Clerk of the Superior Court \*\*\* Electronically Filed \*\* N. Johnson, Deputy 3/4/2022 8:00:00 AM Filing ID 14003376

1 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA 2 IN AND FOR MARICOPA COUNTY 3 STATE OF ARIZONA ex rel., JOHN No. CV2017-010359 HALIKOWSKI, Director, Department of Transportation, 4 JUDGMENT – ALL DEFENDANTS AND CLAIMANTS EXCEPT 5 Plaintiff, **INTERVENORS** 6 v. 7 FOOTHILLS RESERVE MASTER OWNERS' (Assigned to Hon. Timothy Thomason) ASSOCIATION, INC. an Arizona Corporation; 8 MARICOPA COUNTY; 9 Defendants. 10 and DIETMAR HANKE AND LINDA HANKE, 11 12 Intervenors. 13 Plaintiff State of Arizona ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Foothills Reserve Master 14 Owners' Association, Inc. (the "HOA"), in its representative capacity on behalf of 589 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

homeowners in the Foothills Reserve subdivision (the "589 Owners"), have entered into a settlement and have stipulated to the Judgment between them.

Good cause appearing, the Court finds there is no just reason for delay and enters final Judgment as follows:

- 1. The Court finds that the fee simple interest in the real property sought to be condemned, as described in Exhibit A, is required by Plaintiff for a necessary and public use.
- 2. Plaintiff has judgment condemning for its use the real property as described in Exhibit A and any improvements thereon.
- 3. The Court entered a stipulated partial judgment on July 10, 2018, (the "HOA Partial Judgment"). The HOA Partial Judgment awarded the HOA (on its own behalf, and not representing the 589 Owners or the Intervenors) a stipulated sum of \$6,500,000.00, plus statutory interest, for Plaintiff's condemnation of real property owned by the HOA, as described by Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. Plaintiff has satisfied the HOA Partial Judgment.
  - 4. The Court acknowledges the following by way of background:
- a. The HOA Partial Judgment was without prejudice to the claims for just compensation of the 589 Owners or the Intervenors after construction of the South Mountain Freeway, by virtue of the taking by Plaintiff of the property rights the 589 Owners enjoyed in the property condemned by Plaintiff and for the construction of the Plaintiff's project pursuant to A.R.S. §12-1122.
- b. The 589 Owners' damages claims included, among other items, claims to the alleged diminished value of their homes as a result of factors such as noise, pollution, loss of

view, and unsightliness as a result of the South Mountain Freeway., i.e., proximity damages.

- c. Dietmar and Linda Hanke, Intervenors, own a single-family home in the Foothills Reserve subdivision (which was one of the 590 remaining homes) and elected to pursue their own severance damage claim and have appeared as an intervenor. The HOA does not represent the Hankes and this Judgment concerning the HOA and the 589 Owners does not affect the Hankes' severance damage claim. The Court bifurcated the Hankes' claim into a separate trial.
- d. The Court ordered that the 589 Owners' proximity damage claims may be maintained in the same case by the HOA, acting in a representative capacity, without the need for the 589 Owners to be named as parties and neither the HOA nor the 589 Owners were required to file counterclaims against Plaintiff. Plaintiff waived any statute of limitations or notice of claim defenses with regard to the claims made in this lawsuit.
- e. The Court determined that the HOA, pursuant to the provisions of the Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements governing the Foothills Reserve subdivision, was required to represent the 589 Owners' claims for just compensation, but only in a representative capacity.
- f. The Court signed an Order of Immediate Possession on July 3, 2018. The HOA and the Plaintiff agreed that the date of the OIP established the date of taking and agreed that that the date the OIP was entered by the Court would be used as the date of valuation for the determination of just compensation (including severance damages to the 589 homes that the HOA represented solely in a representative capacity).

- 5. The Court enters the following monetary judgment and accompanying terms as concerns the Plaintiff and the HOA in its representative capacity for the 589 Owners:
- a. The HOA, in its representative capacity, shall have the monetary judgment against Plaintiff for Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00) plus statutory interest accruing from July 3, 2018 until paid.
- b. Plaintiff shall pay the HOA's taxable costs incurred herein in the amount of \$35,084.88.
- c. Plaintiff shall pay Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), plus statutory interest on Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), from July 3, 2018 until paid, plus taxable costs, by wire transfer into the State Bar Trust Account of Zeitlin & Zeitlin, P.C. ("Zeitlin & Zeitlin"), attorneys for the HOA, upon entry of this Judgment.
- d. Plaintiffs' attorneys, at the time Plaintiff wires the money to Zeitlin & Zeitlin, shall provide Zeitlin & Zeitlin with a written accounting showing the principal and accrued interest.
- e. The Hankes, as Intervenors and separately-represented parties, shall not be entitled to make any claim(s) to the amounts of just compensation paid by Plaintiff to the HOA in its representative capacity in this Judgment. The Hankes shall have no right or standing to object, to contest, or to appeal this Judgment. Further, the Hankes shall have no right to object, contest, or participate in the administration of the distribution by the HOA to the 589 Owners of the proceeds in this Judgment.
- f. The 589 Owners' claims, and any monies paid to the HOA in its representative capacity for those claims, shall be the property of the 589 Owners, excluding the Hankes,

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and not the HOA, and shall not be the property or assets of the HOA; although the HOA may set up a separate bank account or escrow to hold the monies in trust for the 589 Owners. Provided, however, that the HOA may pay out of the proceeds of this Judgment its reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs incurred in the administration and distribution of the Judgment proceeds.

