



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority for the placement of clean soil at Main Channel Parcel 37.05 in Forest View, Illinois

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 ("Project"). As part of the Project, ISTHA is excavating a substantial quantity of clean soil that is not needed for the roadway improvements; as a result, ISTHA requires an appropriate site to deposit the excavated clean soil in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Through ongoing coordination efforts with ISTHA, staff has identified a vacant District parcel that could greatly benefit from the placement of clean soil. Main Channel Parcel 37.05 ("MCP 37.05") is located on the south side of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and east of Harlem Avenue in Forest View, Illinois. MCP 37.05 was formerly leased as a petroleum terminal but has been vacant since the 1990s. Due to this previous industrial use, the site includes several clay-lined containment structures that formerly housed aboveground storage tanks. The tanks have been removed. Now that the site is vacant, these containment structures are obsolete and the clean soil will help create a more even surface at the site.

ISTHA and the District have reached a mutually beneficial agreement in principle to use upwards of 70,000 cubic yards of excavated clean soil from the Project to fill these obsolete containment structures at MCP 37.05. ISTHA will transport, deliver, place, spread, and compact the clean soil at no cost to the District. To ensure compliance with all environmental laws, the quality and condition of the soil to be delivered must be reviewed and approved by the District's Engineer of Site Remediation. Any and all soil placed on MCP 37.05 must meet the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Maximum Allowable Concentrations of Chemical Constituents in Uncontaminated Soil to be used as fill material within Cook County. ISTHA's contractor will also be required to comply with the District's insurance requirements.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority for the District to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority for the placement of clean soil at Main Channel Parcel 37.05 in Forest View, Illinois. It is further requested that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Executive Director, and Clerk be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the District, as well as any documents necessary to effectuate the transaction, upon approval by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:MTC:BJD:vp

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 May 5, 2022

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