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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks seeking authorization to submit one or more Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) grant applications, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ Program) is designed to provide funding for transportation-related projects, that improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion, in counties classified as air quality non-attainment areas, for the Federal criteria pollutant ozone; and

WHEREAS, CMAQ Program projects generally fall into one of three broad categories:

- Projects that reduce emissions through improved vehicle and fuel technologies.
- Projects that reduce emissions by improving traffic congestion.
- Projects that reduce the number of vehicle trips and/or vehicle miles traveled (i.e. bike trail projects - new construction).

; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) has obtained and implemented a number of CMAQ Program grants for bike trail projects, and those grants have enabled the DPRC to make steady progress in its efforts to expand and enhance the Oak Leaf Trail system; and

WHEREAS, the CMAQ Program is authorized and funded under Federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act, the Federal transportation act that was signed into law on July 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the CMAQ Program is administered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, with funds being made available through a competitive application process open to the 11 county non-attainment and maintenance areas in southeastern and northeastern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the CMAQ Program is a reimbursement program, and funds are awarded on an 80 percent Federal, 20 percent local, cost-share basis; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of July 20, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-614 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture is hereby
46 authorized to submit one or more Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
47 Improvement Program (CMAQ Program) grant applications, and to undertake all actions
48 and activities necessary to accept and implement CMAQ Program grant awards offered
49 to Milwaukee County.

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