. The Township Solicitor, Township Engineer, and Township Manager are authorized and directed to take all such action as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the actions authorized in this Resolution.
4. All resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.
5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2023, by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Macungie Township, in lawful session duly assembled.

LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Brian P. Higgins, Provident
Attest:
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Bruce R. Beitel, Manager

EXHIBIT "1"


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EXHIBIT "2"

## AGREEMENT OF SALE

(Partial Take: Fee Simple Conveyance)

MADE THIS $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ , 2023, by and between Lower Macungie Township (Sellers);

AND<br>PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION, an instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of P.O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-7676 (Buyer).

WHEREAS, the Buyer is authorized and empowered by Section 6 of the Act of May 21, 1937, P.L. 774, No. 211, as amended, to acquire by purchase or condemnation any lands, rights, easements, franchises and other property deemed necessary or convenient for the construction or efficient operation of the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of condemnation, the Sellers have agreed to sell the needed property to the Buyer;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar and $00 / 100(\$ 1.00)$ in hand paid and the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1) Sellers will sell and the Buyer will purchase the property situate in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania; being part of the property at Tax Parcel No. 548449206770-1, 548458530739-1, 548467782380-1, 548469002576-1 \& 548459023659-1 conveyed to the Sellers by Declaration of Taking and recorded in the Lehigh County Recorder of Deeds office in Instrument No. 2022003354. The property purchased is more particularly described on Buyer's Property Plot Plan identified as R/W No. 8268-B, dated October 28, 2022, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and includes the following areas: 7.158 Acres of Required Right-of-Way for Limited Access, 1.940 Acres of Required Right-of-Way for SR 2012 \& SR 2042, 0.240 Acres of Required Drainage Easement and 0.324 Acres of Required Easement for LCA
2) The sale price, which in the event of a partial take includes damages, if any, to the remainder, shall be Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars $(\$ 615,100.00)$ payable upon execution and delivery of the Deed and Release, if necessary, and in no event later than ninety (90) days from the date of this Agreement, except for cause shown.
3) Sellers agree to convey the property free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, and leases or agreements, which the Sellers have the right to terminate or remove. Further, Sellers will convey good and marketable title, as determined by the Buyer's counsel or settlement agent, and will generally warrant the interest to be conveyed.
4) If applicable, Sellers will assign to the Buyer all of Sellers' right, title, and interest in those leases, agreements, and other encumbrances, which cannot be terminated or removed.
5) All expenses for the examination of the title and for the preparation and recording of the Deed and any transfer taxes shall be paid by the Buyer. The parties hereby agree that, at closing, county and local real estate taxes will be pro rated based upon the calendar year; school real estate tax will be pro rated based upon a fiscal year.
6) Sellers agree that with the execution of this Agreement the Buyer, its agents, and contractors shall have the right to enter said property to make studies, tests, soundings, surveys, and in general do any other work necessary for the purpose for which this acquisition is made. However, Buyer agrees that its agents and contractors will not enter the dwelling prior to Sellers' vacation of the same.
7) Sellers, upon closing, do remise, release, quitclaim, and discharge forever the Buyer, its successors and assigns, or its employees or representatives of and from all suits, damages, claims, demands, actions and causes of action which the Sellers might have been entitled to assert for or on account of Buyer's acquisition of the Sellers' property under the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code incidental to or consequential upon the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Buyer's roadway, except damages, if any, under 26 Pa.C.S. $\S 710$.
8) This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns of the respective parties hereto.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, THE PARTIES HERETO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT ON THE DATE ABOVE WRITTEN.

## ATTEST:

CORPORATE SIGNATURE:
Lower Macungie Township
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## ATTEST:

Ann Louise Edwards
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

By:
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PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

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EXHIBIT " 3 "

## PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

WBS Element No.: T-053.00T001-4-08
County: Lehigh
Municipality: Lower Macungie Township
Parcel No.: 5
R/W No.: 8268-B
Claimant(S): Lower Macungie Township
KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that Lower Macungie Township, (hereinafter, whether singular or plural, referred to as Grantor'), owner of certain lands situated in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, designated on Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Right-of-Way Plan numbered 8268-B, dated October 28, 2022 (See attached Exhibit "A").

Grantor does hereby grant to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (hereinafter referred to as "Commission"), and its engineers, employees, contractors, and agents the right to enter upon said land and do such work as necessary and required by the Commission together with the right, liberty and privileges of ingress, egress and regress over, in and upon said land with its vehicles, machinery, tools and mechanical devises for the purpose of construction operations required for construction of the MP 53-57 Lower Macungie Road Bridge Project (hereinafter the "Project") and its requirements.

It is further understood and agreed that the Commission and its contractors engaged in the construction of the Project shall save the Grantor harmless from any and all liability for any loss, injury or damage to persons or property that may be sustained by reason of the occupancy of said land and the construction of the Project by the said Commission and its contractors.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Six Thousand Dollars, $(\$ 6,000.00)$, the Grantor grants the Commission a temporary easement for the purpose of undertaking the above construction or improvements.

It is further agreed that the Commission and its contractors will restore the proper grade to the said land, re-seed grass in affected area, and restore the said area upon completion of the project.

The temporary easement for construction shall endure for a period of $\underline{2}$ years to commence on the date that the Commission's contractor enters the temporary construction casement area to begin work. The temporary construction easement area is $\mathbf{0 . 4 5 1}$ acre(s).

This shall be considered a total release for all damages and claims against the Commission as a result of the granting of the Temporary Construction Easement designated at Parcel No. $\underline{5}$ on the site plan to the Commission.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND THIS $\qquad$ DAY OF $\qquad$ 2023.

## CORPORATE SIGNATURE:

Lower Macungie Township

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