



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the State of Illinois and Lake County for funding the IDOT realignment and widening of US Route 45 from two to four lanes at the Millburn Road/Grass Lake Road intersection in the vicinity of the Millburn Historic District and appropriating \$34,000,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety funds and designated as Section 05-00262-02-RP.

- IDOT Improvement of US Route 45 at Millburn Road/Grass Lake Road Intersection: Funding Agreement and Appropriation.
- In 2005 and 2006 transportation summits were held with elected officials in Lake County at which the realignment and widening of US Route 45 at the Millburn Road and Grass Lake Road intersections was identified as a high priority project for congestion relief.
- In 2005 the project received a \$2,080,000 federal funding allocation from congress.
- The County Board on June 10, 2008, adopted a planning document, the “Plan for Use of the Collar County Transportation Empowerment Funds”, that included funding for all phases of this improvement.
- In 2008, Lake County funded and began work with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on the federal Phase I preliminary engineering study for this improvement.
- The federal Phase I study is now nearing completion, and IDOT is moving forward with the preferred west bypass alternative for US Route 45 along with the realignment of Grass Lake Road and Millburn Road.
- The State of Illinois, by and through its Illinois Department of Transportation, is desirous of implementing this improvement as the lead agency.
- This agreement provides for Lake County’s financial participation toward the engineering, right of way acquisition, construction and construction engineering of this improvement in an amount not to exceed \$34,000,000, appropriated from the ¼ % Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety fund.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2005 and 2006 transportation summits were held with elected officials in Lake County at which the realignment and widening of US Route 45 at the Millburn Road and Grass Lake Road intersections in the vicinity of the Millburn Historic District was identified as a high priority project for congestion relief; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the project received a \$2,080,000 federal funding allocation from congress; and

WHEREAS, the County Board on June 10, 2008, adopted as a planning document, the “Plan for Use of the Collar County Transportation Empowerment Funds,” including funding for all phases of this improvement; and

WHEREAS, In 2008 Lake County funded and began work with the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration, FHWA, on the federal Phase I preliminary engineering study for this improvement; and

WHEREAS, the federal Phase I study is now nearing completion; and IDOT is moving forward with the preferred west bypass alternative for US Route 45 along with the realignment of Grass Lake Road and Millburn Road; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, by and through its Illinois Department of Transportation, is desirous of improving US Route. 45, from south of Millburn Road to north of Grass Lake Road, by realigning and widening the roadway from two lanes to four lanes along with the realignment of Grass Lake Road and Millburn Road; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and Lake County are desirous of entering into an agreement for IDOT's implementation of the above-said improvement and outlining Lake County's financial participation toward the improvement, a draft copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Lake County Board, that the Chair of the County Board, the County Clerk, and the County Engineer of Lake County be authorized and they are directed to execute an agreement pertaining to the financing of the above-said improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer shall transmit, in writing, the final agreement to be approved by the Chair of the County Board and the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by this Lake County Board, that there is hereby appropriated \$34,000,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety funds for this improvement and designated as Section 05-00262-02-RP.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on November 8, 2011.