

# RESOLUTION

## Resolution Supporting an Application for a RAISE Grant for the Boone/McHenry County 5-Bridge Bundle Project (82)

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County has determined that there is a need to replace two deteriorating Dunham Township Road District maintained bridges over the Piscasaw Creek, Structure 004-3017 on County Line Road and Structure 056-3065 on Streit Road as the existing bridges are structurally deficient; and

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County previously passed a resolution in November of 2022 approving an intergovernmental agreement with Boone County and an appropriation to provide engineering services for the County Line Road and Streit Road bridges as a part of a 5-bridge bundling project; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Department of Transportation has announced they are soliciting project applications for the FY 2023 RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) discretionary grant program that will require no local matching funds; and

**WHEREAS**, RAISE grants are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boone/McHenry County 5-Bridge Bundle project replaces structurally deficient bridges with posted loading restrictions posing a safety concern for all users, particularly large emergency response vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boone/McHenry County 5-Bridge Bundle project impacts the economic viability of the regions ability to efficiently bring agriculture products to market; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boone/McHenry County 5-Bridge Bundle project provides an increased quality of life for rural residents by increasing the connectivity and mobility in a sustainable manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boone/McHenry County 5-Bridge Bundle design has been started using 100% local funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby supports the Boone/McHenry County 5-Bridge Bundle project RAISE grant application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Administrator and an electronic copy of this Resolution to the Director of Transportation/County Engineer.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, A.D., 2023.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk  
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SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting an Application for a RAISE Grant for the Boone/McHenry County 5-Bridge Bundle Project (82)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

For consideration is a resolution supporting an application for a RAISE Grant for the Boone/McHenry County 5-Bridge Bundle Project.

**Background and Discussion:**

McHenry County Division of Transportation has determined that there is a need to replace two deteriorating Dunham Township Road District maintained bridges over the Piscasaw Creek, Structure 004-3017 on County Line Road and Structure 056-3065 on Streit Road as the existing bridges are structurally deficient. Boone County Highway Department has initiated preliminary engineering for three bridges in Boone County immediately downstream of the County Line Road Bridge and Streit Road Bridge. Both Boone County and McHenry County saw the value in partnering together for a scale of economy to design, solicit for Federal funding, and possibly construct, five (5) bridges that are anticipated to be nearly identical and span the same waterway. Boone County is the contract lead agency with coordination between McHenry County, the engineering consultant and the Dunham Township Road District.

McHenry County passed a resolution in November 2022 approving an intergovernmental agreement with Boone County and an appropriation for partnering in the engineering phases for County Line Road Bridge and Streit Road Bridge.

The RAISE Grant application is unique for this request for applicants in that rural projects can receive 100% federal funding and require no local matching funds. Typically grants of this type will require 20% local matching funds while the federal share will be 80%. The joint application between Boone County and McHenry County would look to capitalize on this rare federal fund opportunity. A resolution supporting the grant application will increase the likelihood of an award.

**Impact on Human Resources:** None.

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):**

Funds have been approved for Engineering in FY2022 while funds for Construction are accounted for in the County Board approved 2023-2027 5-Year Transportation Plan.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:** None.

**Impact on Physical Space:** None.

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:** None.

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:**

Conforms to purchasing ordinances and policies and County's Strategic Plan.