



City of Rochelle Economic Development

Memo

To: Meggon McKinley
From: Jason Anderson
Date: May 18, 2011
Re: Real Estate Purchase Agreement

As part of the overall improvements to the CIR we are proposing to expand the storage track for the UP Interchange with the CIR. Currently there is less than 1000 feet of storage track available for storage of inbound and out bound UP rail cars.

With the purchase of 1.49 acres from the Chicago Title and Land Trust (Atwoods) we will be able to add more than 6000 ft. of storage track on three track extensions. Currently ~ 2800 rail cars are switched on to the CIR via the UP/ year. Projections are the number of rail cars will more than triple on the CIR over the next few years and therefore this expansion is necessary to handle the new volume of rail traffic.

The purchase of the 1.49 acres is included in the 2011-12 City Industrial Rail Budget and the additional storage track will be constructed using the grant funds through Project e-Rail. Staff recommends the approval of the purchase of 1.49 acres for the purpose of expanding the storage track for the UP Interchange with the CIR.