RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PROTECTIVE ACQUISITION FOR THE MAIN STREET EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, McHenry County has determined that there is a need to extend Main Street to improve traffic flow and increase safety in Grafton Township and the Village of Huntley as part of the approved FY2020 to 2024 Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County has been conducting the necessary engineering and environmental studies for the extension of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, this project aligns with the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan Quality Infrastructure Goal 3 (Promote mobility for all County residents by providing choices in the transportation network including walking, biking and public transit).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation/County Engineer, or his designee, under the supervision of the Transportation Committee, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the County of McHenry, to negotiate with the owner or owners of real property and to acquire title to and possession of real property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($350,000.00) from the RTA Sales Tax Fund; Fund-Dept.-Div.-Main Acct. 260-82-8200-609000 (Highway Right of Way), for said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this project is hereby designated as Section 02-00283-00-ES; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation/County Engineer.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 16th day of March, A.D., 2020.

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Jack D. Franks, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk
TO: McHenry County Board
FROM: Benjamin Redding
DATE: March 16, 2020
SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Acquisition of Right-Of-Way for Highway Purposes and Appropriating Funds for Protective Acquisition for the Main Street Extension Project

**Board / Committee Action Requested:** For consideration is a resolution approving the acquisition of right-of-way for the Main Street Extension project in unincorporated Grafton Township (West of Huntley) and appropriating funds for said land acquisition.

**Background and Discussion:** The Division of Transportation has been studying the Main Street extension (Algonquin Road Extension) project area since the late 1990’s. During this period, the County has worked with the Village of Huntley and its engineering consultant to move this project forward. The County will begin engineering on the Main Street Extension (West of Huntley) section of the study in 2021 as identified in the approved 2020 to 2024 Transportation Program.

In 2019, during the course of the study, the McHenry County Division of Transportation staff, in association with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Village of Huntley, and other stakeholders, performed a roadway safety review (RSR) of the project corridor. Based on the review of the crash data and field observations, the recommendation of the RSR is to extend Main Street to Harmony to reduce congestion and improve safety throughout the corridor.

In order to extend the roadway as identified in the engineering study and the RSR, the County will need to obtain the property on the west side of the Hemmer/Marengo/Main intersection. As the owner of the property in question recently placed the property up for sale, the County approved a contract for land acquisition management services with MROWCO on February 18, 2020 to acquire said property.

The County’s right-of-way consultant (MROWCO) has successfully negotiated the terms of land acquisition with the property owner and seeks authorization to make a formal offer for land acquisition.

The project will be moving into Phase I in 2021 and Phase II in 2023, pending project readiness.

**Impact on Human Resources:** none
Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits): The funding for acquisition is not included in, but can be accommodated with the FY2020 budget.

Impact on Capital Expenditures: none

Impact on Physical Space: none

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies: none

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan: Conforms to purchasing ordinance and policies and Strategic Plan.