

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS City Council Agenda Communication

- Meeting Date: September 19, 2022
- Prepared By: Jon Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director Dennis Carr, PE, City Engineer
- Agenda Item: Resolution FY 25-26 STBG Preservation Set-Aside Program Local Cost Share Commitment
- Explanation: The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) issued a call for projects on August 17 for the FY 25-26 federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Preservation Set-Aside program. TCRPC programs the STBG funds that are allocated on an annual basis to the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) through IDOT. 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 Preservation Set-Aside program is allotted the remaining 20%. Eligible projects are limited to the resurfacing of existing roadways. Resurfacing is defined as adding a new layer of asphalt over existing pavement on driving lanes, parking lanes, turn lanes, and/or shoulders in order to extend the life of the roadway. Only roads with a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 61-80 (Good) or 41-60 (Fair with third-party justification) are suitable for resurfacing.

Approximately \$1.64M is projected to be available for the FY 25-26 Preservation Set-Aside program (\$820,000 per year). Applications must be submitted by September 30. A subcommittee will tentatively review the applications in October and November and assign Regional Significance scores (which accounts for 40% of the application scoring) with a recommendation on project awards to be made in November to the PPUATS Technical Committee. The TCRPC Commission would then tentatively approve projects in December.

The City applied for FY 25-26 STBG Traditional (new construction and reconstruction) funding for the realignment of Nofsinger Road at US 24. The project was ranked third out of seven regional submittals and did not receive the two awards. Preservation Set-Aside projects require a 20% local match, which must be approved by resolution and submitted no later than October 19. 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: There are relatively few eligible roads in Washington and perhaps the best fit for this program is Kern Road from S. Cummings to Wilmor and Wilmor from Kern to Business 24 due to the ADA upgrades needed elsewhere to use state and federal funds. That project is not budgeted and carries an estimated project cost of \$900,000 with a local share of \$180,000. It has an average PCI of 63. Attached is a map showing the roads classified as a Minor Collector or above and the 2018 PCI for each. The Public Works Committee supported this project for submittal at its meeting on September 6 and recommended that a resolution be approved.

Any consideration of a potential STBG Traditional program application should be based on its regional and sub-regional significance impact. The regional significance 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. The sub-regional significance is based on a proposed project's impact on a community's STBG-eligible road system. It compares the square footage of road affected by the project to a community's total square footage of roadways eligible for STBG funds. The higher the percentage that the project covers of the STBG-eligible roads scores more points.

Action Requested: Approval of the attached resolution signifying the City's 20% local match for approval at the September 19 City Council meeting prior to the October 19 resolution submittal deadline. Should an award be made for this project later this year, plans would be made to allocate funds for the local cost share in a future budget(s).

RESOLUTION NO.

(Synopsis: Approval of this resolution would pledge the City's commitment for a 20% local cost share and support a Surface Transportation Block Grant request to resurface Kern Road and part of Wilmor Road.)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT REQUEST TO RESURFACE KERN ROAD AND PART OF WILMOR ROAD

WHEREAS, the City of Washington proposes to apply for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) assistance from the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study's (PPUATS) Preservation Set-Aside Program through the Federal Highway Administration for the purpose of resurfacing Kern Road from S. Cummings Lane to Wilmor Road and Wilmor from Kern to US Business Route 24, which amounts to approximately 7,330 lineal feet; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has the funds and pledges to pay \$180,000, which is the minimum required 20% local construction cost match, for the project in 2025 or 2026; 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; 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 is dedicated to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, both Kern Road and Wilmor Road are Federal-Aid Urban roads, making them eligible for this program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has determined that the pursuit of an STBG 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 resurface approximately 7,330 lineal feet of Kern Road from S. Cummings Lane to Wilmor Road and Wilmor from Kern to US Business Route 24.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____ 2022.

