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To: Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, County Board of Supervisors

From: John Dargle, Jr., Interim Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

Subject: **Revised Report: Land Exchange Request from the City of Milwaukee – ACTION**

ISSUE

The City of Milwaukee has requested a land exchange to facilitate the realignment of Granville Road at the Little Menomonee River Parkway near the northwest corner of W. Good Hope Road and N. 91st Street.

BACKGROUND

The City of Milwaukee has requested entering into an Agreement with the County to exchange lands to accommodate the reconstruction and realignment of N. Granville Road and removal of the existing bridge over the Little Menomonee River Parkway near W. Good Hope Road and N. 91st Street.

The City of Milwaukee Common Council adopted Resolution File No. 080731 on October 7, 2008, authorizing the City to enter the October, 2008 City-Wisconsin Department of Transportation (“WISDOT”) “State/Municipal Agreement for a Highway Improvement Project” (“City-WISDOT Contract”) for removal of a bridge over the Little Menomonee River at North Granville Road, removal of parts of North Granville Road and restoration of the land and river bank after the removal activities. This contract has been executed by both parties. Removal of the existing bridge structure and its approaches, in their entirety, requires new right of way dedication and construction of a re-aligned Granville Road to maintain traffic continuity prior to the removal of the existing infrastructure. Removal of the Granville Road Bridge and its approaches is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2014.

The County owns two parcels of land that adjoin the bridge and road removal project at 7245 North Granville Road (the “7245 Parcel”) and at 7401 North 91st Street (the “7401 Parcel”) (collectively “County Parcels”). The bridge and street removal and restoration activities will affect those County Parcels. A portion of the County Parcels is also needed to realign North Granville Road (see Attachment A).



The City and County have negotiated an Agreement (see Attachment B) that allows the City to use portions of the County Parcels for construction staging and restoration and that allows the County to dedicate a portion of the County Parcels to the City as right-of-way for realigned North Granville Road to be constructed under the City-WISDOT Contract. The Agreement provides that the City will vacate unneeded right of way after the realigned North Granville Road is constructed. The County is seeking approval from the Milwaukee County Board for the Agreement concurrently with the Common Council's consideration of this agreement. The City Plan Commission has approved acceptance of the dedication of the realigned North Granville Road. The proposed Agreement provides the framework for the mutual exchange of lands between the City and the County. These exchanges will allow the City to remove the existing bridge over the Little Menomonee River and to reconstruct the southern section of Granville Road in an improved alignment. The bridge removal and street realignment at North Granville Road and the Little Menomonee River benefit the City and County by improving safety through improved traffic design and reducing costs that would be required for bridge repairs if the bridge was not removed. Funding for this project has already been appropriated in the City's DPW resurface/reconstruct account and the Federal and State Aid Local Bridge Program. No fees will be charged to the City since all removal, construction, and restoration required for this project will be funded by the City and the State of Wisconsin, at no expense to the County. Prior to execution, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel and other appropriate staff will review and approve all documents as required.

RECOMMENDATION

The Interim Parks Director recommends that the authority be granted to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, the Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and the County Executive to prepare, review, approve, execute and record all Deeds, Easements and other documents, and take all actions as required to execute and implement a Granville Road Agreement with the City of Milwaukee to facilitate the realignment of Granville Road and related improvements at the little Menomonee River Parkway north of W. Good Hope Road.

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Attachment A – Map
Attachment B – Agreement

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