



January Board Cycle

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Date: December 30, 2020
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Request for approval to execute fund transfers regarding WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge, WP727 – Oak Leaf Trail -Zip Line Sinkhole, WP523 – Lake Park Steel Arch Bridge & WP131 – OLT Downtown Conn Phase 4 (**ACTION**)

Issue

Milwaukee County Parks capital project WP484-Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge for the rehabilitation of a historic bridge in Lake Park is anticipated to require additional funding for construction. Funds are requested to be moved from capital projects WP727 – Oak Leaf Trail Zip Line Sinkhole, WP523- Lake Park Steel Arch Bridge and WP131-OLT Downtown Connector Phase 4 to provide appropriate funding.

Background

In 2019, County Board File #19-530 recognized revenue from an awarded Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation (WISDOT), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant and realigned budgeted private contributions to begin planning and design for the bridge with awarded construction funding in fiscal year 2022. Planning and design for the bridge will be completed in 2020 and the project is anticipated for construction bids in early 2021. Engineering design has determined that there is an estimated \$800,000 shortage between available budget and construction costs.

In July of 2019, a depression began forming beneath the Oak Leaf Trail near Johnson Controls in Glendale and continued to grow throughout the year causing eventual trail closure in 2020. Milwaukee County Parks funded engineering design for a solution through major maintenance funding and began soliciting for grants to fund a permanent solution. Milwaukee County Parks included project WP727 – Oak Leaf Trail Zip Line Sinkhole in the 2021 capital budget request. Concurrently, Milwaukee County Parks applied for grants from the Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) program, Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program to fund repairs. In the adopted 2021 capital budget funding of \$689,838 for the Zip Line Sinkhole was appropriated. During the 2021 budget process Milwaukee County Parks was awarded both a TAP grant in the amount of \$530,815 and a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant in the amount of \$45,000. TAP grants require a 20% local match in funding. In December 2020, File #20-874 was approved



by the County Board of Supervisors accepting both the TAP Grant and RTP grant and recognizing the corresponding revenues.

The 2020 adopted budget appropriated \$117,023 in bond funding for project WP523 – Lake Park Steel Arch Bridge to execute planning and design for replacement. To date, no substantial progress has been made on this progress as other projects including the adjacent Ravine Road Bridge have taken higher priority. To date, a balance of \$116,549 remains in this project.

WP131 – Oak Leaf Trail Improvements was originally appropriated in 2010 for improvements to three segments of the Oak Leaf trail including the purchase of railroad right of way and development of the Zip Line Trail in the segment Northwest to Downtown. To date, a balance of \$131,889 remains in this project.

Milwaukee County Parks proposes moving the following funds from the following projects to remedy the estimated deficit in the Lake Park Ravine Road project budget:

WP523 – Lake Park Steel Arch Bridge: transfer available funding to WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge (~\$116,500) and closing the project.

WP727- Oak Leaf Trail Zip Line Sinkhole: transfer amount of 2021 bond appropriation equivalent to awarded grant funding to WP484- Lake Park Ravine Road Bride (\$575,815)

WP131- Oak Leaf Trail Improvements: transfer ~\$132,000 to WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge and ~\$5,500 to WP727- Oak Leaf Trail Zip Line Sinkhole and closing the project.

	WP523 -Lake Park Steel Arch Bridge	WP727 -OLT Zipline Sink Hole	WP131- OLT Northwest to Downtown	WP484 - Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge
Total	\$ -	\$ 689,838	\$ -	\$ 824,204

Milwaukee County has requested and received approval from WISDOT to move WP484- Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge from the FY 2022 funding year to the FY 2021 funding year enabling construction to begin earlier than expected in 2021. Milwaukee County has also been informed that WP727-Zip Line Sinkhole will be assigned TAP grant funding in FY 2022 enabling construction after July 2021.

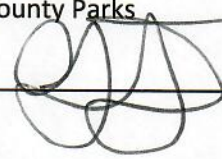
Recommendation

Parks’ Executive Director recommends authorization for Milwaukee County Parks, Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the Comptroller to execute fund transfers between projects WP523, WP727, WP131 and WP484 to remedy estimated funding deficits and align existing expenses with corresponding projects.



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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks



Attachments

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Other attachments

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