

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

SUBJECT: Proposal for Engineering Services on Transload Yard Expansion

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Summary: Three years ago, the city purchased approximately 7 acres east of the Rochelle Transload Center (RTC) for future expansion. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is offering the Illinois Competitive Freight Program Grant (targeted at intermodal projects) which could fund up to 90% of the project cost. This expansion would increase the size of the Rochelle Intermodal Transload Center (RITC) by 40%, which would allow for additional intermodal capacity and revenue to our rail operations. The project would include extending the two southern tracks approximately 800 ft, construct a triple box culvert to address stormwater flows, and construct a 4.5 acres stormwater management flood control structure. The entire transload yard would be paved with 8” of concrete. Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental completed preliminary engineering on this project 2 years ago and with the potential of securing a grant to complete this project, staff seeks approval to finalize the engineering work needed so the grant application can be completed.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
2023 Rail Budget	\$100,000	\$91,000

Strategic Plan Goal Application: The expansion of the Rochelle Intermodal Transload Center (RITC) goal is to increase rail revenues while attracting new industries to Rochelle

Recommendation: It is the staff’s recommendation that the City Council approve Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental Proposal for Engineering Services on finalizing the design and construction plans for the Rochelle Intermodal Transload Yard Expansion

Supporting Documents:

Engineering Estimates on Probable Cost of the Project

Map of the Site

Fehr Graham Proposal for Engineering Services