# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

<b>DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA</b> )		
Condemnor,		
)		
v. )	Case No.:	
)		
0.034 acres of land; and Certain easement)	Parcel:	12
rights; and Hisron, LLC; Irvin J.	<b>Project:</b>	Glenwood Road
Johnson, DeKalb County Tax		Sidewalk Project
Commissioner; Hon. Bedelia C.		Phase III
<b>Hargrove, DeKalb County Probate Court</b> )	Pay-in:	\$10,800.00
Judge; and any and all others having or )	Judge:	
claiming any interest in the herein )		
described lands, individually,		
Condemnees )		

#### **DECLARATION OF TAKING**

WHEREAS, DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA has made a finding and determination that the circumstances in connection with acquiring the right-of-way and certain easement rights to construct improvements to a public transportation system, and which improvements are commonly known as **Glenwood Road Sidewalk Project – Phase III**, are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in this Declaration of Taking, by condemnation through the exercise of the power of eminent domain of DeKalb County, Georgia a certified copy of such Resolution and Order being attached hereto as Appendix "A" to this Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA finds the circumstances of this case make it necessary to employ the declaration of taking method as Condemnor believes the title of the apparent owner is defective, doubtful, incomplete, or in controversy, or that there are or may be unknown persons or nonresidents who have or may have some claim or demand thereon, or that there are taxes due or that should be paid thereon, or that it is desirable to have a quick and effective

judicial ascertainment of any question connected with Condemnor's acquisition of the property described herein by the exercise of the power of eminent domain including, but not limited to, a judicial ascertainment of the just and adequate compensation Condemnor shall pay, and a judicial ascertainment of what person or persons are entitled to such compensation; and

WHEREAS, said fee simple title to the right of way and the certain easement rights are for public road and transportation purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in DeKalb County, Georgia as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to this Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent, state-licensed, and independent real estate appraiser to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, with a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, in consequence of such sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A," DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA estimates the sum of **TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NO/100ths DOLLARS** (\$10,800.00) as just and adequate compensation to be paid for said fee simple right of way and certain easement rights, as fully described in Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposits said sum in the registry of the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto; and

WHEREAS, to maintain a projected schedule of construction it is necessary that the Property for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and

WHEREAS, the parcel of Property as herein described and listed in the Petition, attachments, or below, are essential for the construction of said project.

NOW THEREFORE, the premises considered, DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA under authority of the laws of Georgia, Official Code of Georgia Sections 32-3-1 through 32-3-19, declares that it is necessary that the Property as described in appendices hereto, be acquired by condemnation, and that said Property or interest therein as described in appendices hereto and in the Petition is taken for public and governmental purposes, more specifically for public road and transportation purposes, and that the same is necessary for the construction of a transportation project.

DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, through its Chief Executive Officer and Board of Commissioners, has authorized the acquisition of the title, estate or interest in the lands described by condemnation under the provisions of law, has exercised its power of eminent domain, and has authorized the filing of condemnation proceedings, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with law. Let there be attached hereto as Appendix "A" to this Exhibit "A" the Resolution and Order of the DeKalb County, Georgia's Chief Executive Officer and its Board of Commissioners finding that circumstances are such that it is necessary to proceed in the particular case under the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 32, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

This	day of	, 2025.					
		DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS					
		Michelle Long Spears					
		Presiding Officer					
		Board of Commissioner					
		DeKalb County, Georgia					

Approved by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson	
Chief Executive Officer	
DeKalb County, Georgia	

ATTEST:

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood, CCC
Clerk to the DeKalb County, Georgia
Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer

## Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A"

