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Re: Explanatory Statement - Hudson River Park Trust
Disposition of Surplus Personal Property

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to Section 2897(6)(d) of Title 5-A of the New York State Public Authorities Law ("NYSPAL"), Hudson River Park Trust provides this written explanation for the planned disposition of surplus personal property, including six Toro Workman GTX vehicles that have a combined value above \$15,000.

The following explanatory statement is submitted in compliance with Policy Guidance No. 15-03 issued by New York State Authorities Budget Office ("ABO") on November 3, 2015.

1. Description of the Parties Involved in the Property Transaction

Seller: Hudson River Park Trust (the "Trust"), a public benefit corporation created by the Hudson River Park Act, Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1998 of the State of New York, as amended (the "Act").

Purchaser: Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation, a not-for-profit entity responsible for planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Brooklyn Bridge Park.

2. Justification for Disposing of the Property by Negotiation

Pursuant to the Act, the Trust is responsible for the planning, design, development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Hudson River Park and the improvements therein (collectively, the "Park"). In order to maintain the Park, the Trust had purchased vehicles to assist in maintaining the Park and the adjacent Route 9A bikeway/Greenway, including the Toro Workman GTX vehicles. As a result of the October 31, 2017 terrorist attack on the Route 9A bikeway/Greenway that runs parallel to the Park, New York State has installed a number of bollards, concrete blocks and jersey barriers such that a number of the Trust's maintenance vehicles can no longer be used as they are too wide to pass through the new security measures.

The Trust held a public auction, administered by the New York Office of General Services ("OGS"), on June 12, 2019 to sell a large amount of surplus property that the Trust could not or was not using. For some of the property, the Trust set an internal reserve price in which the vehicles and equipment would generally not be sold for less. The reserve price set for the GTX vehicles was \$5,000 each.

Because several of the GTX vehicles were not sold at the auction, the Trust reached out to local parks to determine if they would purchase the equipment. Brooklyn Bridge Park has agreed to purchase the GTX vehicles at the internal reserve price of \$5000 each.

This proposed transfer by negotiation is permitted pursuant to NYSPAL Section 2897(6)(c), as the proposed purchase prices are at or above fair market value based on the results from the OGS-administered auction, and such competition as is feasible was obtained. These vehicles cannot be used by the Trust and are taking up much valuable storage space at Pier 40, and thus it is in the Trust's interest to proceed with the sale.

3. Identification of the Property, Including Its Location

The motor vehicles include six 2018 Toro Workman GTX. They are located at the Trust's headquarters at Pier 40 in Manhattan.

4. Estimated Fair Market Value of the Property

The bids for the Workman GTX vehicles at the OGS Administered auction did not exceed \$5000 (only one vehicle sold at \$5000 during the auction). Thus the sale price based on the Trust's initial reserve pricing of \$5000 each for the Workman GTX vehicles represents fair market value.

5. Proposed Sale Price

The proposed sale price for the six Toro Workman GTX vehicles is \$30,000.

6. Expected Date of Sale of Property

The proposed date of the sale is 90 days from the date of this notice letter.

Any questions or comments relating to the proposed disposition may be sent to my attention at the address noted on page 1 of this letter or by email at dkurtz@hrpt.ny.gov.

Very truly yours,


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Executive Vice President and
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