



City of Rochelle

Engineering Department

Memo

To: Dave Plyman, City Manager

CC: Jason Anderson, Economic Development Director
Chris Frye, Finance Director
Alan Cooper, City Attorney (via council packet)

From: Sam Tesreau, City Engineer

Date: October 18, 2011

Re: TIGER 3 grant application for Jack Dame Rd overpass and associated improvements as part of the Southwest Rochelle Truck Loop

Encl: (1) draft Commitment letter for financial support of the Jack Dame Rd overpass phase 1 of the Southwest Rochelle Truck Loop

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1. As per our recent meetings the City of Rochelle along with Ogle and Lee counties applied for the FHWA Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant in 2009 for the Southwest Rochelle Truck loop at an approximate cost of \$37,425,000. Unfortunately, the City was not selected from among the hundreds of applications submitted under the last TIGER round. Only six capital infrastructure and/or planning grants have been awarded throughout Illinois under the previous TIGER rounds.

With the announcement of the TIGER 3 grant funding availability in August 2011, City staff has joined once again with Ogle County to submit an application for funding by October 28, 2011. However, this application will request a smaller project funding by focusing on the key component of the Southwest Truck loop known as the *Jack Dame Road overpass and associated improvements*. As with the other TIGER programs, funds for the FY2011 TIGER 3 program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region.

2. Projects selected under previous TIGER rounds were typically matched by at least 50% of the estimated overall project costs. Therefore, City staff and the Ogle County Engineer believe a cost match of 50% is reasonable and would strengthen the chances of being considered for funding of the project. Ogle County and the City of Rochelle would commit to 25% (each) of the estimated project cost at a cost of \$3,975,000 each. The City's match could be provided, over a multi fiscal year Capital Improvements budget, through a variety of funding sources such as sales tax, utility tax, property tax/general fund, MFT funds and/or other potential agency funding sources. The commitment will be void should the project not be selected for funding under this TIGER application. Furthermore, the City will need to enter into a formal intergovernmental agreement

with Ogle County for the project if it is selected for funding. This will be similar to other intergovernmental cooperation agreements between the City and County that have been approved in the past for projects such as the Southwest Rochelle Truck Loop, Steward Rd Overpass, Caron road Extension, and others. The lead agency will be determined as a part of the intergovernmental agreement.

3. Please consider approval of the enclosure (1) to be signed by the Mayor and subject to final revisions for the necessary application to be approved by the City manager.