

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: Bid proposals for the project known as City of Rochelle Transload yard and Railroad extension, east of steward Rd, on the City of Rochelle Railroad with Section No. 23-00118-00-RP and State JN#C9201024 Contract #85778

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Summary: City Council approved a Joint Funding agreement with IDOT on 3/10/2025 for the City of Rochelle Transload yard and Railroad extension, east of steward Rd, on the City of Rochelle Railroad with Section No. 23-00118-00-RP and State JN#C9201024 Contract #85778. As part of said agreement Section IV (6.2) “the State of Illinois will receive bids for construction of the proposed improvement....and to award a contract for construction of the proposed improvement after receipt of a satisfactory bid” subject to the concurrence of the Local Agency (City of Rochelle)

The above referenced project was advertised by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) in the Notice to Contractor’s Bulletin 25-16. Bids were submitted and publicly opened and read aloud on April 25, 2025, by IDOT officials in Region 4 District 6, for the above referenced project. Separate bids were submitted as follows:

- McCarthy Improvement Company submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$4,668,879.45
- Martin and Company Excavating/Sjostrom and Sons Inc. (JV) submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$4,785,543.94

The lowest bid is approximately 24% lower than the Fehr Grahams Engineers estimate of cost. The project is being funded with approximately 80% Federal/State NHFP grant funds as well as available City Railroad (CIRR) funds. The division of cost is more accurately defined in Schedule #1 (pg. 11) of the Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction participation agreement as approved by Council on 3/10/2025. The project is approximately ½ mile in length east of Steward Rd, primarily consisting of significant concrete pavement, railroad extension, a new triple cell precast box culvert, storm sewers and mass grading and excavation. The project is expected to begin in July and be substantially completed by the end of November 2025.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
RR 58-00	Per Joint funding agreement approved by City Council on 3/10/2025	Per Joint funding agreement approved by City Council on 3/10/2025

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

Recommendation:

- Concur with the low bid received by McCarthy Improvement Company, and as accepted by IDOT, in accordance with the Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction (BLR05310C) for the City of Rochelle Transload yard and Railroad extension, east of steward Rd, on the City of Rochelle Railroad with Section No. 23-00118-00-RP and State JN#C9201024 which was approved by City Council on 3/10/2025.