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Village of Channahon Receives \$320K Grant for Regional Intergovernmental Transportation Coordination Study

CHANNAHON, III. – The Village of Channahon today announced that it has been awarded \$320,000 through the Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) Funds grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for a regional intergovernmental transportation coordination study.

“We are pleased to have such strong support from IDOT in identifying vital transportation improvements for our region,” said Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher. “The existing projects and those in process for the Channahon-Minooka-Morris area of Grundy County will have impacts on the greater region as a whole. With these projects, it’s imperative that we analyze the existing infrastructure in the area and plan for improvements that need to be made to accommodate them.”

Channahon is the lead agency on the grant, with a commitment of \$15,000 toward the effort previously authorized by the Village Board of Trustees. Several other partner agencies have made initial commitments of an additional \$65,000 in local matching funds to the grant, including the City of Morris, Grundy County, Grundy County Chamber of Commerce, the Grundy County Economic Development Corporation, the Village of Diamond, the Village of Minooka, the Village of Shorewood, the Will County Center for Economic Development, and the Will County Governmental League. Conversations are ongoing with other regional agencies for additional partnership.

“I’m thrilled that our regional partners accepted our invitation to work together for the betterment of the region and for their continued show of support in improving transportation for our entire area,” added Moorman Schumacher. “The Statewide Planning and Research Funds grant will allow us to work with our regional partners to continue the process of long-term infrastructure planning for the region.”

The Village of Channahon was one of 20 communities to be awarded an SPR grant in the 2024 program cycle. The SPR funds are federal funds for Illinois’ statewide planning and research activities. The funds are used to establish a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions and to carry out transportation research activities throughout the state.

For a full list of award recipients, visit IDOT’s website at <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/planning.html>.

For more information on the Village of Channahon and current projects, please visit www.channahon.org or call 815-467-6644.