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A resolution by Supervisor Wasserman, authorizing the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to pursue rehabilitation of the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge, accept State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant funding, develop a plan for the ongoing maintenance of the bridge; and authorizing an administrative appropriation transfer to amend and realign the budget as necessary between the design and construction phases of the project, supplant \$1,469,200 in private contributions with \$2,000,000 in TAP grant funding, and use the \$530,800 balance to reduce Milwaukee County’s financial commitment to the project, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in 2014, Ravine Road Bridge (the Bridge) in Lake Park experienced increased cracking and soil washout in the abutments, prompting a condition assessment, which ultimately lead to the closure of the Bridge and the drive below it, Ravine Road (the Road), as a safety precaution; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Bridge was re-opened only to pedestrian traffic, while assessments were made as to the utility of the Bridge, and future options for repairing the Bridge were considered; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge and the Road below were re-closed following further assessment to prevent injury due to spalled concrete falling from the Bridge; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Milwaukee County (the County) appropriated \$400,000 to fund a Bridge detailed inspection report, to perform planning and design services for Bridge rehabilitation or Bridge replacement, and to prepare cost estimates; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Lake Park Friends (LPF), working with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), hired an engineering consultant to conduct supplemental structural engineering analysis of the Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the results of the study indicated that the Bridge’s condition is such that it can be feasibly rehabilitated and the service life extended for at least another 50 years; and

WHEREAS, based on those findings, it is the goal of both the DPRC and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to preserve the historical character of Lake Park by rehabilitating the Bridge so that it matches its original architecture and design; and

WHEREAS, the results of the engineering study also indicated that the condition of the Bridge was such that it could be re-opened for limited pedestrian use beginning Spring 2019; and

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WHEREAS, in 2018, the DPRC applied for, and received an intent to award, a \$2 million grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for replacement of the Bridge, but indicated that it is possible to revise the scope of the grant to use the awarded funding for Bridge rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the revenue budget for Capital Project WP48401 - Lake Park Arch Bridge Over Ravine Drive includes \$1,030,800 in general obligation bonds, and \$1,469,200 in private contributions, to finance the anticipated \$2.5 million construction phase Bridge project; and

WHEREAS, since the Bridge will be rehabilitated rather than replaced, the design budget for the project will be higher than initially planned, and the construction costs for the project will be lower than initially planned; and

WHEREAS, funds received from the WisDOT TAP grant for construction on the Bridge cannot be expended until Summer 2021, but design funds allocated earlier can be used for planning in the meantime; and

WHEREAS, it's anticipated that the County will utilize its remaining estimated \$177,000 of its 2015 design appropriation, along with the design phase portion of the TAP grant funds that can be expended prior to the Summer of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the project is anticipated to be complete by late 2022; and

WHEREAS, LPF raised or received commitments of approximately \$877,000 towards the initial \$2 million private donation requirement, included in the 2017 Adopted Budget, which will now be offset by the \$2 million TAP grant award; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC is working with LPF to create an agreement that will clarify the financial commitment from the group, including how monies pledged for the Bridge will be used; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of June 11, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-530 as amended (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to pursue rehabilitation of the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge (the Bridge) and amend any necessary documents to update the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board supports re-opening of the Bridge for limited pedestrian use, if approved by the Director, DPRC, in consultation with the Director, Risk Management Division, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and Corporation Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC, DAS, and the Office of the Comptroller are authorized to process an appropriation transfer to amend the budget for Capital Project WP48401 – Lake Park Arch Bridge Over Ravine Drive, to realign the budget as necessary between the design and construction phases of the project, supplant the \$1,469,200 in private contributions with the \$2 million awarded through the WisDOT TAP grant, and use the balance of the grant funds, \$530,800, to reduce Milwaukee County’s (the County) financial commitment to the project, **and therefore freeing up bonding capacity for Project WP62802 Brown Deer Parkway Drive Reconstruction Phase 2;** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC will continue to work with private contributors in an effort to formalize an agreement for a maintenance endowment to maintain the Bridge over its extended lifecycle, fund ancillary project costs, or contribute in another meaningful way to the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC shall use internal resources or existing operating appropriations to provide a report to the County Board by the December 2019 cycle, detailing plans and costs for the re-opening of Ravine Road (the Road) or closing of the Road for reconstruction of a ~~pedestrian~~ pathway **for use by pedestrians and bicyclists, is handicap accessible, and reflects the historical significance of the original park design;** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the report shall also include the long-term maintenance costs for the rehabilitated Bridge and the status of the agreement with the Lake Park Friends; and

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, construction to rehabilitate the Bridge, scheduled to begin in 2021, shall not commence until an agreement clarifying the financial commitment from the LPF is approved by the County Board.; and~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller and DAS are authorized and directed to increase expenditure authority and general obligation bond budget by \$530,800 for Project WP62802 Brown Deer Parkway Drive Reconstruction Phase 2;** and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the scope of Project WP62802 Brown Deer Parkway Drive Reconstruction Phase 2 includes reconstruction of the entire Brown Deer Park Roadway (excluding work completed in Phase 1), the tennis court parking lot, the golf course parking lot, the driving range, and the adjacent walkways;** and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Board that the County hereby officially declares its intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse any expenditures made in connection with Project WP62802 Brown Deer Parkway Drive Reconstruction Phase 2 with tax-exempt bonds or notes in an amount not-to-exceed \$530,800 prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes.**

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