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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 authorizing and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to
7 proceed with developing constructions plans for a compromise design referred to as
8 “Alternative C” for Capital Project WP071401 (Kinnickinnic River Parkway-Jackson Park
9 Drive) and present the design with estimated construction costs to the board prior to
10 submitting the department’s 2025 capital project requests
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13 WHEREAS, Jackson Park Drive, a segment of the broader Kinnickinnic River
14 Parkway, from 47th Street to 5800 W Cleveland Ave located within the City of Milwaukee
15 is undergoing planning and design by the Milwaukee County Parks Department to
16 reconstruct the road segment with reduced capacity pursuant to Parks Department
17 goals to reduce hard surface roadways and expand trails in the County Park system;
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20 WHEREAS, the current surface of Jackson Park Drive was reconstructed in
21 1984, with a design life of 20 years, meaning the current deteriorated condition has
22 outlived its expected life by more than 20 years; and
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24 WHEREAS, a 2016 budget allocation (WP29004) and subsequent fund transfer
25 (WP71401) in 2019 regarding reconstruction of seven sections of the Kinnickinnic
26 Parkway was proposed and approved to achieve multiple goals including addressing
27 poor road conditions, helping achieve Milwaukee County sustainability goals, reducing
28 pavement in the parks system, protecting water resources and natural habitat, and
29 reducing point sources of runoff and contamination; and
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31 WHEREAS, four alternative designs for Jackson Park Drive were explored by the
32 department in the preliminary planning phase, these included:

- 33 • **Alternative A – Road & Trail**
 - 34 ○ Reconstruct city road in-kind; reduce width of Jackson Park Drive to
 - 35 just north of northernmost driveway on westbound side; 10-ft trail
 - 36 alongside narrowed JPD; reconstruct remainder in-kind
- 37 • **Alternative B – Partial Trail Conversion**
 - 38 ○ Reconstruct city road and county parks road from 47th to 51st in
 - 39 kind; Convert road to 10-ft trail in-between
- 40 • **Alternative C – Road and Trail & Trail Only from 51st to 53rd**

- 41 ○ Reconstruct city road in-kind; Reduce width of Jackson Park Drive
- 42 from 53rd Street to the western County Park boundary; Convert
- 43 road to 10-ft trail from 53rd to 51st; 10-ft trail alongside narrowed
- 44 JDP from approximately 47th Street to 51st Street; reconstruct
- 45 remainder in-kind
- 46 ● **Alternative D – Roadway and 35% Curb & Gutter Replacement**
- 47 ○ Reconstruct Jackson Park Drive In-Kind and Replace 35% of the
- 48 Curb & Gutter

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51 WHEREAS, the four alternative designs were ranked and scored based on the
52 following Milwaukee County Parks preference criteria:

- 53 ● Sustainability
- 54 ● Recreational opportunity
- 55 ● Part of transportation grid
- 56 ● Minimize impact to natural resources

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60 WHEREAS, a survey taken at the Public Information Meeting on October 5, 2023
61 demonstrated a strong preference by residents and attendees for alternatives that don't
62 remove the roadway west of 53rd St; and

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64 WHEREAS, despite near overwhelming community support against removing the
65 roadway, and thus access to the front of 18 homes west of 53rd Street, the Milwaukee
66 County Parks Department confirmed on February 9, 2024 that they are proceeding with
67 preparing construction documents for Alternative B; and

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69 WHEREAS, Alternative B, Partial Trail Conversion, would effectively replace the
70 existing road on Jackson Park Drive with a 10' wide bike trail from the 5600 block to 51st
71 street; and

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73 WHEREAS, Alternative B would have significant negative impact on 18
74 households who located on Jackson Park Drive and constructed facing Jackson Park
75 Drive west of 53rd Street and would lose road access to the front of their homes; and

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77 WHEREAS, any 2025 departmental capital budget requests are due by summer
78 2024, then proceed to be heard by the County's Capital Improvements Committee (CIC)
79 in August which evaluates and ranks all requested projects and provides a
80 recommendation to the County Executive for the upcoming capital budget; and

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82 WHEREAS, construction of any proposed project for Jackson Park Drive has not
83 been requested, evaluated by the CIC, recommended by the County Executive,
84 approved by the County Board, or granted any capital expenditure authority at this time;
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87 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of March 12,
88 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-350 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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90 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
91 authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to
92 proceed with developing construction plans for a compromise design referred to as
93 “Alternative C” for Capital Project WP071401 (Kinnickinnic River Parkway-Jackson Park
94 Drive), and present the design with estimated construction costs as an informational
95 report to the Board prior to submitting the department’s 2025 capital project requests.

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