



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ROADWAY DESIGN PUBLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR UTILIZATION IN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVING PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Illinois Public Act 99-0727 (the “Act”) was signed by Governor Rauner on August 5, 2016 and becomes effective January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Act, which contains provisions similar to the federal Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (“FAST”) Act, Pub. L. 114-94, authorizes units of local government to consult roadway design publications outside of the Illinois Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Local Roads Manual for the construction of highways so long as the publication has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the local government adopts the design publication and the design otherwise complies with applicable federal laws; and

WHEREAS, there are roadway design publications approved by the FHWA that, if utilized by the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (the “Department”), would allow for greater design flexibility including the opportunity to produce lower cost hot mix asphalt pavements while ensuring the safety and performance of pavements designed under such alternative publications; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board is committed to the pursuit of available means and methods which can provide cost savings to taxpayers, more efficient productivity within a finite budget and improved overall quality of a final product.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Cook County Board, do hereby bestow upon the Superintendent of the Department the authority to consult, adopt and utilize, as the Superintendent within his or her discretion finds reasonably appropriate, the methods, findings and recommendations contained within publications approved by the FHWA in designing and implementing the Department’s hot mix asphalt road program.