



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization to amend a previously approved Board item as it is no longer feasible for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”) to install a new water line under 1st Avenue to provide service to the Forest Preserves’ Central Garage Compound from the west side of 1st Avenue.

Item Number: 19-0465

Original Text of Item: PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”)

Request: Authorize the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with, and convey permanent and temporary easements to, MWRD.

Goods or Services: Construction and maintenance of stormwater conveyance improvements along a portion of 1st Avenue between Roosevelt Road and Cermak Road in Maywood

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Continuous

Fiscal Impact: Revenue Generating. Estimated compensation ~~\$122,000.00~~ \$257,124.00 (\$113,180.00 for permanent easement and \$10,744.00 for temporary easement and \$133,200.00 for tree mitigation)

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 1

Summary: MWRD proposes to construct new stormwater conveyance improvements along 1st Avenue between Roosevelt Road and Cermak Road in Maywood to alleviate chronic flooding conditions affecting access to several hospitals including Loyola University Medical Center. The flood control project includes tree removal prior to installation of new underground storm sewer pipes along the 1st Avenue Cutoff at the south end of Miller Meadow, a new outlet to the Des Plaines River, new storm sewers ~~and~~ on each side of 1st Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Cermak Avenue and a new bioswale and other drainage improvements on the east side of 1st Avenue at Miller Meadow.

MWRD is requesting temporary and permanent easement areas for construction staging and future maintenance of all improvements by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) except for mowing or maintenance of vegetation in a new hybrid bioswale along 1st Avenue that would be maintained by the Forest Preserves. MWRD will make improvements at their sole cost and expense and provide additional benefits to the Forest Preserves by installing new storm conveyance infrastructure to alleviate flooding on Forest Preserve land; and relocating underground pipes to the edge of the Forest Preserves to minimize future tree impacts and installing a new water line under 1st Avenue to provide service to the Forest Preserves Central Garage Compound from the west side of 1st Avenue.

Tree mitigation and other fees ~~will~~ would normally be fully waived for MWRD consistent with a Memorandum of Understanding providing for mutual waiver of fees between MWRD and the Forest Preserves approved by the Forest Preserves’ Board of Commissioners on May 11, 2017. In this case, however, due to the limited benefits to the Forest Preserves, MWRD has agreed to partial waiver of tree mitigation fees for removal of roughly fifty-six (56) trees.

The final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.