Resolution and Order of DeKalb County, Georgia

RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION BY DECLARATION OF TAKING METHOD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A. §§ 32-3-4 ET SEQ. OF A TRACT OF LAND COMPRISED OF 0.034 ACRES OF FEE SIMPLE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS, BEING PROJECT PARCEL 12, LAND LOT 166 OF THE 15th DISTRICT, DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 9, Paragraph 5 of the Georgia Constitution, counties may acquire private property in fee simple or in any lesser interest by eminent domain for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Georgia has laid out and determined to construct, improve and maintain a public road in DeKalb County, Georgia as part of a local project commonly known and designated as **Glenwood Road Sidewalk Project – Phase III** and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of DeKalb County, Georgia and on DeKalb County, Georgia's website; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and following sections authorize DeKalb County, Georgia to file a condemnation proceeding *in rem* under a method known as the Declaration of Taking to acquire private property interests for public road or other public transportation purposes upon payment of just and adequate compensation therefore to the person or persons entitled to such payment upon the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Commissioners' finding that circumstances are appropriate and necessary for the use of said method;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia find and believe the circumstances are appropriate for the use of the Declaration of Taking method to acquire property for public road or other public transportation purposes belonging to Hisron, LLC, being known as project Parcel 12, Land Lot 166 of the 15<sup>th</sup> District, DeKalb, County,

Georgia, for one or more of the reasons set forth in O.C.G.A. § 32-3-4 as the same may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, a desire in the interests of justice to have judicial ascertainment of any and all questions connected with the condemnation.

WHEREAS, to maintain DeKalb County, Georgia's projected schedule of road construction, it is appropriate and necessary for the fee simple title to right of way and certain easements, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and

WHEREAS, the parcel of right of way, easements and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:

Required R/W: 0.034 acres of land and certain easement rights

Appendix 1 – Annex I – Legal Description

Annex II – Plat

Owner: HISRON, LLC; HONORABLE BEDELIA C.

HARGROVE, JUDGE DEKALB COUNTY PROBATE COURT; IRVIN J. JOHNSON, DEKALB COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER; and any and all others having or claiming an interest in

the herein described lands, individually

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia find the circumstances are such that it is appropriate and necessary that the right of way and easements, if any, as described in the annexes to this Resolution and Order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and

IT IS ORDERED that DeKalb County, Georgia proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in the annexes to this Resolution and Order by

condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and DeKalb County, Georgia's attorneys and its outside attorneys are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code, and the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute this Resolution and Order, a Declaration of Taking and any other documents necessary to effectuate the same. This \_\_\_\_\_, 2025. DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Michelle Long Spears Board of Commissioner DeKalb County, Georgia Approved by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025. Lorraine Cochran-Johnson Chief Executive Officer DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood, CCC Clerk to the DeKalb County, Georgia Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer

# Annex I of Appendix A of Exhibit A Legal Description

PROJECT NAME: Glenwood Road Sidewalk Project – Phase III

COUNTY: Dekalb County PROPERTY TAX ID NO.: 15-166-01-035

PARCEL NO.: 12

DATE OF R/W PLANS: April 12, 2022

LAST REVISED PLANS: Drawing No. 60-0005 on March 11, 2024, No. 60-0006 on August 5, 2022,

and No. 60-0024 on May 6, 2025

REQUIRED R/W: 0.034 acres and certain easement rights

PROPERTY OWNERS: HISRON, LLC; HONORABLE BEDELIA C. HARGROVE, JUDGE

DEKALB COUNTY PROBATE COURT; IRVIN J. JOHNSON, DEKALB COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER; and any and all others having or

claiming an interest in the herein described lands, individually

#### REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY CONTAINING 1500 S.F. or 0.034 acres

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 166 of the 15th Land District of Dekalb County, Georgia, being shown described within on the attached plats marked and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at point 417 being 30.00 feet right of and opposite Station 110+59.12 on the construction centerline of GLENWOOD ROAD on Dekalb County Project Glenwood Road Sidewalks improvements - Phase III; running thence S 88°26'41.7" E a distance of 300.00 feet to point 422 being 30.00 feet right of and opposite station 113+59.12 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence S 1°35'08.5" W a distance of 5.00 feet to point DE10071 being 35.00 feet right of and opposite station 113+59.11 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence N 88°26'41.7" W a distance of 300.00 feet to point DE10060 being 35.00 feet right of and opposite station 110+59.11 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence N 1°35'35.5" E a distance of 5.00 feet back to the point of beginning.

Consisting of 1500 square feet more or less.

The title, estate or interest in the above described land, required by condemnor and now taken by condemnor for public use is as follows: Fee simple title to the above described land as described within on the attached plats dated April 12, 2022, Drawing Nos. 60-0005 on March 11, 2024, No. 60-0006 on August 5, 2022, and No. 60-0024 on May 6, 2025.

