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## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH AECOM FOR NEW 2FM FACILITIES

To advance Mayor Emanuel's vision of using public infrastructure modernization projects to catalyze investments in Chicago's neighborhoods, the City Council today approved Mayor Emanuel and the Department of Fleet and Facility Management's ordinance authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with AECOM for the design, construction and turn-key delivery of three new 2FM facilities.

These three facilities will replace the fleet operations previously performed at 1685 North Throop Street. Proceeds from the sale of this facility will fully fund project costs. In addition to the 220 city jobs that will be relocated to Englewood, the project will create over 150 construction jobs.

"The new facilities will improve the quality of City services for residents and benefit taxpayers while driving economic development in each neighborhood," Mayor Emanuel said. "By making smart investments like this we can generate economic benefits that reach every corner of Chicago."

"Moving 2FM's headquarters to Englewood underscores the Mayor's commitment to the South Side," Alderman Roderick Sawyer said. "This new facility will create jobs and help attract even more businesses to the neighborhood."

The department headquarters on Throop Street previously served as the primary city facility for repairing and dispatching the City's service vehicles such as fire trucks, street sweepers and snow plows and served as a city fueling station. Relocating to three new custom built, sustainable, energy efficient facilities will result in a significant decrease in operational costs for the City.

"These facilities will not only save the City operational costs, but also provide 2FM with new state-of-the-art locations that will meet the needs of our operations so we can better serve the citizens of Chicago," said 2FM Commissioner David Reynolds.

The main heavy-duty vehicle repair will be at 210 West 69<sup>th</sup> Street in Englewood. The northwest satellite heavy-duty vehicle repair will be at 4241 North Neenah Avenue and the

city fueling station will be at 1152 North Branch Street. All three locations are strategically located for more efficient delivery of critical city services.

"I'm grateful to the Mayor and 2FM for choosing to make this investment in the Dunning Community," 38th Ward Alderman Nicholas Sposato said. "This will have a positive impact on the residents and businesses of the 38th Ward. In addition, this project will have benefits that extend past the 38th Ward to save taxpayer dollars and improve the quality of services delivered to all Chicagoans."

"The development of these new facilities is another example of Mayor Emanuel's commitment to making investments that support economic and job growth across the city," Alderman Walter Burnett said.

The Chicago Infrastructure Trust (CIT) conducted the procurement in coordination with the City and 2FM.

"We look forward to working with AECOM on this important project that will efficiently and cost-effectively achieve the goal of creating facilities that optimize 2FM's fleet operations," said CIT Executive Director Leslie Darling.

The Design/Build model will ensure the project is completed on schedule and within the guaranteed maximum price of \$41 million. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

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