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

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program 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 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) CMAQ Program applications 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 it is a reimbursement program funded on an 80 percent Federal/20 percent local cost-share basis; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC applied for CMAQ Program funds for Oak Leaf Trail extensions at Bender and Kohl Parks with the approval of the Milwaukee County Board Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 18, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-413 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is hereby authorized to accept Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds for the two projects listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC, the Office of Comptroller, and the Department of Administrative Services, will be authorized to execute administrative fund transfers to recognize the receipt of revenue and apply it to improvements associated with those awarded grants, and to implement the awarded grant funding.