

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2018

### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

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Adopt Ordinance No. R18-002 Establishing the Right-of-Way for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in the Village of Robbins, Cook County, Illinois (Contract 14-253-5C) in Section 1, Township 36 North and Section 36, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

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Dear Sir:

On September 19, 2013, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") granted its approval to assist local communities and agencies with various projects to address flooding problems through the District's Phase II Stormwater Management program. Among the projects approved was a conceptual project submitted by the Village of Robbins ("Village"), which included a re-evaluation of the District's project MTCR-G6 recommended in the Little Calumet River Detailed Watershed Plan (DWP), and other potential flood mitigation measures to address flooding along Midlothian Creek in the vicinity of 138<sup>th</sup> Street and Kedzie Avenue in Robbins, Illinois.

On March 16, 2017, the Board granted its approval to enter into an agreement with Donohue and Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services for Contract 14-253-3F Final Design for a Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Illinois ("Project"). The Project consists of stormwater improvements extending along Midlothian Creek and east of Kedzie Avenue from approximately 139<sup>th</sup> Street to the Cal-Sag Channel. The Project will address overbank flooding through conveyance improvements along the existing creek, a new stormwater storage facility ("Stormwater Facility"), and a new overflow channel to the Cal-Sag Channel.

The Project will increase the existing stormwater drainage system capacity from less than a 5-year to a 100-year storm level of service, and remove approximately 140 acres from the FEMA designated flood hazard area. The preliminary construction cost estimate for this Project is \$12.5 million. Additionally, once completed, the Project will be able to accommodate open space recreational features that the Village may pursue.

The Project requires that certain land rights be acquired as a right-of-way where said conveyance improvements, Stormwater Facility, and overflow channel will be located. The right-of-way area is approximately 48 acres and consists of 90 parcels. The acquisition of this right-of-way requires the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the immediate acquisition of this land, which is legally described in the attached documents.

The District continues to coordinate with the Village under an existing Intergovernmental Agreement, approved by the Board on July 6, 2017, that authorized the Village to begin the acquisition of 20 parcels located in the right-of-way that are vacant, tax delinquent or abandoned.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it adopt Ordinance R18-002 establishing and authorizing the acquisition of the right-of-way for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in the Village of Robbins, Cook County, Illinois (Contract 14-253-5C) in Section 1, Township 36 North and Section 36, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois.

It is further requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the President be authorized and directed to execute said Ordinance after same is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, *Co'C*  
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Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman, Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for March 15, 2018

Attachment