



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE FOREST PRESERVES TO ENTER INTO LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF THE DES PLAINES TRAIL BRIDGE OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD NORTH OF GOLF ROAD

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) has sought and been awarded the following: (1) Grade Crossing Protection Funds (“GCPF”) from the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”), a federally-funded program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”), and (2) Invest in Cook (“IIC”) funds from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“CCDOTH”), to facilitate engineering and construction of a multi-use bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad for the Des Plaines Trail (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, Phase II Engineering Services for the Project are projected to be \$317,296.01; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves anticipates the use of GCPF funds to cover \$136,296.00 and IIC funds to cover \$176,000.00 of the costs for Phase II Engineering Services to be provided in connection with the Project, resulting in a cost of \$5,000.01 to the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet deadlines for use of the GCPF funds, it was advisable that a consulting engineering firm be employed to perform Phase II Engineering; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the Board of Commissioners approved Terra Engineering, Ltd. (Board Item No. 20-0215) to perform Phase II Engineering Services with a contract value of \$292,296.01, which excludes a Preliminary Engineering Service Fee (for review of design plans) to be charged by Union Pacific Railroad not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, as a requisite for IDOT to reimburse the Forest Preserves for its awarded Phase II engineering expenses related to the Project, IDOT requires a local public agency agreement to be in place between the Forest Preserves and IDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves, through its President, to enter into a local public agency agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”), committing the Forest Preserves to pay up to \$136,296.00 for Phase II Engineering Services costs associated with the Project which will be reimbursed by IDOT; and requiring the Forest Preserves to pay the balance of Phase II engineering costs estimated at \$181,000.01, with \$176,000.00 of this balance to be reimbursed under a separate Invest In Cook (“IIC”) grant from CCDOTH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if required to complete the Project, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Forest Preserves, through its General Superintendent, to enter directly into a contract with Union Pacific Railroad for preliminary engineering services for the Project for up to \$25,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms that sufficient funds are available in the Forest Preserves Professional Services 51009.520830 and Grant 51010.520830 accounts, and have been designated, to pay the total cost of Phase II Engineering

Services in an amount not to exceed \$317,296.01, of which IDOT will reimburse \$136,296.00 and the CCDOTH will reimburse \$176,000.00, and the Forest Preserves ultimately shall be responsible for up to \$5,000.01 of the Phase II Engineering costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the local public agency agreement (entitled, “Local Public Agency Agreement”), when executed in its respective final form, shall be submitted to IDOT for approval and final processing.