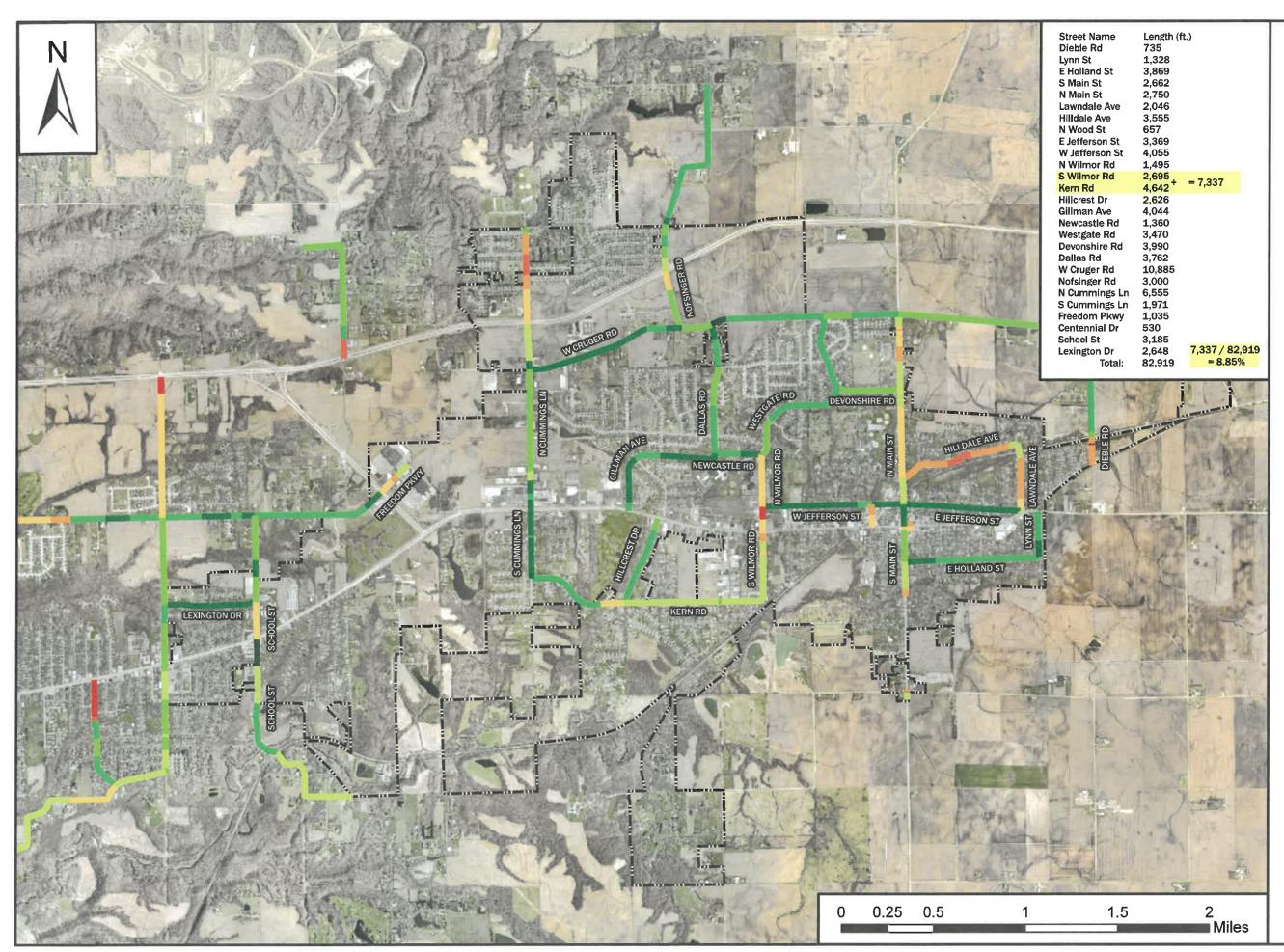
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ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk



Washington FAU Routes with 2018 PCI

Legend

FAU Routes - PCI

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50 - 59	
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Date: 9/1/2022

This map indicates approximate data locations and may not be 100% accurate. FAU Routes and PCI Data is provided by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission