

# RESOLUTION

## Resolution Approving an Engineering Services Agreement and Appropriating Funds for the Midwest Interstate Trail Project (82)

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County desires to assist the Villages of Spring Grove and Fox Lake with improving the cycling network along various roads in Burton Township; and

**WHEREAS**, said improvements will require the services of an engineering consulting firm to provide Phase I Preliminary Engineering for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) through a qualifications based selection process in compliance with the Illinois Local Government Professional Services Selection Act 50 ILCS 510/ET on June 26, 2024 for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, RS&H, Inc. was selected as the preferred consultant to provide Phase I Preliminary Engineering Services with an option for Phase II Design Engineering Services in accordance with McHenry County's Consultant Selection Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Committee and Finance & Audit Committee have reviewed and recommend the attached Engineering Services Agreement with RS&H, Inc. of St. Charles, Illinois for a not to exceed amount of \$1,229,824.00 to provide said Phase I Preliminary Engineering Services, said agreement is attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that the Engineering Services Agreement between McHenry County and RS&H is hereby approved in the not to exceed amount of \$1,229,824.00, which said agreement is attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there is hereby appropriated from the FY2024 budget the sum of one million two hundred twenty-nine thousand eight hundred twenty-four dollars (\$1,229,824.00) from the RTA Sales Tax Fund; Fund-Dept.-Div.-Main Acct. 260-82-8220-443520 (Highway Engineering) for said agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Purchase Order shall be opened in the not to exceed amount of \$1,229,824.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this project is hereby designated as Section 24-00592-00-BT; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute said agreement; and

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

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2024.

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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 Approving an Engineering Services Agreement and Appropriating Funds for the Midwest Interstate Trail Project (82)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

Approval of an engineering services agreement with RS&H for Phase I Preliminary Engineering for the Midwest Interstate Trail Project.

**Background and Discussion:**

Kenosha County, along with Thelen Materials LLC, approached McHenry County with the concept of the Midwest Interstate Trail in late 2022. With the goal of connecting communities and destinations both north and south of the state line, the Midwest Interstate Trail project will be led by McHenry County Division of Transportation. The bulk of the trail improvements will be located along Wilmot Road, a County Road.

Kenosha County Parks Department is leading their portion of the project. Thelen Materials LLC has agreed in principle to providing the necessary easements for the trail, allowing the project to progress without acquisition of right of way.

This project is included in McHenry County's approved 2024-2028 and draft 2025-2029 Transportation Program. The project will be following the Federal process for transportation projects, as the County may pursue Federal funding for later phases including Phase II Design Engineering and Construction.

**Impact on Human Resources:** None.

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

Phase I costs can be accommodated from the FY2024 budget.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:** None.

**Impact on Physical Space:** None.

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:**

The Village of Spring Grove, the Village of Fox Lake, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be key stakeholders in the project.

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

Conforms to purchasing Ordinances and policies and the County's Strategic Plan.