

**Facilities and Infrastructure Special Committee Meeting
May 6, 2008
Courthouse Conference Room**

Approved 7/17/08

Present: L. McBean-Clairborne, Chair; K. Luz Herrera, Vice Chair, D. Randall, C. Chock, D. Kiefer (arrived 4:50)
Staff: R. Nicholas, Airport; E. Marx, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works; K. Fuller, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. – MAKING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE
RUNWAY SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS AND OBSTRUCTION CLEARANCE
PROJECT - ITHACA TOMPKINS REGIONAL AIRPORT**

MOVED by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Mr. Randall. Ms. Fuller noted Ms. Kiefer, who had not yet arrived, raised questions regarding the negative declaration at the previous meeting. Ms. Herrera said Ms. Kiefer did not like the manner it was completed. Mr. Marx said that Ms. Kiefer will be bringing an amendment to the resolution, modifying it to a conditional negative declaration with regard to an addendum regarding the wetlands portion of the bid; he is not certain it is necessary as the project is completing work as outlined on the addendum.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 4; Noes –0; Absent – 1 (Legislator Kiefer). Mrs. McBean-Clairborne noted Ms. Kiefer could possibly move for an amendment on the floor of the Legislature meeting.

Upon Ms. Kiefer’s subsequent arrival at the meeting a discussion occurred regarding the resolution. Ms. Kiefer expressed a desire to specify it as a Conditional Negative Declaration to assure work outlined in the Addendum 1, was completed. Following the discussion, the resolution was revised as noted below.

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 127 dated July 5, 2005, and Resolution No. 154 dated September 5, 2006, the Legislature approved agreements with C&S Engineers of Syracuse to conduct an Environmental Assessment for an Obstruction Removal project and a Runway Safety Area Improvement project, and

WHEREAS, said C&S Engineers have now conducted a full environmental assessment involving all stakeholders in the process, have completed Parts I, II, and III of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and have duly advertised the availability of the Environmental Assessment report for inspection by members of the general public, and

WHEREAS, to address concerns about impacts on wetlands, on April 7, 2008, Addendum 1, point 22, modified the technical specifications (Item P-151) and has been included in construction documents and the Army Corps of Engineers permit, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has also reviewed the likely effect of this project on the environment and has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the Runway Safety Area Improvements and Obstruction Clearance Project is a Type 1 State Environmental Quality Review action,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature does hereby make a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance for said project.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE 1

(Negative Declaration - Full Environmental Assessment Form is available in the Legislative Clerk's Office)

**RESOLUTION NO. – AWARD OF BID – RUNWAY SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS AND
OBSTRUCTION CLEARANCE PROJECT - ITHACA TOMPKINS REGIONAL
AIRPORT**

It was MOVED by Mr. Randall, seconded by Ms. Chock.

Ms. Kiefer arrived at this time.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 5; Noes –0. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the Finance Department advertised and received four bids to make mandated improvements to the runway safety area and clear obstructions from land owned by the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, and

WHEREAS, the airport's engineering consultants, C&S Engineers of Syracuse, have reviewed all the bids and found the lowest responsible bidder is Sealand Contractors of Rush, New York, with a bid of \$3,197,872, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reviewed the likely effect of this project on the environment and has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the bid be awarded to Sealand Contractors of Rush, New York, as the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$3,197,872,

RESOLVED, further, That the funding sources for this project are as follows:

FAA Share	(95.0%)	\$3,037,978
New York State Department of Transportation	(2.5%)	\$ 79,947
Local Share (Airline Rates & Charges)	(2.5%)	\$ 79,947
TOTAL		\$3,197,872

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with Sealand Contractors of Rush, New York,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be authorized to borrow monies if necessary, until reimbursement is received from the FAA and New York State Department of Transportation.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE 1

(Negative Declaration - Copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form is available in the Legislative Clerk's office)

Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.