



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

City Council Agenda Communication

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Agenda Item: Resolution – FY 25-26 STBG Nofsinger Road Realignment Local Cost Share Commitment

Explanation: The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) issued a call for projects on March 16 for the FY 25-26 federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Traditional program. TCRPC programs the STBG funds that are allocated on an annual basis to the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) through IDOT. Eligible projects include construction and reconstruction (defined as more than 50% removal and replacement) of existing roadways. The roadways must have a Functional Classification of Minor Collector or above and be ready to construct by the programmed fiscal year. The Traditional program utilizes 80% of the STBG funds while the STBG Preservation Set-Aside program is allotted the remaining 20%. The Set-Aside program is intended for resurfacing projects. The call for projects for that program is anticipated later in 2022.

Approximately \$6.56M is projected to be available for the FY 25-26 Traditional program (\$3.28M per year). Applications had a submittal deadline of April 29. Staff reviewed a possible application submittal at the April Public Works Committee and the consensus was to proceed with an application for the realignment of Nofsinger Road. A subcommittee will tentatively review the applications in June and assign Regional Significance scores (which accounts for 40% of the application scoring) with a recommendation on project awards to be made in July to the PPUATS Technical Committee. The TCRPC Commission would then tentatively approve projects in August.

The City received an STBG Traditional program award for the FY 23-24 cycle for the “middle” 2,500’ +/- of Freedom Parkway. Phase I and II engineering is nearing completion for that project in order to potentially make it shovel ready later this year pending IDOT review and approval. STBG projects require a 30% local match, which must be approved by resolution and submitted no later than May 18. Engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation are not eligible for STBG assistance and cannot be used towards the required local match.

Fiscal Impact: The Nofsinger Road realignment figures to have the best chance of a Washington project being funded. That project is not currently budgeted and carries an estimated project cost of \$6.561M. The construction is projected to be \$5.95M and construction engineering carries an estimate of \$611,000. Forty percent of the scoring of STBG Traditional applications is based on its regional significance impact. This addresses whether the project serves as a primary route between two municipalities and/or connects major roads; its ability to improve the mobility of employees and/or shopping patrons; whether it serves as a primary route for freight, airports, and intermodal facilities; if it serves as a major connector to a school, medical center government facility, library, etc.; and if it is a supplementary phase of a project previously funded through STBG funds.

PPUATS has traditionally split the available STBG funding equally into two years. Applications typically are phased to meet the yearly funding amount capped at not more than 70% of the total project cost. Because Nofsinger is difficult to phase, the City would be responsible for about \$3.281M as a local share for construction and construction engineering to complete the entire project within a single letting.

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution as a requirement for the STBG application project submittal following the recommendation from the Public Works Committee. Should an award be made later this year, plans would be made to allocate funds for the local cost share in a future budget(s).

Action Requested: Approval of the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

(Synopsis: Approval of this resolution would pledge the City's commitment for a 30% local cost share and support a Surface Transportation Block Grant request to realign Nofsinger Road at its intersection with US 24.)

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT
THE REALIGNMENT OF NOFSINGER ROAD**

WHEREAS, the City of Washington proposes to apply for Surface Transportation Block Grant assistance from the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study's (PPUATS) Traditional Program through the Federal Highway Administration for the purpose of constructing the realignment of Nofsinger Road, which amounts to approximately 2,800 lineal feet; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has the funds and pledges to pay \$2,670,000, which is the minimum required 30% local construction cost match, for the project in 2025 or 2026, plus an additional \$611,000 for construction engineering; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of Nofsinger Road is among the City of Washington's top infrastructure priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has the financial capability to operate, maintain, and manage the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for the public's use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington desires to provide a safe transportation system for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycling traffic and this project would also extend the Washington Recreation Trail; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the City's residents and visitors is of the highest concern; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington, is a long-standing dues-paying member of PPUATS and is eligible to apply for this funding; and

WHEREAS, all of the anticipated right-of-way figures to be dedicated on land owned by the City of Washington to realign Nofsinger Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has determined that the pursuit of a Surface Transportation Block Grant 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 approximately 2,800 lineal feet of Nofsinger Road from Santa Fe Road to West Cruger Road.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2022.

AYES _____

NAYS _____

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk