



City of Rochelle
Engineering Department

Memo

To: Dave Plyman, City Manager

CC: Chris Limas, Community Development Director
Don Elliott, Supt. of Street Division

From: Sam Tesreau, City Engineer

Date: May 24, 2012

Re: Resolution of support for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)
City of Rochelle South Main Street shared use path project

Encl: (1) Exhibit 1 - South Main Street shared use path project location map
(2) Resolution of Support for the South Main Street shared use path
ITEP project

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1. City staff received information in late February regarding the announcement, by Illinois Transportation Secretary Ann Schneider, that approximately "\$50 million in federal funds would be awarded to eligible communities for local projects that expand travel choices and improve the transportation experience in Illinois". This funding will be available through the 2012 ITEP to provide federal funds for eligible and approved projects listed under the twelve SAFETEA-LU federal categories. The number one category is "Provision for facilities for pedestrians and bicycles". In 2006 staff presented a multi year sidewalk replacement program to council and discussed the potential for utilizing the utility tax funds for more than existing sidewalk replacement. In 2008 City council approved amending the Rochelle Municipal Code to extend and expand the uses for the utility tax funds. The South Main Street pedestrian path from veterans Parkway to Lake Lida, was discussed as one of the many potential new routes. Recently a public informational meeting was conducted to discuss the proposed project application.
 2. City staff submitted an application for this project in 2010 but unfortunately the project was not funded in that cycle. There was \$370M in project requests for an available \$90M of ITEP funds. IDOT District 2, which includes Ogle County, received about \$4.5M of those funds in 2010. Several missing sections of sidewalks and/or pedestrian paths remain throughout the City that create disconnect to and from recreational, industrial, commercial, institutional and residential areas and uses. The proposed South Main Street shared use path project, as shown on enclosure (1), clearly demonstrates a majority of the eligibility

requirements as identified in the ITEP Guidelines manual Cycle 10. The preliminary estimate of cost for the facility and other related expenses is \$580,000 depending on pending issues with utilities relocation, pedestrian crossings, right of way acquisition, engineering phases, mitigation, and other State and FHWA requirements. Assuming all estimated costs are 80% eligible, through the ITEP funds, the remaining share will be 20% or up to \$116,000. All ineligible or remaining share expenses would be borne by the City (local agency) which could be funded through the Utility Tax fund for such use.

3. Please consider the Resolution of Support for the South Main Street shared use path ITEP project (encl. 2) for submittal to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program 2012 application Cycle 10. Further resolutions and approvals will be required by City Council once the application is reviewed and /or approved by the IDOT.