

From the Executive Director Parks, requesting authorization to execute all contracts, agreements, deeds, easements, and any other documents necessary with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, WE Energies, and the City of Wauwatosa, to improve roadways and bridges and provide efficient bicycle and pedestrian travel in the area of STH 100 and the Upper Menomonee River Parkway, by recommending adoption of the following:

A REVISED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Transportation (DOT) is improving the roadways and bridges in the area of State Trunk Highway (STH) 100, from Burleigh Street to Silver Spring Drive, including work by Currie Park and the Upper Menomonee River Parkway, to address deteriorating pavement and structural conditions, to maintain safe and efficient vehicular movement along STH 100 within the project limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa (the City) determined that the State DOT project is an opportunity to also address existing design deficiencies and conditions to provide efficient bicycle and pedestrian travel, and is contributing over one million dollars to make these improvements; and

WHEREAS, the State DOT agreed to include the requested bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the project; and

WHEREAS, the improvements require the State DOT to raise the existing bridge profile to provide an underpass as an alternative for trail users to the current uncontrolled six-lane crossing across STH 100; and

WHEREAS, the State DOT needs to acquire real estate to accommodate the underpass, and the conversion of the bridge from a slab span structure to a girder structure; and

WHEREAS, the State DOT needs to acquire three Milwaukee County (the County)-owned parcels, Parcel 1, Parcel 5 and Parcel 9, all zoned "Parks," for construction of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City, and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), entered into a Letter Agreement on March 12, 2022, whereby the City committed to mitigating the State DOT project's impacts to parkland, including installation and maintenance of improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City is contributing \$1,000,000 toward the proposed pedestrian improvements; and

47 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE Energies) requires an
48 easement from DPRC to relocate a gas line within the project limits; and
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50 WHEREAS, the County is negotiating with the State DOT and the City for a
51 revised transaction rate closer to the County estimate; and
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53 WHEREAS, the County is not making a financial contribution to the project's
54 bicycle and pedestrian improvements; and
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56 WHEREAS, the County has determined it is to the County's benefit that these
57 improvements are completed, and is willing to consider the difference between the
58 County's estimated value and the final negotiated price for the parcels as an in-kind
59 contribution to the improvement project; and
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61 WHEREAS, these improvements funded by the City contribute to DPRCs'
62 mission to steward a thriving park system; and
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64 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of December 12,
65 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-960 (vote 4-1); now, therefore,
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67 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is
68 authorized to negotiate, and accept price adjustments, on the State Trunk Highway
69 (STH) 100 land transfers of no less than \$0.28 per square foot; and
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71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to contribute the difference
72 between the final negotiated per square foot amount, and \$0.28 per square foot, as an
73 in-kind contribution to the project; and
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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services
76 (DAS), Corporation Counsel, the Risk Management Division-DAS, Office of Economic
77 Inclusion-DAS, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Executive, and any other
78 Milwaukee County Department that may be necessary, to prepare, review, approve, and
79 execute all contracts, amendments, agreements, and any other documents, and take all
80 actions required; and
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82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are
83 authorized to execute any required documents to effectuate the approved land sales
84 and easement to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and an
85 easement to the Wisconsin Electric Power Company near STH 100 and Menomonee
86 River Parkway.
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