## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-96 DENY REQUEST FOR RELEASE BUT APPROVE REDUCTION OF TWO (2) PERFORMANCE BONDS IPT RAILROAD LOGISTICS CENTER, LLC 839 RAILROAD AVENUE, BLOCK 147.01, LOTS 3.01 & 3.03

WHEREAS IPT Railroad Logistics Center, LLC has requested an inspection for release of Performance Bond Nos. SUR0060972 in the amount of \$242,070.00 for Landscape Buffer and SUR0060973 in the amount of \$36,260.40 for Right-of-Way Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Engineer, Robert A. Mullin, P.E. of Colliers Engineering & Design., issued a report dated April 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommended denying the request to release the Performance Bonds but recommending reduction of SUR0060972 to \$86,616.00 and SUR0060973 to \$10,878.12; and

WHEREAS, Members of Township Council accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer to deny release and approve reduction of the Performance Bonds, as per his recommendation.

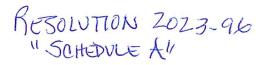
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the release request is denied and the bonds will be reduced per the Township Engineer's recommendation (see Schedule "A" attached).

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I, NANCY L. ERLSTON, Clerk of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution approved by Township Council at their May 3, 2023 meeting.

Náncy L. Erlstøn, RMC Township Clerk

Note: This Resolution denies the request to release and approves reduction of performance guarantees.



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April 25, 2023

## **VIA EMAIL**

Karen Federico, Administrative Secretary/Land Use Clerk Florence Township 711 Broad Street Florence, NJ 08518-2323

IPT Railroad Logistics Center, LLC 839 Railroad Avenue; Block 147.01, Lots 3.01 & 3.03 Township of Florence, Burlington County, New Jersey Colliers Engineering & Design Project No. FLT-139



Dear Karen,

We've received the attached request for bond releases from the developer for the above-referenced project. Our office has performed site observations and assessments of the completed improvements, and we have prepared the attached spreadsheets and deficiency lists.

Based on our site observations and assessments, we recommend the following actions:

- Right-of-Way Improvements (Bond #SUR0060973 \$36,260.40) Based on our review, not all the bonded improvements have been satisfactorily completed (see attached Right-of-Way deficiency list). We therefore recommend the bond (and associated cash portion, as applicable) be reduced by the maximum 70 percent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53e(1) to \$10,878.12.
- Safety and Stabilization (Bond #SUR0060974 \$66,703.91) We have no objection to the Safety and Stabilization bond being released upon submittal and approval of a two-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$10,005.59 (15% of the original bond amount).
- Landscape Buffer Bond (Bond #SUR0060972 \$242,070.00) Based on our observations, the landscape buffer improvements are approximately 64.22% satisfactorily completed (see attached Landscape Deficiency List). We therefore recommend the bond (and associated cash portion, as applicable) be reduced by 64.22% to \$86,616.00.

We note the developer also has a \$500,000 bond in place relative to the functionality of the site's stormwater management basin. This is an ongoing issue and will be addressed separately,

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. (DBA Maser Consulting)

Robert A. Mullin, PE, PP, CME, CPWM

Township Engineer

RAM/dmm Enclosures

cc: Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator (via email)

Ted Lovenduski, Florence Township (via email)

Jim Murray, IPT Railroad Logistics Center, LLC (via email) Bruce Bradford, Colliers Engineering & Design (via email)

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