RESOLUTION No. 233

SEQRA ESTABLISHMENT OF LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROUTE 96 TRANSFORMATIVE CORRIDOR STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

On motion of Councilman Tantillo, seconded by Councilman Condon, the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 (Marren, Guinan, Condon, Tantillo, Kahovec) NAYS 0

WHEREAS, the segment of NYS Route 96 and associated area ("the Corridor") located within the Town of Victor ("the Town") has been recognized by the Finger Lakes Economic Development Council as one of three "Transformative Corridors", meaning that it is a critical component of the regional transportation system supporting job growth, increasing regional wealth, driving private sector investment, and reducing poverty; and,

WHEREAS, a history of increasing traffic congestion has been experienced within the Corridor, which congestion reduces traffic safety, impedes the passage of visitors and commuters within the Town, diminishes the quality of life for residents, and threatens continued growth and economic development; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Victor ("the Town Board") commissioned a study, to be completed in partnership with the Village of Victor, Ontario County, Genesee Transportation Council, New York State Department of Transportation, and Finger Lakes Railway, intended to identify improvements within the Corridor that could avoid or reduce limitations that congestion would otherwise impose upon future development opportunities within the Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has, as a consequence, now been presented with the "Route 96 Transformative Corridor Strategic Infrastructure Plan" ("the Plan") which the Town will now consider both adopting and implementing; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan calls for the development of six "High Priority Projects" ("the Projects") as well as the potential establishment of a Transportation Development District ("the TD District", a type of Development Facilitation Improvement District under NYS law), and the Town Board is therefore considering undertaking, funding and/or approving the Projects and establishment of the TD District in addition to formal adoption of the Plan; and,
WHEREAS, in order to comply with the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act and its regulations promulgated at 6 N.Y.C.R.C. Part 617 (collectively referred to as “SEQRA”), the Town Board proposes conducting an environmental review of a proposed action (“the proposed Action”) that includes all of the foregoing components, namely, 1) formal adoption of the Plan, 2) approving, undertaking and/or funding of the Projects, and 3) establishment of the TD District; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has already delineated a district, known as the Route 96/251 Overlay District depicted on the Town’s Zoning Map, that adheres to the boundaries of parcels that would benefit from the improvements resulting from the construction of the High Priority Projects; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan could be considered to be adoption of a supplement to the Town of Victor’s land use plan, also known as the 2015 Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, although neither adoption of the Plan nor establishment of the TD District would involve physical activity, the Projects together, as described in the attached SEQR Part 1 Environmental Assessment Form, have the combined potential to disturb well over 10 acres and potentially as much as 25 to 30 acres in the aggregate at multiple sites within the Town during construction; and,

WHEREAS, construction of the Projects would likely require approval, undertaking and/or funding from other local, regional and state government agencies needing to comply with SEQR, including the Village of Victor, the County of Ontario, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the Part 1 Environmental Assessment of the proposed Action, prepared by LaBella Associates; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the boundaries of the proposed TD District included as part of the proposed Action shall initially be assumed to be coincident with those of the existing Route 96/251 Overlay District; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York’s SEQRA regulations, the Town Board has determined that the proposed Action is a Type I action as defined under SEQRA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board has further determined that the proposed Action may involve one or more other agencies and that an environmental review coordinated with other involved agencies and necessitating establishment of a lead agency will therefore be required under SEQRA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby announces its intent to serve as Lead Agency in the environmental review of the proposed Action; and, be it further
RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, assisted by the Town Engineer, shall notify the involved agencies listed immediately below of the Town Board’s intent to be established as Lead Agency for this review, provide each with a copy of the Part 1 Environmental Assessment Form, and request that the Involved Agencies consent.

SEQR Involved Agencies:

Village of Victor
County of Ontario
New York State Department of Transportation
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;

And be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all interested agencies, and the Town Clerk.

(State of New York)
County of Ontario)

I do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding with the original thereof, on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Victor, New York, and that the same is a correct transcript there from and of the whole of said original; and that said original was duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Victor, New York on June 4, 2018.

Given under my hand and official seal

Karen C. Bodine
Town Clerk
of the Town of Victor, New York