



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing grant applications to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for an Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program (ITEP) grant for a segment of the Patriot Path, from the Des Plaines River Trail to east of O'Plaine Road, and for the non-motorized improvements constructed as part of the Cedar Lake Road realignment project, from Hart Road to Nippersink Road.

- The Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program Cycle 15 is underway.
- The Patriot Path is a new multi-use path to provide a non-motorized travel connection from the Des Plaines River Trail to the Robert McClory Bike Path.
- The Cedar Lake Road realignment will create a new intersection at Illinois Route 134. The project will improve safety and mobility between Nippersink Road and Hart Road, enhance the Metra train station site, and add non-motorized connectivity throughout the project limits.
- This resolution authorizes the Lake County Division of Transportation to submit two applications and, if approved, they will be brought back to the Lake County Board for acceptance of the grant agreements and appropriation of the necessary matching funds.
- These improvements are included in the Transportation Improvement Program.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ITEP grant Cycle 15 is underway through IDOT; and

WHEREAS, IDOT is authorized to award \$125,000,000 in ITEP grants pursuant to the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (20 ILCS 2705-615); and

WHEREAS, funds for the ITEP grant Cycle 15 are to be awarded for up to \$3,000,000 maximum per project in ITEP funds, on a competitive basis for well planned projects that provide and support alternate modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, both the Patriot Path and Cedar Lake Road realignment are identified as high priority projects in the Lake County 2040 Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Patriot Path and multi-use path along Cedar Lake Road are identified in CMAP's Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan, which is a long-range plan which envisions a network of continuous greenway and trail corridors, linked across jurisdictions, providing scenic beauty, natural habitat, and recreational and transportation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous to submit separate applications for ITEP funding for a segment of the Patriot Path, from the Des Plaines River Trail to east of O'Plaine Road, and for non-motorized improvements constructed as part of the Cedar Lake Road realignment, from Hart Road to Nippersink Road; and

WHEREAS, the County will appropriate the required 20 percent local match, plus any additional amounts as may be required for the County's share, if said grants are awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Lake County Board that the County Board Chair, the County Clerk and the Lake County Engineer are authorized and hereby directed to apply for separate grants from IDOT, under its ITEP grant Cycle 15, for the Patriot Path and Cedar Lake Road realignment projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the said grants are approved by IDOT, they will be brought back to the Lake County Board for the appropriation of the required 20 percent local match plus any additional amounts as may be required, and for any agreement necessary between the County and IDOT.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on September 13, 2022.