



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Walter Denton, City Administrator
Dennis Sullivan, Director of Public Works
Date: September 8, 2009
Subject: RESOLUTION – Support of a Joint Agreement between the Cities of Fairview Heights and O’Fallon for the Old Collinsville Road Re-Construction

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Works.

Background: Fairview Heights and O’Fallon, jointly, sponsored an application for a Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant to make improvements to Old Collinsville Road several years ago. That application was approved and at that time the federal grant was set at \$807,000. The application requested federal funds for a two-lane road as an application for additional funding would be denied; however, both communities knew at that time a continuous turn-lane (a third lane) was needed. IDOT supported that decision and the design that has been finalized is for three lanes. The cost of the third lane is to be paid for out of local MFT funds, entirely. This increases the amount of local funds used from the usual 25 to 30%. In the case of Fairview Heights, additional requirements have been placed on them along their section of the roadway from the I-64 Frontage Road to Rowe Lane (3,160-feet). The railroad has sought additional funding for alterations that they and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) feel are necessary. The culvert pipe adjacent to the Andria Steakhouse property that was to be re-used in the initial estimate has to be replaced to satisfy FHWA. And, additionally, Fairview Heights has two major intersections (at Fountains and Stone Briar) to accommodate. The result of that is the Fairview Heights cost to \$1,105,058. The O’Fallon section (2,250 feet) only has one major intersection at Savannah/Northshore. The Milburn School Road intersection was removed from this project as a result of O’Fallon’s submission of a roundabout project there in last spring’s CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) grant submittal.

Legal Considerations, if any: None, beyond working jointly with another City to address needed road improvements.

Budget Impact: MFT funds in the amount of \$480,000 are included in Public Works’ planning, programming and budgeting for the project. So, the funds are available for the project.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a joint agreement between the Cities of Fairview Heights and O’Fallon for the Old Collinsville Road Re-Construction project. The full agreement is attached for review.