

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS FREIGHT RAIL SAFETY AND EXPANSION PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2016-___

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation reviews and considers applicants for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants, the Rochelle City Council wishes to voice its fullest support for the Northern Illinois Freight Rail Safety and Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, this project exemplifies all the facets of smart investments of public funds, and will promote economic and industrial development, more efficient transport of goods and materials, a cleaner environment, improved safety, and expanded intermodal transportation options in northern Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle Railroad (CIR) provides a valuable resource that allows train switching to a number of industrial users, but currently is at capacity and requires expansion in order to accommodate industrial growth and more efficient switching of unit trains.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The City of Rochelle supports an application to the DOT's TIGER grant program for up to \$7,200,000 to advance the Northern Illinois Freight Rail Safety and Expansion Project, and commits \$4,800,000 in local matching funds to the project.

Section 2. The City Clerk of the City of Rochelle is authorized and directed to attest the Mayor's signature, and that the Council formally resolves as outlined above, to denote their support of the grant application.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Rochelle, Illinois at a regular meeting thereof held on the ____ day of April, 2016 and approved by me as Mayor on the same day.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor