



September Board Cycle

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Date: September 3, 2019

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Parks Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **Requesting Retroactive Authorization to Apply for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program Grants – ACTION**

Policy

Milwaukee County Parks requests retro authorization to apply for two Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grants.

Background

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) is a federal transportation program designed to encourage transportation projects that improve air quality. CMAQ projects must demonstrate a direct relationship to a reduction in air pollution emissions and must be located in air quality nonattainment and maintenance counties. In Wisconsin nonattainment and maintenance counties are Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, Walworth, Sheboygan, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Door. Eligible projects include public transit enhancements, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, ridesharing programs and facilities, and technologies that improve traffic flow and vehicle emissions.

Previous Parks CMAQ 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. Air pollution emissions would be reduced as a result.



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CMAQ is administered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). It is a reimbursement program funded on an 80% federal / 20% local cost-share basis. The grant deadline for the 2019 round of applications was July 31st. Parks was given late notice on this year's solicitation of applications and, as a result, was unable to obtain County Board authorization to submit CMAQ applications prior to the deadline. Parks has submitted pending CMAQ applications for the following projects, provided Board authority is granted:

	Total Cost	Federal	Local
Oak Leaf Trail Connectivity – Bender Park	\$1,633,000	\$1,306,400	\$326,600
Oak Leaf Trail Extension – Kohl Park Connection	\$2,466,000	\$1,972,800	\$493,200

The Bender project consists of the construction of 1.9 miles of paved off-road asphalt trail through the length of the park from Ryan Road to Oakwood Road. It completes strategic connections with the City of Oak Creek's Lake Vista development to the north, a planned Oak Leaf Trail extension northwest of the park, and to existing City of Oak Creek trail facilities at the south end of the park (see attached Exhibit A3).

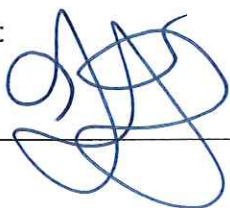
The Kohl project consists of the construction of 2.36 miles of paved off-road asphalt trail through Kohl Park. It extends from existing Oak Leaf Trail at the west end of A.C. Hanson Park (approximately 6800 West) to the west end of the park near Swan Road (91st Street). The project utilizes recently acquired lands to complete another significant segment of the Oak Leaf Trail System (see attached Exhibit A4).

Recommendation

Authorize Parks retroactive approval to submit CMAQ grant applications for the two projects listed above.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Note
- Attachment 2 – Resolution
- Attachment 3 – Bender Park Context Map
- Attachment 4 – Kohl Park Context Map



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