

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING 3/10/2025**

SUBJECT: Joint Funding Agreement for Federally funded Construction participation utilizing IDOT/NHFP Funds for the project known as City of Rochelle transload yard/RR extension east of Steward Road and 0.1 mile north of the Ogle/Lee County line. with Sec No. 23-00118-00-RP

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Summary: The City RR transload yard and extension have been identified in the 5 year CIRR plan as a rail freight improvement. In mid-2023 the City Manager was notified that that the project met the criteria for the IDOT Competitive Rail Freight program and could be funded in part with available grant funding.

Fehr Graham and Associates, the project consulting Engineers, along with the City RR manager developed project engineering fees, scope and construction estimates of cost for nearly \$6.8M. Subsequently IDOT NHFP funds were approved for the project in an amount not to exceed \$5,205,570. This Federal participation will leave the City (LA) with approximately \$1,644,000 for its share of the project pending final bids and award of the project (refer to Division of Cost schedule#1). The City's portion will be taken from the Railroad fund #58-00.

The project is over 0.4 miles in length, primarily consisting of significant HMA/PCC pavement expansion for transload operations, extension of new rail east, a new low height multi cell box culvert and mass grading excavation for stormwater management/compensatory storage area. The project is expected to bid in May, on the IDOT letting, and begin construction by end of June 2025.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
City RR fund #58-00-89330	\$6,000,000 (Includes \$5,205,570 NHFP funds)	Estimated \$1,644,000 (LA share) Resolution appropriation \$1,727,000

Strategic Plan Goal Application: infrastructure effectiveness and improvement short term complex

Recommendation:

- Consider approval for the Joint Funding Agreement for Federally funded Construction participation utilizing IDOT/NHFP Funds for the project known as City of Rochelle transload yard/RR extension east of Steward Road and 0.1 mile north of the Ogle/Lee County line. The project is assigned with Sec No. 23-00118-00-RP and that the agreement be executed by City officials as identified in said agreement.
- Consider a Resolution, in the general form as identified in the agreement, to appropriate funds to match the required City (LA) funding plus 5% for change orders. This resolution appropriates funds necessary to complete the improvement or obligation to pass a supplemental resolution to appropriate additional funds for the completion of the project.