Plaintiff preserves the right to appeal only the Court's legal decision that the 589 Owners are entitled to proximity damages caused by Plaintiffs' Project (the South Mountain Freeway) as set forth in the Court's minute entry ruling dated June 28, 2019, and filed July 2, 2019 (the "Court's Decision").

h. If at the completion of the appellate process (which may include petitions for review to the Arizona Supreme Court) the Court of Appeals (or on a petition for review, the Arizona Supreme Court) determines that the 589 Owners are not entitled to proximity damages, then Plaintiff shall only be liable for the payment of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), plus statutory interest, and shall not be liable for paying the additional Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00), plus statutory interest, of this Judgment. If after the completion of the appellate process (including a petition for review to the Supreme Court) the result is that the 589 Owners are entitled to recover proximity damages (in any amount), then Plaintiff shall pay the remaining portions of the Judgment, which will be the principal amount of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00), plus statutory interest thereon from July 3, 2018, plus any additional taxable costs incurred by the HOA during the appeal process until paid. Plaintiff shall pay the above sum by wire transfer to the State Bar Trust Account of Zeitlin & Zeitlin, P.C. At the time the wire is made, Plaintiff's attorneys shall

provide Zeitlin & Zeitlin with an accounting showing the principal and accrued interest. If Plaintiff decides to forgo the appellate process or if the appellate process is abandoned by Plaintiff or dismissed due to any fault of Plaintiff, Plaintiff shall be liable for the additional Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00), plus statutory interest thereon from July 3, 2018, plus any additional taxable costs incurred by the HOA during the appeal process until paid.

- i. The bond in the amount of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) that was filed by Plaintiff pursuant to the Order for Immediate Possession shall remain in effect until further order.
- j. The bond remaining in effect, Plaintiff may continue in possession of the property condemned in this action.
- k. Because many of the homes within the Foothills Reserve subdivision have been sold and may be sold pending appeal, this Judgment does not prevent the Court from taking action to" (i) approve a plan for reasonable notice to the 589 Owners (as some of their whereabouts may not be known); (ii) after notice pursuant to an approved plan of notice and a reasonable period for any of the 589 Owners to file objections to the proposed distribution with the Court, approve a proposed plan of distribution to the 589 Owners; (iii) to determine the rights as between persons who owned each home on July 3, 2018, the date of the taking, and subsequent purchasers; and (iv) make any other necessary orders.
- 1. Plaintiff will not participate in these actions. Plaintiff shall have no liabilities for any delay in distribution of the funds.
- 6. Defendant Maricopa County, having filed a disclaimer in this matter, takes nothing by this Judgment.

1	7.	Each party to this action shall bear their own attorneys' fees.	
2	8.	The Court finding there is no just reason for delay, this Judgment is final and is	
3	entered pursuant to Rule 54(b), Ariz. R. Civ. P.		
4	DONE IN OPEN COURT this day of, 2022.		
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7		Honorable Timothy J. Thomason Judge of the Superior Court	
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PROJECT:

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HIGHWAY:

SR202 SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY

LOCATION:

Pecos - Segment A

PARCEL:

7-11506

DATE:

May 19, 2017

#### Foothills Reserve Master Owners' Association

#### DESCRIPTION FOR FEE ESTATE

That portion of the Grantor's property that is described in the following PROPERTY DESCRIPTION located in the Southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 1 South, Range 2 East, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Maricopa County, Arizona, which lies southerly of the following described NEW RIGHT OF WAY LINE:

#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Tracts A, D and E, Foothills Reserve Parcel C, according to Book 552 of Maps, Page 37, records of Maricopa County, Arizona;

EXCEPT 1/16th of all oil, gas, other hydrocarbon substances, helium or other substances of a gaseous nature, coal, metals, minerals, fossils, fertilizer of every name and description and except all materials which may be essential to the production of fissionable material as reserved in Arizona Revised Statutes.

#### NEW RIGHT OF WAY LINE DESCRIPTION:

Commencing at a found 2003 2 inch Maricopa County aluminum cap on a ½ inch rebar, 0.3 feet down, marking the Southeast corner of said Section 35, from which a found 2000 2 inch SCI aluminum cap in concrete, 0.15 feet down, LS 21780, marking the East quarter corner of said Section 35, bears North 00°08'35" East 2639.01 feet;

thence along the section line North 00°08'35" East 110.00 feet to the Southerly right of way line of Pecos Road;

thence continuing along said section line North 00°08'35" East 348.32 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence South 88° 51' 43" West 70.32 feet;

thence North 00° 09' 50" East; 53.00 feet;

thence North 89° 50' 12" West 110.00 feet;

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thence South 00° 09' 50" West 23.66 feet;

thence South 84° 53' 02" West 765.32 feet;

thence Northwesterly, a distance of 68.48 feet along a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet;

thence South 84° 53' 02" West 111.03 feet;

thence North 86° 56' 15" West 56.85 feet;

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thence South 88° 22' 46" West 411.32 feet;

thence North 78° 31'38" West 329.84 feet;

thence South 88° 36' 42" West 381.70 feet;

thence North 85° 13' 38" West 60.92 feet to the POINT OF ENDING on the North-South mid section line of said Section 35, from which a found 1 ½ inch iron pipe w/plastic cap, LS 5068, marking the Center quarter corner of said Section 35, bears North 00° 04' 48" East 2145.11 feet.

The Grantor's remaining land shall have no right or easement of access to State Route 202L (SOUTH MOUNTAIN FREEWAY).

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