



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2020

#### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 10-month permit to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to traverse Main Channel Parcels 29.04 and 31.01 to deliver large equipment and materials and to televise District sewers in connection with ISTHA's I-294 Mile Long Bridge Project. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

Dear Sir:

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("ISTHA") is constructing system-wide repairs and improvements to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Balmoral Avenue in Rosemont to 95th Street in Oak Lawn, including the reconstruction and widening of the Mile Long Bridge ("Bridge"), which spans the Main Channel, the Des Plaines River, and Main Channel Parcels 31.01 through 31.03 in Willow Springs, Illinois ("Project"). Over the past few years, the District has granted ISTHA a series of short-term permits to conduct activities related to the Project, including surveys, soil borings, material deliveries, and related work. In addition, the District granted ISTHA permanent and temporary easements for construction staging and access pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement authorized by the Board of Commissioners on April 18, 2019. ISTHA's construction activities on the Mile Long Bridge commenced in July, 2019, and are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

ISTHA has now requested a 10-month permit to deliver beams, large equipment, and other materials to the Project site, and to televise District sewers in connection with the bridge reconstruction. This permit request includes access routes across Main Channel Parcels 29.04 and 31.01 to reach ISTHA's construction and staging areas. ISTHA has requested these access routes because the size of the easement areas makes it challenging to deliver large equipment and materials, such as the bridge beams and cranes.

The District leases Main Channel Parcel 29.04 to the Village of Willow Springs for use as a parking lot. Accordingly, any permit granted to ISTHA will be subject to the Village's consent. The technical departments have reviewed ISTHA's requests and have no objections thereto.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve a 10-month permit to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to traverse Main Channel Parcels 29.04 and 31.01 to deliver large equipment and materials and to televise District sewers in connection with ISTHA's I-294 Mile Long Bridge Project. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00, as is customary for government agencies using District property for a public purpose.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and direct the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk to execute the permit agreement on behalf of the District after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:EMA:BJD  
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 February 20, 2020

Attachment