

**IDOT PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT DETERMINATION**

To: ~~Adrian Secor~~ ~~Chief Clerk~~, Secretary

From: Kirk Brown, Region Five Engineer

Date: 8/9/2024

Re: FAI 55/70 - over B&O, Conrail & TRRA RR in East St. Louis, Contract Number 76K02, St. Clair County

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In accordance with the Project Labor Agreement Act (30 ILCS 571), it is recommended that a project labor agreement (PLA) be utilized for the above-captioned Project. This recommendation is based on the considerations indicated below.

- 1) The Project is being awarded and administered by IDOT (i.e., not by another governmental agency).
- 2) The Project is being constructed using state or local funds only (i.e., no federal funds).
- 3) The overall size, scope, sequencing, logistics or other aspects of the Project make it particularly challenging to manage, and use of a PLA is expected to help assure that the construction work is performed properly and efficiently under the circumstances.
- 4) The duration of construction activity on the Project is expected to exceed one construction season (i.e., 110 or more working days), or the nature of the Project results in a heightened need for labor force continuity and stability over a substantial period of time.
- 5) There is a firm construction completion date established for the Project thereby increasing the adverse consequences of any work stoppage or other labor disruption.
- 6) The time required to complete the Project is expected to extend beyond the expiration date of one or more existing collective bargaining agreements covering trades likely to be involved in the Project, thereby increasing the likelihood of work stoppage(s) or other labor disruption(s) during construction of the Project.
- 7) In the absence of a PLA, there is an increased likelihood of jurisdictional disputes among unions or of conflict between unionized and non-unionized workers on the Project that could have a potentially material adverse effect on the time, cost, or quality of work performed on the Project.
- 8) This project presents specific safety concerns to the traveling public and a PLA, will ensure labor force continuity and stability, decreasing the length of the safety concern.
- 9) Use of a PLA is expected to result in improved access to skilled labor, improved efficiency, or improved safety performance on the Project.

**FAI 70**  
**Contract No. 76K02**  
**St. Clair County**  
**Fed. Proj. NHPP-Y5Y0(871)**

10) Use of a PLA on the Project is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the competitive bidding process.

11) Use of a PLA on the Project is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Department to achieve other Departmental goals (e.g., utilization of disadvantaged businesses, utilization of Illinois domiciled businesses, development of competitive vendor alternatives over time, etc.).

12) There are other material considerations favoring or disfavoring use of a PLA on this Project as follows:

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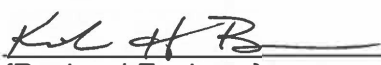
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Based upon the identified considerations, we recommend that you approve use of a PLA on this Project. Upon your approval, the Department shall undertake to negotiate in good faith a PLA with the relevant labor organization(s), and shall include in all necessary bid specifications and other documents information regarding the actual or form of PLA that is to binding upon all contractors and their employees.

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FHWA concurrence in the PLA for the above-mentioned contract  
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**ATTACHMENT A:**

Justification for use of a Project Labor Agreement on FAI 55/70 Contract Number 76K02, St. Clair County which is the structure rehabilitation of I-55/70 over B&O, CPKC & TRRA just west of IL Route 203.

Federal Project Number: NHPP-Y5Y09871)

ITEM 3: Estimated project cost is \$27,200,000.


This project includes deck repairs and overlay, parapet replacement, pier replacement, bearing replacement and miscellaneous structural repairs and all other necessary and collateral work to complete the project as shown on the plans and as specified elsewhere in these provisions.

ITEM 8: Labor continuity will minimize the amount of time the traveling public is inconvenienced by the permanent lane closures and ongoing construction work at the tie-in locations. This is a 4—lane in each direction interstate that will be reduced to 2 lanes for the duration of the contract and there are various interstate ramps that will have to be closed to accommodate the staging of construction. It is anticipated that construction will take multiple construction seasons due to 3 times/year that all lanes must be open to traffic to accommodate World Wide Technology Raceway events. This will require creative staging by the contractor.


Any work stoppage during construction will extend the length of the construction project and the amount of time that the work zone is in place, thus reducing the overall safety of the roadway to the traveling public.

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**Illinois AFL-CIO Statewide Project Labor Agreement Committee, representing the Unions listed below:**

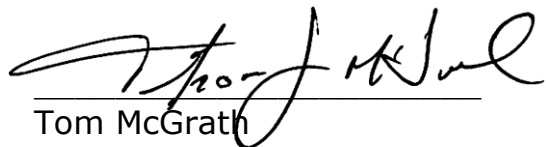


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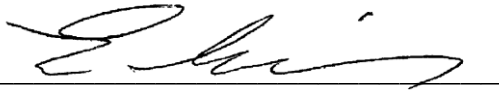
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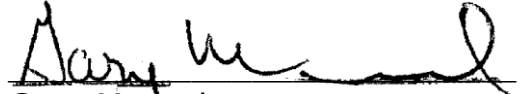
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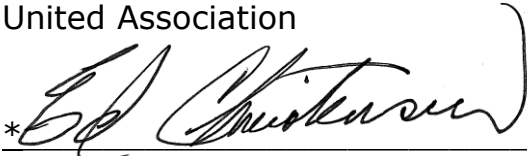
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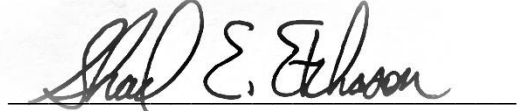
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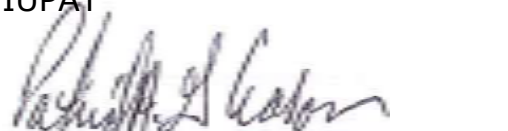
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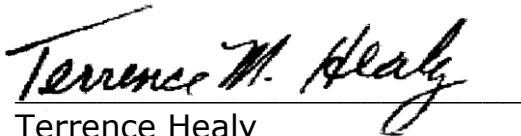
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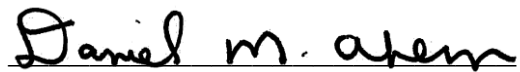
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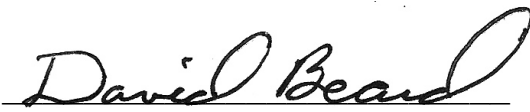
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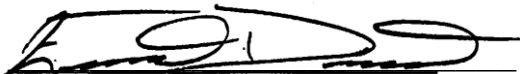
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\*Elevator Constructors master agreement language  
must be attached to PLA