



## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

### City Council Agenda Communication

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**Meeting Date:** October 19, 2020

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**Agenda Item:** ITEP Support/Local Cost Share Resolution

**Explanation:** IDOT recently opened its call for projects for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). Applications must be submitted to IDOT by November 2. You will recall that the City was most recently awarded ITEP funds to complete Phase I Engineering to complete streetscape improvements on the Square.

As is the case with prior cycles, ITEP provides funding on an 80/20 basis for eligible projects including recreation trails and streetscape enhancements. Besides the Square streetscape engineering, the City has received ITEP funds for three rec trail projects previously. The City applied for the completion of all engineering and construction for the Square project in 2017 but was only awarded the PE I portion of the project when the grants were announced in 2018. The PE I project is nearly complete; the City's consulting engineer (Hutchison Engineering) finished the bulk of the work necessary to submit a Project Development Report to IDOT. The primary item still requiring verification is whether the State Historic Preservation Office will allow for the interior coping wall to be slightly reduced in size to help in allowing larger trucks to more adequately maneuver around it (the current cost estimate includes this). Having PE I nearly complete helps in the scoring of future applications.

This year's cycle has considerably more funds allocated (\$105.6 million) compared to 2017 (\$40 million). However, the majority of this (\$75 million) is set aside for trails projects. Applicants can apply for a maximum of \$2 million per project in ITEP funds. New to this year's program is that 25% of the funds will be set aside for high-need communities; applicants that qualify as such will either have a local match of 0-10% instead of the customary 20%. An announcement of awards is anticipated in the spring of 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** The FY 20-21 budget includes \$75,000 for the completion of PE II and more than \$300,000 for various construction improvements as part of the TIF 2 Fund that can be used to meet a 20% local match requirement. The remaining project (engineering and construction) carries a current estimated price tag of \$2,080,762. With ITEP awards expected in the spring of 2021, any expenditure of funds would almost certainly be in FY 21-22. The City's TIF is currently set to expire at the end of 2021.

#### **Recommendation/**

**Committee Discussion Summary:** Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution pledging the City's support for an ITEP streetscape grant application and commitment to the City's match of \$428,193 if the project is awarded by IDOT. The Public Works Committee unanimously recommended for staff to proceed with a grant application for this project at its meeting on September 8.

**Action Requested:** Staff seeks approval of the attached resolution. The completion of the majority of Phase I engineering will bolster the chances of the project being awarded.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

(Adoption of this resolution would support an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant request for the completion of engineering and the construction of streetscape modifications on the Square)

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT REQUEST ON THE HISTORIC WASHINGTON SQUARE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington currently has a well-defined downtown Square; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington desires to continue enhancing the pedestrian and customer shopping experience through streetscape improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the necessary right-of-way has been acquired to make the streetscape modifications;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington has the funds and pledges to pay \$428,193 for the project, which is the required 20% local match; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington has determined that the pursuit of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation will help meet these objectives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

That the City supports the grant request to construct the streetscape modifications on the Historic Washington Square roughly located along Main Street, Washington Square, Peoria Street, and Walnut Street.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.**

**AYES** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAYS** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk