



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS Public Works Committee Agenda Communication

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Agenda Item: Phase 2B Update

Explanation:

Archeological Study

Staff emailed communications to Troy, Brett, and Case Pudik; Sam Miller; Kris Hasten; and Gary Deiters to inform them that Commonwealth Heritage was going to be calling to discuss the archaeological study. Communication was received from both Ms. Hasten and Mr. Miller. A read receipt was returned from Case Pudik as well.

Permitting

Strand is in communication with both the Army Corps and IEPA to discuss whether the project will need to begin anew with the permitting process. If both agencies require us to start anew, additional project costs will be incurred due to the pause of the project. Furthermore, the northern long-eared bat has shifted from threatened to endangered. It is expected that this change will also require a further assessment and additional project costs.

Trunkline Engineering

Strand's engineering agreement expired in July 2021. Staff has begun discussion regarding a new engineering agreement, or an amendment to the last agreement, in order to complete the bid documents, permitting, and IEPA funding. There was about \$12,000 remaining in the last contract. The amount to complete the aforementioned work will likely exceed \$12,000.

IEPA Funding

Strand has informed staff that IEPA funding has become a lot more competitive since the interest rate increases and that funding could take longer than previously expected to acquire as a result.

Fiscal Impact: Staff is working to negotiate an appropriate engineering fee with Strand to perform the remaining work for the Phase 2B trunkline project.

Staff is also communicating with Kaskaskia as it pertains to the previous land acquisition contract.