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**A RESOLUTION**

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authorizing and directing a transfer of \$1,000,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Bridge for the purposes of contracting with a vendor for construction on the bridge

WHEREAS, in 2014, Ravine Road Bridge in Lake Park experienced increased cracking and soil washout in the abutments, prompting a condition assessment, which, ultimately, lead to the closure of the bridge and the drive below it (Ravine Road) as a safety precaution; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Milwaukee County appropriated \$400,000 to fund a Ravine Road Bridge detailed inspection report, to perform planning and design services for bridge rehabilitation or bridge replacement, and to prepare cost estimates; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Adopted Capital Budget included project WP48401 – Lake Park Ravine Bridge with \$500,000 in general obligation bonding and \$2,000,000 in private contributions for the repair or replacement of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture applied for and received a \$2 million grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for replacement of the bridge, which was later amended to be for rehabilitation of the bridge due to its condition and historical nature; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 19-530 accepting the TAP grant funding in place of raising private contributions, pursuing rehabilitation of the bridge, and requesting the development of a maintenance agreement between the Lake Park Friends group and Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC); and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 20-866 approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lake Parks Friends group and DPRC for a maintenance fund with an initial deposit of \$300,000, which is anticipated to grow to \$607,000 over the life of the fund; and

39 WHEREAS, because rehabilitation was pursued over replacement of the bridge,  
40 it was initially estimated in File No. 20-866 that construction costs would be lower than  
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43 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 21-95 in February 2021 to  
44 address a \$600,000 deficit in the project and transferring funding from capital projects  
45 WP727 – Oak Leaf Trail Zip Line Sinkhole, WP523 – Lake Park Steel Arch Bridge, and  
46 WP131 Oak Leaf Trail Improvements to WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge; and

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48 WHEREAS, construction on the project was anticipated to begin in the first half of  
49 2021, but vendor bids came in at approximately \$1 million over what was budgeted for  
50 the project; and

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52 WHEREAS, if construction on the project does not begin in the first half of 2021,  
53 Milwaukee County is at risk of losing its TAP grant funding from the State of Wisconsin,  
54 creating an additional \$2 million hole in the project; and

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56 WHEREAS, to take advantage of the TAP grant funding and to ensure that  
57 money already invested in the project is appropriately spent, it is necessary to allocate  
58 the additional \$1 million required for construction; and

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60 WHEREAS, the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge is a historic and vital feature of  
61 Lake Park and long-term efforts to re-open the bridge should continue; and

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63 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 13, 2021,  
64 recommended adoption of File No. 21-467 (vote 5-2); now, therefore,

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66 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
67 supports the continued pursuit of the rehabilitation of the Lake Park Ravine Road  
68 Bridge; and

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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
71 hereby authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to execute an  
72 appropriation transfer of \$1,000,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for  
73 Contingencies to capital project WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Bridge for the purposes of  
74 financing the rehabilitation of the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge.

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