

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Rincon for the SERN East-West Road Project

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

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Item Description: Consideration to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Effingham County and the City of Rincon establishing responsibilities for the design, right-of-way acquisition, utility coordination, construction, cost sharing, and long-term maintenance of the SERN East-West Road Project.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Rincon to establish each party's responsibilities for delivery, funding, and long-term maintenance of the SERN East-West Road Project connecting Highway 21 and McCall Road.

Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County and the City of Rincon have developed an Intergovernmental Agreement to define the roles and responsibilities for the SERN East-West Road Project, which will construct a new roadway connecting Highway 21 to McCall Road.

Under the agreement, Effingham County will serve as the lead agency and will oversee project delivery, including preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, utility coordination, and construction administration. The County will procure engineering and construction services and manage implementation of the project while coordinating with the City of Rincon throughout the design process.

The agreement also establishes the cost-sharing responsibilities of each party. Construction costs will generally be allocated based on each jurisdiction's boundaries. The City of Rincon will be responsible for the traffic signal at Highway 21, while Effingham County will be responsible for construction of the roundabout at McCall Road and the railroad bridge. Upon completion, each jurisdiction will assume perpetual maintenance responsibility for the roadway located within its respective boundaries. The agreement remains in effect until final acceptance of the project, with maintenance and payment obligations surviving completion.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement
2. Do not approve
3. Provide staff with direction

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget

Attachments: Intergovernmental Agreement – SERN East-West Road Project