



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: June 15, 2020

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Agenda Item: Resolution – Rebuild Illinois Grant Application Support

Explanation: Governor Pritzker announced his Rebuild Illinois program last fall as part of a multi-year capital investment bill. This is the funding mechanism for the eventual construction that will take place on Business Route 24. The Competitive Public Infrastructure (CPI) program has a submittal deadline of June 30. The minimum project award is \$250,000, the maximum is \$5 million, and there is \$25 million available through this program. There are a variety of eligible public infrastructure improvements. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has set a goal of making project announcements by the end of the year.

As previously discussed with the Public Works Committee and to help address a primary City Council goal, staff has been working to submit a CPI application for the completion of about 1,000' on the east end of Freedom Parkway at its intersection with North Cummings Lane. When constructed, about 2,500' would remain to connect the west and east stubs. Submittal of a Surface Transportation Block Grant application was made to the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study for consideration in FY's 2023 or 2024 for the completion of this last section of Freedom. Staff anticipates an announcement of project awards for those two years later this summer.

A local cost share is not required as part of the CPI program. However, one of the CPI scoring criteria allocates points for local financial support. Because of the assumed competitive nature of this program, providing a local cost contribution is viewed as a near necessity to be considered for funding and shows the commitment and need for the project. Staff recommends providing a 50% match, which would gain four of the possible five points in this category. The estimated project cost (\$2,016,475) would bring the City's share to \$1,008,237.50. A public hearing to be held prior to the City Council meeting is required by DCEO to hear any public comments whenever a local cost share is proposed by a unit of local government.

Fiscal Impact: The FY 20-21 budget has \$50,000 included in Account #411-00-800-3100 (Freedom Parkway Improvement) for the start of Phase II engineering. This figures to begin sometime around the start of 2021 and would spill over into FY 21-22. Staff previously estimated \$110,000 for the completion of this and plans to budget for the additional \$60,000 for FY 21-22. The FY 19-20 budget had \$1,000,000 included for construction and \$75,000 for construction engineering. These were intentionally not included in the FY 20-21 budget because the road would not be ready for construction until FY 21-22 given the time needed to complete Phase I and II engineering. The previously budgeted amounts are planned as a match for the construction in 2021.

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: The Public Works Committee recommended proceeding with a CPI application at its May meeting. Staff recommends approval of the funding resolution.

Action Requested: Approval of the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

(Synopsis: Approval of this resolution would support a Rebuild Illinois Competitive Public Infrastructure Program grant application for the completion of Phase II engineering, construction engineering, and construction of about 1,000 feet of Freedom Parkway at its intersection with North Cummings Lane and commit to paying 50% of the estimated project cost.)

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REBUILD ILLINOIS COMPETITIVE PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT REQUEST**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Washington, Illinois, has taken action to submit a Rebuild Illinois Competitive Public Infrastructure Program grant application; and

WHEREAS, receipt of Rebuild Illinois grant assistance is essential to allow the City of Washington to undertake the project to complete Phase II engineering, construction engineering, and construction of about 1,000 feet of Freedom Parkway at its intersection with North Cummings Lane; and

WHEREAS, criteria are such that financial participation by the grantee is required in conjunction with Rebuild Illinois funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has certain monies allocated for the above-referenced project with cash on hand, as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, does hereby commit funds from the General Fund for use in conjunction with a Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant, such funds to equal 50% of the estimated total project cost of \$2,016,475, or \$1,008,237.50.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2020.

AYES _____

NAYS _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk