



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with and make payment to the City of Chicago, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, for Emergency Shoreline Repairs at Morgan Shoal (45th to 51st Street), 20-IGA-21 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1539714

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with and make payment to the City of Chicago, acting by and through its Department of Transportation (CDOT), for emergency shoreline repairs at Morgan Shoal (45th to 51st Street) in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

Through project cooperation agreements between CDOT, the Chicago Park District (Park District), and the Corps, significant shoreline erosion protection efforts along Lake Michigan have been made since late the 1990's. There are two remaining segments, Morgan Shoal (45th to 51st Street) and Promontory Point, which will be completed by CDOT and the Park District. Due to funding shortfalls, no schedule for completion of these segments is available at this time. In 2019 CDOT observed active shoreline erosion at Morgan Shoal, between 45th Street and 51st Street, that resulted in significant damage to the shoreline. Through the existing project cooperation agreement between CDOT and the Corps, planning for proposed emergency repairs to be implemented by the Corps began in 2019, with construction to commence in 2020. These originally planned repairs were estimated to cost \$1,500,000.00.

Subsequently, in late 2019 and early 2020, CDOT observed additional shoreline erosion at Morgan Shoal that is currently threatening South Lake Shore Drive. To prevent further erosion and provide protection from damaging wave action, CDOT has identified the need to perform additional emergency measures to armor the shoreline of Lake Michigan with new riprap and concrete blocks, increasing the total estimated cost of the needed shoreline improvements to \$3,000,000.00. CDOT requested funding assistance from the District in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 towards these additional measures to be implemented by the Corps through their already planned emergency shoreline repairs project for the Morgan Shoal. In as much as the active erosion is threatening structures, roadways, infrastructure, and the public safety, it is recommended that the requested assistance for additional funding be provided to the Corps on behalf of CDOT, subject to the terms of the IGA which will require CDOT to own and maintain all proposed improvements in accordance with their project cooperation agreements with the Corps.

Upon receipt of funds from the District, CDOT will transfer the necessary funds to the Corps for the additional shoreline stabilization measures. As the repairs will be constructed by the Corps, the construction contract will conform with applicable federal procurement, labor, and diversity statutes and regulations.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority for the District to negotiate and enter into an IGA with and make payment to CDOT for the above captioned project in an

amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, and that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Executive Director, and the Clerk be authorized to execute said IGA on behalf of the District, as well as any documents necessary to effectuate the transaction and conveyance of the agreement, upon approval by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Funds are available in Account 501-50000-612400.

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

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