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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Supporting the development of the “30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Shared-Use Trail,” a shared-use  
7 bicycle and pedestrian trail in the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor alongside a rail right-of-way which  
8 would connect with the Oak Leaf Trail, Hank Aaron State Trail, and the future Beerline  
9 Trail extension

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12 WHEREAS, a large portion of residents in north-central Milwaukee County who  
13 tend to be persons of color and lack access to a dedicated bicycle trail; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 2007 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized and  
16 directed “the Parks Director to adopt its Trail Network Plan for the expansion and  
17 maintenance of Milwaukee County’s recreation trails” (File No. 07-292); and the plan,  
18 has, among other areas, identified the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor as a proposed trail addition;  
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21 WHEREAS, to address trail inequities and to support the development of trails on  
22 the northwest side of Milwaukee County, the Milwaukee County Parks applied for and  
23 received a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant from the Wisconsin  
24 Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to create a “Northwest Side Trail Connectivity  
25 Plan,” which will utilize public engagement to learn what residents want for the 30<sup>th</sup>  
26 Street Corridor and larger area to facilitate the development of community-supported  
27 priority projects for the near and long term (File No. 20-89); and

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29 WHEREAS, the Route of the Badger, a partnership program aiming to connect  
30 seven southeastern Wisconsin counties with bicycle trails, collaborated to study a rail  
31 right-of-way along North 30<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Milwaukee, named the “30<sup>th</sup> Street  
32 Shared-Use Corridor;” and the Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC) in September 2020  
33 subsequently issued a report titled, “30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Shared-Use Trail: Preliminary  
34 Feasibility Study,” hereto attached to this file, which determined the following:

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- 37 • The right-of-way contains a low-volume active rail line with sufficient adjacent  
38 space for a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle trail (“rail-with-trail”)
  - 39 • Approximately 40 percent of Milwaukee residents lack access to bicycle routes  
40 which would allow them to recreate and meet their everyday needs
  - 41 • “RTC’s BikeAble study, which measured residents’ connectivity to trails,  
determined that completing a trail along the 30<sup>th</sup> Street rail corridor is the most

42 important rail investment in the Milwaukee region in terms of creating more  
43 equitable trail access for users of all races, ethnic groups, and incomes.”

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47 WHEREAS, the RTC report indicated the next stage of the process is the  
48 formulation of an “equitable development plan” which will engage with the surrounding  
49 neighborhoods and stakeholders prior to the pursuit of trail funding; and

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51 WHEREAS, community partners working to make the trail a reality include:

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- 53 • Black Girls Do Bike
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  - 55 • City of Milwaukee
    - 56 ○ Department of City Development
    - 57 ○ Department of Public Works
    - 58 ○ Milwaukee Police Department
  - 59 • Clean Wisconsin
  - 60 • Good City Brewing
  - 61 • Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation
  - 62 • Milwaukee County
    - 63 ○ Milwaukee County Department of Transportation
    - 64 ○ Milwaukee County Office on African American Affairs
    - 65 ○ Milwaukee County Parks
  - 66 • Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD)
  - 67 • Milwaukee Safe and Healthy Streets
  - 68 • Northwest Side Community Development Corporation
  - 69 • Rails to Trails Conservancy
  - 70 • Red Bike & Green – Milwaukee
  - 71 • Scott Crawford, Inc.
  - 72 • The Corridor, Milwaukee Business Improvement District #27
  - 73 • Near West Side Partners
  - 74 • Northwest Side Community Development Corporation
  - 75 • Urban Ecology Center
  - 76 • Villard Avenue, Milwaukee Business Improvement District #19
  - 77 • Wheel & Sprocket
  - 78 • Wisconsin Bike Fed
  - 79 • Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
  - 80 • Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)

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WHEREAS, the trail would link Washington Park Neighborhood with the Oak Leaf Trail, Hank Aaron State Trail, and the future Beerline Trail extension, providing an additional trail connection for all pedestrians and cyclists, and enhancing multi-modal transportation opportunities which do not require the use of an automobile; and

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WHEREAS, the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Shared-Use Trail may provide economic development opportunities and will provide a recreational outlet for improving the lives of residents in northern Milwaukee County and working toward better health, safety, and racial equity; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 17, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-553 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby encourages private and public neighborhood, municipal, county, regional, and statewide stakeholders work together to bring the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Shared-Use Trail along the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Corridor to fruition; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby supports trail extensions on Milwaukee County's northwest side and elsewhere as outlined in the Trail Network Plan first created in File No. 07-292 and in facilitation of the Northwest Side Trail Connectivity Plan begun in File No. 20-89.

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