



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution appropriating \$525,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for the acquisition of necessary right-of-way, by agreement or condemnation, and other right-of-way costs associated with the intersection improvement of Illinois Route 59 at Grand Avenue.

- Illinois Route 59 at Grand Avenue will be improved with the construction of turn lanes, drainage improvements, re-alignment of Washington Avenue and non-motorized improvements.
- Preliminary plans and right-of-way plats identifying the right-of-way needs for the improvement have been prepared.
- This improvement is included in the highway improvement program with targeted construction in 2022, and is designated as Section 10-00279-01-CH.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the safety and welfare of the traveling public if the intersection of Illinois Route 59 at Grand Avenue could be improved inclusive of non-motorized improvements; and

WHEREAS, the free flow of traffic on Illinois Route 59 at Grand Avenue is beneficial to the safety and welfare of the State of Illinois and Lake County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Lake County, by and through its Division of Transportation, has caused to be prepared preliminary plans and right-of-way plats identifying right-of-way needs for the improvement; and

WHEREAS, property appraisals have been prepared and associated right-of-way costs have been estimated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Lake County Board:

SECTION 1: It is hereby determined that it is necessary, and desirable, that Lake County acquire title to, and possession of, all of the real property within the proposed new right-of-way lines at Illinois Route 59 at Grand Avenue, together with construction and other easements, both temporary and permanent, for said highway, all as outlined in plats of highways made under the direction of Shane E. Schneider, County Engineer of Lake County, Illinois, copies of which are filed in the office of the Lake County Engineer, which said real property and easements are necessary, required, and needed for the improvement of said highway.

SECTION 2: That the Lake County Division of Transportation, or its agents on behalf of Lake County be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to negotiate with, and purchase from, the owner or owners of all the real property determined to be necessary under this resolution and described in the plats of survey of said highway.

SECTION 3: In the event that said Lake County Division of Transportation is unable to agree with the owner or owners of said real property upon the compensation to be paid therefore, then title to, and possession of, said real property described in Section 1 of this resolution shall be acquired by condemnation by Lake County. The State's Attorney of Lake County is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to institute proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to acquire title to, and possession of, said property for Lake County in accordance with the Eminent Domain Laws of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 4: That there is hereby appropriated \$525,000 of $\frac{1}{4}\%$ Sales Tax for Transportation funds for the purchase of the real property determined to be necessary under this resolution, for right-of-way acquisition for this improvement and described in the said plats of survey of said highways and associated costs, and designated as Section 10-00279-01-CH.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on July 14, 2020.