

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

..Title

Request for Resolution adopting a schedule for the execution and completion of the Melvina Ditch Streambank Stabilization Project between 95th Street and 99th Street in Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge, Cook County, Illinois; Contract 13-248-5F

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Dear Sir:

On August 7, 2014, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") adopted Ordinance R14-003 establishing the right-of-way for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Melvina Ditch Streambank Stabilization Project between 95th Street and 99th Street in Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge, Cook County, Illinois (Contract 13-248-5F) ("Project"). Said Ordinance authorized and directed the Executive Director to negotiate with the respective owners to acquire fee simple title or such lesser interests, as appropriate, in and to the real estate described in the Ordinance. The Board has amended Ordinance R14-003 through Ordinances R16-003 and R19-001 to include additional properties needed for the Project right-of-way that were not included in the original ordinance.

The Project will stabilize both banks of Melvina Ditch between 95th and 99th Streets in the Villages of Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge. Twin box culverts will be installed at the north end of the Project, and a precast modular block retaining wall system and riprap will be constructed along the remaining 2,500 linear feet of the ditch. The banks in that segment have deteriorated due to erosion and slope failure, potentially compromising eight adjacent commercial and residential structures and critical infrastructure.

The following schedule has been established for the Project by the Engineering Department:

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| a. Acquisition of Right-of-Way: | August 19, 2019 |
| b. Advertise for Bids: | September 18, 2019 |
| c. Award Contract: | January 9, 2020 |
| d. Start of Construction: | January 18, 2020 |
| e. Completion of Construction: | September 29, 2021 |

While the District has made substantial progress in acquiring the land required for the Project, the District has been unable to identify the owners of several remaining parcels or has otherwise been unable to reach an agreement as to the acquisition terms and price with the remaining property owners through direct negotiation. To meet the schedule of the proposed construction of the Project, it is necessary for the District to initiate quick-take proceedings to acquire any remaining rights-of-way.

In order that the General Counsel may initiate quick-take proceedings, it is requested that the Executive Director advise the Board that the General Counsel has been unable to reach an agreement as to terms and price with certain owners, and further respectfully requests that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution establishing a schedule for the execution of the Project and authorizing and directing the General Counsel to initiate quick-take proceedings to acquire certain interests in land described in said Ordinance.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:EMA:BJD:JMP:nm

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for September 5, 2019