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January Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks
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Date: December 19, 2019
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Parks Executive Director
Subject: **Authorization to Apply for Transportation Alternatives Program Grants - ACTION**

Policy

Parks requests authorization to apply for up to 4 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants.

Background

TAP is a State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) program for the administration of federal transportation funds. 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. 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. Projects awarded funding the last round include: Historic Lake Park Ravine Bridge Replacement, Little Menomonee River Parkway Oak Leaf Trail Relocation, Greenfield Park Oak Leaf Trail Reconstruction.

TAP projects are funded on an 80% federal/20% local cost-share basis. WisDOT operates TAP as a reimbursement program that requires local entities to finance the project. WisDOT reimburses project sponsors for the federal share of 80% of the approved project cost up to the limit of the award.

Milwaukee County Parks is continuing to refine the budgets and project details so estimated costs and limits may be adjusted to best meet grant requirements and increase likelihood of funding.

Parks requests to submit TAP grant applications for the following projects by the grant deadline of January 24, 2020:



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Project Title	Type	Estimated Limits	Estimated Cost	Notes
Zip Line Trail Structural Culvert	Major Repair	near Wingate (N of Silver Spring)	\$ 636,000	Also applied to MLS on 12/19/19
Root River Trail Relocation	Major Repair	1/3 of a mile between Howard and Morgan along 116th	\$ 460,000	Many complaints received about consistently flooded trail
Parkways to Trail: Asset Management for Health and Active Transportation Plan	Plan	Various, to include: Lincoln Creek Parkway, Little Menomonee ,etc	\$ 50,000	Community based plan with community engagement on feasibility of closing limited parkway sections and converting to trail
Oak Leaf Trail Wayfinding Signage Implementation	Signage	Throughout the system with a focus on parkway sections of the OLT	\$ 300,000	Install wayfinding signage along trail to help users navigate the trail and find park amenities.

Recommendation

Authorize the Milwaukee County Parks Department to submit grant applications for the four projects listed above for TAP funding as well as other grant funding opportunities for which these projects qualify through December 31,2020.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Parks Executive Director

Attachments:

- Fiscal Note
- Resolution

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- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution

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