

## **CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS Public Works Committee Agenda Communication**

Meeting Date: November 7, 2022

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**Agenda Item:** Nofsinger Realignment Update

**Explanation:** Terra Engineering was previously contracted to perform the Phase 1 and Phase 2 engineering for the realignment of Nofsinger Road. The project was completed in 2017 but was shelved until future funding was available.

With Representative LaHood's announced of \$4 million Community Project funding, we are in need of updating the plans to the newly adopted 2022 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. We are currently in communications with both IDOT and Terra to develop a scope and hours for the completion of the engineering work. With the original work completed 5+ years ago, many of the state level clearances have expired. We are working to meet with IDOT to discuss to what extent the clearance affects the Phase 1 Project Development Report.

IDOT has updated their specification several times since 2017, so we will have to update pay items, traffic signal information, design standards. The City has adopted new drainage standards, so the storm sewer will need to be reevaluated for conformance as well.

While the City owns all of the affected property, we will need to establish the proposed ROW for the roadway to break the parcel up accordingly. Since Terra did the original Phase 1 and Phase 2 plans, we are working with them to update the plans.

IDOT has asked if the City had any issues if they were to seek funding opportunities at the state level as well to assist with project cost. Staff has relayed that we have no issues with IDOT seeking Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds as long as they did not hold up the project moving forward. IDOT does not feel it will hold up the project, but also reminded us that the funding is not guaranteed, as HSIP is a competitive program.

**Fiscal Impact:** Staff is working to negotiate an appropriate engineering fee with Terra to perform the work.