#### **TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT CONTAINING 1200 S.F.**

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 166 of the 15th Land District of Dekalb County, Georgia, being shown described within on the attached plats marked and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at point DE10060 being 35.00 feet right of and opposite Station 110+59.11 on the construction centerline of Glenwood Road on Dekalb County Project Glenwood Road Sidewalks improvements - Phase III; running thence S 88°26'41.7" E a distance of 300.00 feet to point DE10071 being 35.00 feet right of and opposite station 113+59.11 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence S 1°36'10.5" W a distance of 4.00 feet to point DE10072 being 39.00 feet right of and opposite station 113+59.11 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence N 88°26'41.7" W a distance of 300.00 feet to point DE10073 being 39.00 feet right of and opposite station 110+59.11 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence N 1°35'35.5" E a distance of 4.00 feet back to the point of beginning.

Consisting of 1200 square feet more or less.

Said temporary easement is condemned for the right to construct slopes and is shown described within on the attached plats dated 04/12/22 plats dated April 12, 2022, Drawing Nos. 60-0005 on March 11, 2024, No. 60-0006 on August 5, 2022, and No. 60-0024 on May 6, 2025. Said temporary construction easement shall expire upon completion and acceptance of the project.

#### **TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT NO. 1**

Also taken is a temporary easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 166 of the 15th Land District of DeKalb County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 39.00 feet right of and opposite Station 110+63.00 on the construction centerline of 1 on Georgia Highway Project No. 1; running thence S 88°26'41.7" E a distance of 61.00 feet to a point 39.00 feet right of and opposite station 111+24.00 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence S 1°33'18.3" W a distance of 24.00 feet to a point 63.00 feet right of and opposite station 111+24.00 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence N 88°26'41.7" W a distance of 61.00 feet to a point 63.00 feet right of and opposite station 110+63.00 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence N 1°33'18.3" E a distance of 24.00 feet back to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.034 acres more or less.

Said temporary driveway easement is shown on the attached plats dated April 12, 2022, Drawing Nos. 60-0005 on March 11, 2024, No. 60-0006 on August 5, 2022, and No. 60-0024 on May 6 2025. Said temporary driveway easement will expire upon completion and acceptance of the project and the driveway constructed therein will remain in place for use by the Condemnees

#### **TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT NO. 2**

Also taken is a temporary easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 166 of the 15th Land District of DeKalb County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at point 39.00 feet right of and opposite Station 110+63.00 on the construction centerline of GLENWOOD ROAD on DEKALB COUNTY Project running thence S 88°26'41.7" E a distance of 61.00 feet to a point 39.00 feet right of and opposite station 111+24.00 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence S 1°33'18.3" W a distance of 24.00 feet to a point 63.00 feet right of and opposite station 111+24.00 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence N 88°26'41.7" W a distance of 61.00 feet to a point 63.00 feet right of and opposite station 110+63.00 on said construction centerline laid out for GLENWOOD ROAD; thence N 1°33'18.3" E a distance of 24.00 feet back to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.018 acres more or less.

Said temporary driveway easement is shown on the attached plats dated April 12, 2022, Drawing Nos. 60-0005 on March 11, 2024, No. 60-0006 on August 5, 2022, and No. 60-0024 on May 6, 2025. Said temporary driveway easement will expire upon completion and acceptance of the project and the driveway constructed therein will remain in place for use by the Condemnees

## Annex II of Appendix A of Exhibit A

Plat

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## APPENDIX B TO EXHIBIT A

Description of Property from which Right of Way is Taken

# DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY AND CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS ARE TAKEN

Project: Glenwood Road Sidewalk Project – Phase III

Record Owner(s): HISRON, LLC; HONORABLE BEDELIA C. HARGROVE, JUDGE

DEKALB COUNTY PROBATE COURT; IRVIN J. JOHNSON, DEKALB COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER; and any and all others having or claiming an interest in the herein described lands, individually

Said fee simple title to right of way and easements as described in Appendix A is for public road purposes in DeKalb County, Georgia, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 166 of the 15<sup>th</sup> Land of DeKalb County. Said tract of land consisting of approximately 2.534 acres of land.

### APPENDIX C TO EXHIBIT A

**Appraiser's Certificate**