

**SLATS RESOLUTION 2024-6**  
**REASSIGNMENT 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 was determined to be most feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockton Road Multi-Use Path Phase 2 project was an existing project that would 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 in 2022, of which \$319,220 of that total was estimated for construction, with \$250,000 of that covered by a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant awarded to the Village of Rockton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended, and the Policy Board approved by Resolution 2020-10 adopted on August 29, 2022, assigning 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 in coordination with the SRTS project to complete more of the regional bike system planned along Rockton Road in the SLATS Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Update 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, since the SRTS grant award, FHWA has required that the SRTS funded portion of the path be extended into the school property to the front of the school instead of ending at the east entrance drive in the right-of-way as indicated in the application and grant award; and

**WHEREAS**, because this modification, along with other cost factors has increased the Village of Rockton's construction cost for the SRTS project by an estimated \$56,000, the Village is now requesting to use the COVID Relief funds to offset this cost increase east of Aspland Drive for a portion of the path originally funded through the SRTS grant and Village, whereby not extending the path west of Aspland Drive as originally planned and approved by the Policy Board; and

**WHEREAS**, after the September 30, 2024 obligation deadline, the COVID Relief funds will lapse if not reassigned by the Policy Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Policy Board approves reassigning COVID Relief funds designated to the Illinois portion of SLATS through IDOT in the amount of \$55,553.98 toward funding the extension of the Rockton Road Multi-Use Path Phase 2 from Old Meadow Lane toward Aspland Drive.

**Approved this 5th Day of September, 2024**

**ATTESTS:**

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**Chair, SLATS Policy Board**

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**Director of Planning and Building Services**