



**SLATS RESOLUTION 2022-10  
ASSIGNMENT OF COVID RELIEF FUNDS - ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Beloit (WI-IL) Urbanized Area (UA) and the greater Stateline Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and

**WHEREAS**, the SLATS Policy Board has the responsibility to direct, coordinate, and administer federal continuing, comprehensive and coordinated (3C) transportation planning throughout the MPA; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act provided an additional \$10,000,000,000 for Highway Infrastructure Programs including \$352,911,487 to the State of Illinois known as COVID Relief funds, in which \$51,774,393 were further allotted to urbanized areas, with \$55,553.98 allotted to the Illinois portion of SLATS to be federally obligated by September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds are to follow STP guidelines and can be used on projects located on all functionally classified roads except for local or rural minor collectors and can also be used for bicycle or multi-use path facilities as long as the purpose and need is not strictly recreational and the path falls within the roadway right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS** given the limited amount of funding, allocating the \$55,553.98 to an existing federally-funded project as opposed to a new project is determined to be most feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockton Road Multi-Use Path Phase 2 project is an existing project that will further extend the Rockton Road Path along the south side of Rockton Road from Old Meadow Lane to Aspland Drive at the east entrance to Rockton Grade School/Whitman Post (schools) at an estimated cost of \$405,409 with \$250,000 of that covered by a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant awarded to the Village of Rockton, and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID Relief funds require no match and could be used to extend the path further west of Aspland Drive as indicated in the SLATS Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan Update 2017 and 2021 SLATS Long Range Transportation Plan, potentially to the western entrance of the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended approval of this resolution and the Policy Board reviewed the TAC recommendation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Policy Board approves COVID Relief funds designated to the Illinois portion of SLATS through IDOT in the amount of \$55,553.98 to fund the extension of the Rockton Road Multi-Use Path Phase 2 further west of Aspland Drive;

**AND BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED THAT** SLATS Staff is instructed to incorporate the COVID Relief funding for the Rockton Road Multi-Use Path Phase 2 project into the SLATS Transportation Improvement Program and transmit this Resolution to appropriate State and Federal officials.

**Approved this 29th Day of August, 2022**

**ATTESTS:**

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Chair, SLATS Policy Board

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SLATS MPO Coordinator