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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting retroactive authorization to apply for two Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grants, by recommending adoption of the following:

A REVISED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) is a Federal transportation program designed to encourage transportation projects that improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, eligible CMAQ Program projects include public transit enhancements, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, ridesharing programs and facilities, and technologies that improve traffic flow and vehicle emissions; and

WHEREAS, past CMAQ Program applications from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) have been for the expansion of the Oak Leaf Trail, with the idea being that a certain percentage of people will use paved off-road paths for utilitarian trips or for commuting instead of automobiles, if given the opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the CMAQ Program is administered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and is a reimbursement program funded on an 80 percent Federal/20 percent local cost-share basis; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC has prepared CMAQ Program applications for Oak Leaf Trail extensions at Bender and Kohl Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of September 10, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-675 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture is hereby retroactively authorized to submit Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program grant applications for the two projects listed above.