



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Legislation Text

File #: 14-0849, **Version:** 1

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2014

COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the City of Des Plaines for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Relief Storm Sewer along Fargo Avenue, Jarvis Avenue, and Des Plaines River Road in Des Plaines, Illinois under Phase II of the Stormwater Management Program, with payment to the City of Des Plaines in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Des Plaines (City) for the Relief Storm Sewer along Fargo Avenue, Jarvis Avenue, and Des Plaines River Road under Phase II of the Stormwater Management Program, with payment to the City in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

On September 19, 2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to begin negotiations with several municipalities, including the City of Des Plaines, for IGAs that would include provisions allowing for the District to provide funding towards the construction of various stormwater projects, including the Relief Storm Sewer along Fargo Avenue, Jarvis Avenue, and Des Plaines River Road, which is depicted in the attached exhibit. The project consists of new 36-inch to 60-inch storm sewers to be connected to an existing outfall on the Des Plaines River. The project will provide direct flood reduction benefits to an estimated 56 residential structures in the project area. The District and City have agreed in principle as to the terms of the IGA, which include payment by the District for construction of the captioned project in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. Partial payments to the City will be made at predefined intervals during construction, which is anticipated to occur in 2014 and 2015. To date, the City has spent approximately \$50,000.00 on engineering, property acquisition, and other design-related project costs. The City will also contribute approximately \$570,000.00 towards future project costs including engineering, construction, and construction inspection costs. The IGA requires the Village to award all project-related construction contracts using the District's Purchasing Act, Multi-Project Labor Agreement, and Affirmative Action Requirements as minimum requirements. The Village will assume responsibility for design, construction, perpetual maintenance and operation of the project, and be solely responsible for any change orders to the project. The IGA also contains provisions which allow the District to review the project's design and perform inspections after the project is constructed.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority to enter into an IGA with the City and make payment to the City in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for construction of the Relief Storm Sewer along Fargo Avenue, Jarvis Avenue, and Des Plaines River Road under Phase II of the Stormwater Management Program. It is further requested that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Executive Director, and the Clerk be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the District, as well as any documents necessary to effectuate the transaction and conveyance, upon approval by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Funds for the 2014 expenditures, in the amount of \$800,000.00, are available in Account 501-50000-612490.

Funds for the 2015 expenditure, in the amount of \$700,000.00, will be contingent on the Board of Commissioners' approval of the District's budget for 2015.

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS:JPM

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Michael A. Alvarez, Chairman Committee on Stormwater Management

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for August 7, 2014

Attachment