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Date: March 19, 2021
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Update on Parks Pedestrian Bridge Inventory & Assessment - **INFO**

Issue

The 2020 Capital Improvement Budget funded project WP546 Parks Bridge Inventory and Assessment in order to establish a current record of pedestrian bridge asset holdings within the Parks System. The consultant effort has now concluded and a report with recommendations has been provided to the County.

Background

Parks has at least over 150 bridges and large-span culverts within its infrastructure holdings. These bridges vary in age, type (vehicular, pedestrian, golf, etc.), construction, and condition. Approximately 40 of the bridges within the Parks Department are vehicular transportation bridges and are reviewed and monitored by Milwaukee County Department of Transportation. The remaining bridges are trail and golf bridges, intended for pedestrians, bikes, golf carts, and the occasional service vehicle. These bridges had not been inventoried or inspected on a standard schedule; therefore, a capital project was created to fulfill this need. As primary elements along recreational and transportation routes, this inventory and condition analysis will aid efforts to monitor safety, maintenance, and capital needs.

In all, 158 non-vehicular bridges and culverts were inspected as a part of this effort. Twenty-two instances have called for immediate action, and Parks has begun to plan to address these cases as soon as possible. It is expected that the results of this report will be used to request future capital funding, as well as assign allocations of Parks Major Maintenance Operating funding. In addition to the inspection results, repair/replacement strategies as well as rough estimates for budget considerations have been provided by the consultant. In some cases, closure and/or removal of bridges may be considered where site constraints, bridge conditions, and funding limitations cannot safely address the required action in a timely manner.



Recommendation

No action necessary, as this report is informational in nature.

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Attachments

- A1 – Bridge Inventory and Assessment Report

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