

Exhibit A



Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Region 1 / District 1
201 West Center Court / Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

June 20, 2025

Mr. Kurtis T. Muth, P.E.
Engineering Coordinator
Engineering Division
City of Aurora
2185 Liberty Street
Aurora, IL 60502

Dear Mr. Muth:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) has received your letter dated May 21, 2025, requesting State financial participation in the locally initiated drainage improvement along IL 25 (S. Broadway Avenue) between North Avenue and Hazel Avenue in the City of Aurora (City), Kane County. Drainage improvements include new collection structures, new storm sewers, and connecting them to an existing outfall that flows into the Fox River so that stormwater runoff can be removed from the combined sewer system. This work will provide additional drainage capacity to IL 25 and is being designed to current standards. A review of the technical analysis and plans has been completed and authorized under Permit No.1-T-25-0185, which was issued to the City on May 12, 2025, in advance of the Department's contract 62X59 that includes resurfacing within the City's project limits.

The Department has reviewed your request for State financial participation and offers the following information:

The Department agrees that the separation of the combined sewer system will improve the capacity and benefit the drainage along IL 25, as well as contribute to reducing the frequency of potential combined sewer overflows into a waterway such as the Fox River. This project is consistent with the Bureau of Design and Environment Manual under Chapter 5: BDE 5-5.02(d)(2)(f).

Based on the cost estimate provided in your letter, the estimated cost of the proposed storm sewer improvement is approximately \$2,317,165. The Department's policies allow for State financial participation for the non-federal portion of the payable construction and preconstruction items associated with the State-owned facilities for a locally initiated federally funded project. It is the Department's understanding that the City currently has not secured any federal funding for this locally initiated project. For locally initiated projects within the State highway right-of-way that do not involve federal funding, the Department will consider State financial participation of the costs associated with the payable construction and preconstruction items, based on the methodology described in the BDE Manual.

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The Department has determined that its financial participation will be limited to \$725,736, 31.2% of the eligible costs for this improvement since the City has the lead on this improvement. The Department's financial participation will be limited to the cost of the drainage improvement along IL 25 (S. Broadway Avenue) from North Avenue to Hazel Avenue in the State highway right-of-way based on the aforementioned cost estimate.

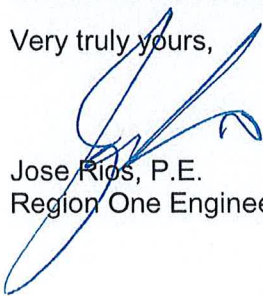
At present, the Department's maximum financial participation will be \$725,736. The Department will make every effort to program the State's financial participation in a future fiscal year to coincide with the City's anticipated project schedule for implementation. This letter will serve as a Letter of Intent and will be the basis for the preparation of a future formal intergovernmental agreement. Any increase in the anticipated level of State financial participation must be requested and approved in writing prior to any expenditure.

The City agrees to continue to act as the lead agency for these improvements, and as a locally initiated project not involving any federal funding, will continue to work with the District's Bureau of Traffic Permits and coordinate the proposed work in the State highway right-of-way through the District's Bureau of Local Roads and Streets.

At the end of this letter is a space for you to indicate your concurrence with the terms of this Letter of Intent. Please indicate your concurrence by signing the Letter of Intent in the space provided and returning the original signed letter to the Department at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Katie Herdus, Area Programmer, at (847) 705-4090 or via email katherine.herdus@illinois.gov.

Very truly yours,


Jose Rios, P.E.
Region One Engineer

Concur: _____


Do Not Concur: _____

Title: Mayor, City of Aurora
Date: 6/26/2025

May 21, 2025

RE: IDOT Cost Reimbursement Request

Mr. Jose Rios, P.E., District Engineer IDOT District One

The City of Aurora is proposing drainage improvements along the S. Broadway Ave (Illinois Route 25) corridor between North Avenue and Hazel Avenue to remove flows from the combined sewer system and improve drainage conditions. This project was originally projected for 2026 construction but is being expedited so that it can be completed ahead of the roadway overlay proposed by IDOT in late 2025. The City of Aurora is requesting partial reimbursement of the storm sewer improvements along S. Broadway Avenue (Illinois Route 25) in accordance with section 5-5.02(d) of the IDOT Bureau of Design and Environmental manual. This request is being issued now after the design was recently approved by IDOT and the bid prices have been established.

The north half of the project area (North Ave to Bluff St) is tributary to a combined sewer so the proposed storm sewer extension tributary to the existing Bluff Street outfall will remove significant flows from the combined sewer. This project will triple the number of inlets currently serving this corridor improving the efficiency of rainfall capture and function of the roadway during rain events. This storm sewer will also be sized for phase 2 extensions east of S. Broadway Avenue along Center Avenue, Titsworth Court, Seminary Avenue, Warren Avenue, and Bluff Street. The proposed storm sewer in IDOT Right-of-Way is being sized for a 10-year storm event per IDOT guidelines while the phase 2 storm sewer located in City of Aurora Right-of-Way is being sized for a 2-year storm event. There is an existing storm sewer outfall at Bluff St between S. Broadway Avenue and the Fox River that will be utilized.

The south half of the project area (Bluff Street to Hazel Ave) has an existing separate storm sewer and outfall, but the few existing inlets located in the sag at the Evans Ave intersection and do not meet current IDOT design standards. Therefore, storm sewer extensions within the Broadway corridor to the north and south of Evans Ave are proposed to improve drainage ahead of the proposed overlay.

In addition, the City is proposing to replace all 98 lead water services in this corridor as part of this project. The City is required to replace all lead water services by the end of 2038 and by doing these now, this will eliminate disturbing and patching the roadway at the water service tap locations after the road is resurfaced.

Attached is a cost estimate showing the bid prices obtained for phase 1 and a breakdown separating out the costs associated with the water main and water service replacements. The total portion of the project costs associated with the storm sewer installation are approximately \$2,317,165. The cost breakdown shows the construction contingency included in the bid (Items ordered by the engineer) has been removed but the breakdown does include 7% cost for both the design and construction management services which will both be provided by City of Aurora professional engineers. There are a total of 4.72 acres of S. Broadway Avenue Right-of-Way that are tributary to the proposed storm sewer improvements with a composite runoff coefficient of 0.76. The total tributary area for the

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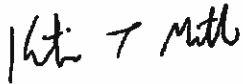
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proposed storm sewer improvements is 34.71 acres with a composite runoff coefficient of 0.66. Utilizing equation 5-5.2 from the IDOT Bureau of Design and Environmental manual, the state share of the total cost comes to 31.32%. Therefore, the requested state share of cost comes to \$725,736.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the improvement plans and the current maintenance agreement with IDOT regarding this section of S. Broadway Avenue (IL Route 25). This agreement is set to expire June 30, 2025 and the City is currently working on another 10-year extension that will soon go to City Council for approval (draft also attached). The City currently maintains all public utilities within the S. Broadway Avenue (IL Route 25) corridor listed in the agreement and will similarly maintain the proposed storm sewer improvements. A hard copy of this request will follow in the mail.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this manner. Please contact me at 630-256-3232 or muthk@aurora.il.us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurtis T. Muth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kurtis T. Muth, P.E.
Engineering Coordinator, City of Aurora