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From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to apply and accept WisDOT Transportation Alternatives Program grants for a Trails Network Plan Update and Realignment of Flooded Oak Leaf Trail - Root River Line, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) requests authorization to apply for, and accept if awarded, two Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants; and

WHEREAS, TAP is a State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) program for the administration of Federal transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the focus of TAP is on bicycle and pedestrian facilities that will serve at least some utilitarian trips—such as commuting to work or school—that might otherwise be made by automobile; and

WHEREAS, examples of eligible TAP infrastructure projects include sidewalks, pedestrian amenities and wayfinding, shared use paths and trails for transportation purposes, bike lanes, bike parking, bike racks on buses, bike share systems (capital costs, not operating costs), and infrastructure to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, TAP projects are funded on an 80 percent Federal/20 percent local cost-share basis; and

WHEREAS, WisDOT operates TAP as a reimbursement program that requires local entities to finance the project, with reimbursement by WisDOT for the Federal share of 80 percent of the approved project cost, up to the limit of the award; and

WHEREAS, if approved, by January 28, 2022, DPRC will submit TAP grant applications for the following projects: Trails Network Plan Update and Realignment of Flooded Oak Leaf Trail Root River Line (from Morgan Avenue to Howard Avenue); and

WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, recommends that the DPRC be authorized to submit, and if awarded, accept the two TAP grant applications listed above; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of December 7, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-1044 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is
46 hereby authorized to submit two Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant
47 applications, listed above, for the 2022-2026 cycle; and
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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if TAP grants are awarded to Milwaukee County
50 for any of the two projects listed above, the DPRC, the Office of Comptroller, and the
51 Department of Administrative Services will be authorized to execute administrative fund
52 transfers to recognize the receipt of revenue, apply it to improvements associated with
53 those awarded grants, and to implement the awarded grant funding.
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