

RESOLUTION NO. 20-PT-25  
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD – 10/8/20

TO: PORT AUTHORITY COMMISSION AND  
OTIS WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: SUSAN TAYLOR, PORT DIRECTOR

RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF \$9M IN FEDERAL GRANT  
AND PRIVATE MATCH FUNDING FOR RAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE  
NORTH RIVERFRONT AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SAME

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCF Lewis & Clark Terminals (SCF) recently applied for a \$20.84M federal BUILD grant for rail improvements at four locations in MO and IL where it manages river terminals. SCF will provide the 20% match, leading to a total project cost of \$26,050,000. Funding for rail improvements at the Municipal River Terminal (MRT) and the adjacent Tyler Street facility will be \$9M of the \$26M. This Resolution requests approval to accept the BUILD and SCF funds and to issue an RFP for construction.

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BACKGROUND:

Because only public entities could apply, SCF's consultant, TranSystems, prepared the application and submitted it to the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) on behalf of the three public ports in whose jurisdictions the projects will occur (see Exhibit A).

In St. Louis, SCF operates both the Municipal River Terminal and the adjacent Tyler Street grain transloading facility. BUILD grant funds will significantly expand rail access to include unit-train service to both locations (Exhibit B). These funds must be obligated by September 30, 2022, and expended by September 30, 2027. The Authority anticipates construction will start in January, 2022.

The BUILD grant will allow the Authority to finish the MRT Rail Upgrade started in 2017. Work at the MRT and Tyler Street will conform to the Rail Access Plan developed by Design 9 (D9), the Authority's rail engineer, and to site work designed by Jacobs Engineering, the Authority's civil engineer, for the MRT Rail Upgrade. D9 and Jacobs have already completed preliminary plans and specs and the Authority has US Army Corps and city Building Division permits in hand. The Authority will coordinate with USDOT and generally oversee the project while D9 and Jacobs will provide technical expertise and construction management services.

To execute this project, the Authority requests approval to accept BUILD grant and SCF match funds and to issue an RFP for the construction work. The Authority will return to the Commission for approval of any selected contractor's bid.

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REQUESTED ACTION:

Request approval of Resolution No. 20-PT-25 by the Port Commission.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Port Authority Board of Commissioners hereby approves this Resolution and approves the Authority's accepting BUILD grant and SCF match funds for continuing the MRT Rail Upgrade and associated work at the Tyler Street location, signing funding agreements necessary to implement the project, and for issuing an RFP for construction of this work.
2. The Port Authority authorizes the Executive Director, his designee, legal counsel, and the appropriate officers, agents and employees of the Port Authority to take all steps necessary and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its passage and approval by the governing body of the Authority.

ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Assistant Secretary

Figure ES-1: St. Louis Bi-State Regional Ports Improvement Project Areas

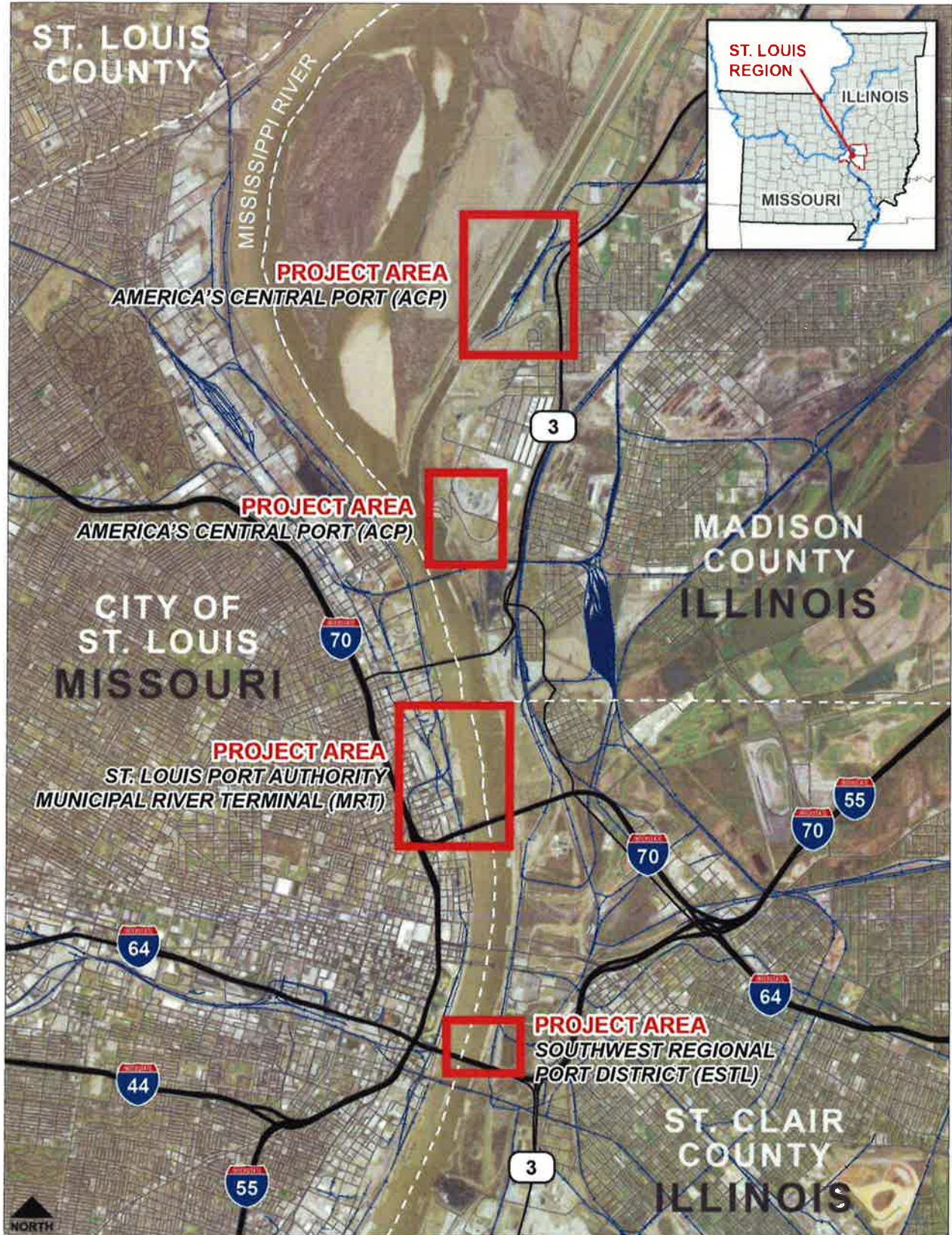


Figure 4: St. Louis Bi-State Regional Ports Improvement Project Location MRT

