

ROUTE 66 GRANT FY25 (25-336001)

**ROUTE 66 PARK AT THE BROADWAY STREET GREENWAY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN HERITAGE CORRIDOR CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
AND CITY OF JOLIET**

The Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made this _____ day of _____, 2025, by and between Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) (hereinafter "CVB") whose address is 701 Essington Road, Suite 100; Joliet, IL 60435; and City of Joliet (an Illinois municipality) (hereinafter "CITY"), whose address is 150 W. Jefferson Street; Joliet, IL 60432.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CVB is an Illinois not-for-profit organization that partners with destinations to promote the historic I&M Canal National Heritage Area, Starved Rock Country, and The First Hundred Miles of Illinois Route 66; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has made grant funds available to Illinois CVBs for the purpose of promoting tourism and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Route 66, which includes attraction development along historic Route 66; and

WHEREAS, CVB is authorized to utilize state grant funds from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the purpose of creating visitor attractions as part of the Route 66 project, no federal funds will be used; and

WHEREAS, the CITY owns the Route 66 Park at the Broadway Street Greenway property where the Rich & Creamy Ice Cream Shop is located (920 N. Broadway). The Rich & Creamy Ice Cream Shop has been a Route 66 "pit stop" for many tourists along the Route 66 route during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. The establishment serves as a scenic resting spot for families, children, adults. The Rich & Creamy Ice Cream Shop serves as a central hub facility for the entire Broadway Street Greenway and the area surrounding the ice cream shop was branded as Route 66 Park in the 2010s, featuring Route 66 signs and objects.

WHEREAS, CVB will provide funding for costs associated with the improvements to Route 66 Park at Broadway Street Greenway. Improvements include sidewalk circulation and site enhancements while promoting the visitor experience and remaining ADA compliant; and

WHEREAS, as consideration for the project management (including grant reporting) of said Route 66 Park at the Broadway Street Greenway project, the CITY agrees to a one-time payment of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to CVB to cover project management costs for the exhibit. CITY agrees to make the one-time payment on or before April 30, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration; the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledge, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The term of this agreement shall commence on or before January 1, 2025, and shall continue through May 31, 2025 unless sooner terminated in whole or in part according to the terms of the agreement. The Route 66 Park at the Broadway Street Greenway improvement project must be completed by May 31, 2025.

2. CITY shall follow state procurement guidelines and have multiple bids for project components over \$10,000. CITY will provide documentation: (1) copy of the RFP; (2) brief explanation of RFP advertising plan; (3) selection criteria/scoring sheet; and (4) vendor contract. CITY will provide statement authorizing payment to preferred vendor to CVB along with the above documentation. CITY may request vendor deposit payments up to 50% down by March 31, 2025, with balances due no later than May 31, 2025. Three bids are recommended; however, minimum two bids are required.
3. CITY will provide signage at the Route 66 Park at the Broadway Street Greenway project indicating the following information: "Project funded by Illinois DCEO Route 66 Grant" and include the logos of Enjoy Illinois, CVB, and CITY. Aside from the foregoing information, the form, material, and design of the signage outlined above shall be left to the discretion of the CITY.
4. CITY must submit monthly performance reports along with pictures of the progress of the project. Reports should include the progress of the job, % of completion, and projected completion date. Reports are due the 10th day of the month for project work the previous month, starting March 10.
5. CVB shall not be liable for any injury or death occurring in or about the Route 66 Park at the Broadway Greenway or for injury or death that is caused because of the condition of the park itself. CVB shall not be liable for repair, replacement, or maintenance of the Route 66 Park at the Broadway Street Greenway.
6. CITY shall indemnify CVB against and hold it harmless from, all claims, actions, proceedings, costs, damages, and liabilities, including attorney's fees, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the use/establishment of the Route 66 Park at the Broadway Street Greenway.
7. The Parties hereby acknowledge that the approximate costs for the Route 66 Park at the Broadway Street Greenway are Route 66 grant eligible expenses not to exceed \$75,000 to the "construction" grant expense category. Costs up to \$75,000 will be provided/paid by the CVB on behalf of CITY. CITY will be financially responsible for expenses exceeding the initial \$75,000 Route 66 Grant eligible expenses.

MOA must be signed/executed by March 18, 2025 with payments and work completed by May 31, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE SIGNED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS BY SIGNING AS FOLLOWS:

CITY OF JOLIET
Beth Beatty, City Manager

DATE _____

HERITAGE CORRIDOR CVB BY ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT
Robert Navarro, President & CEO

DATE _____

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