

5-19-2016 FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS
 C CAPITAL – CONTIGENCY RECEIPT OF REVENUE

Action Required

Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee
 County Board (2/3 Vote)

Substitute Appropriation Transfer for WP280 Menomonee River Parkway – “C 1”

Report of the Fiscal Affairs Division

1	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>WP280 Menomonee River Parkway #</u>		
8527 – Land Improvements (CAP) Bond Financed		\$875,000
4907 – Bond and Note Proceeds (2016 Issuance)	\$223,828	
<u>Debt Service Reserve</u>		
0764 – Debt Service Reserve (Unspent Bonds)	\$651,172	

Existing Project, + Included in 5-Year Plan, * New Project

An appropriation transfer of \$875,000 is being processed in order to increase expenditure authority for Project WP280 Menomonee River Parkway (Project).

Fund Transfer Financing

The financing for the additional funds is being provided from \$651,172 in unspent bonds from the Debt Service Reserve (DSR) and \$223,828 in bonds that would be added to the 2016 bond issuances.

The Office of the Comptroller has identified \$651,172 of unspent bond proceeds in the DSR that could be allocated to the Project. This available amount assumes approval of File 16-255 (“Report of 2015 Lapsed Capital Projects/Major Repairs”), which seeks approval to lapse unspent bond proceeds to the DSR.

Assuming approval of this transfer, the Office of the Comptroller will submit the necessary resolutions to the County Board to modify the 2016 bond issuances in order to authorize the additional \$223,828 of financing for the Project and to reimburse project expenditures that occur prior to the issuance of the bonds.

Project Background

Approximately \$10 million of funding has been allocated to Project WP280 Menomonee River Parkway (Parkway) Reconstruction since 2013. The section of the Parkway being reconstructed extends from Congress St. on the north end to Church St. on the south end.

The project scope includes reconstruction of the pavement, storm sewer, and roadway lighting systems. Traffic calming measures, storm water best management practices, green infrastructure, natural areas restoration and management, and connections to city streets and state highways is being included in the reconstruction. Replacement of municipal utilities such as sanitary sewers, water mains, storm sewers and lighting are being coordinated with this project.

September 2015 appropriation transfers were approved that increased expenditure authority for the project by \$2.1 million. The \$2.1 million was financed by \$1.7 million from the Debt Service Reserve (unspent bonds) and \$400,000 was financed as part of the \$4 million of high priority parks infrastructure projects (CB Res 15-526). These funds were required due to the factors listed below:

- Limited contractor pool as a result of the Zoo Interchange Project;
- The number of catch basins included in the bid form was five and should have been thirty-five;
- Conditions of the roadway being worse than thought which resulted in an undercut of 75% being necessary rather than 50%;
- Charles Hart Parkway is being included in the project scope. The Charles Hart Parkway is connected to the Menomonee River Parkway and is also in poor condition. According to DAS- AE&E the Charles Hart Parkway was initially included in the Project's cost estimate; however, it was not identified in the project narrative.

March 2016 appropriation transfers totaling approximately \$100,000 were approved that recognized revenue from various municipalities and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). A memorandum of understanding was entered between Milwaukee County and the municipalities on a Joint Project as part of the reconstruction of the Menomonee River Parkway. The municipalities will share the construction and maintenance costs to fund the project. The \$9,400 from MMSD related to work performed on a manhole abandonment (located on Center Street).

Currently, construction on the Parkway is 90% complete. Phase One from W. Congress St. to W. Burleigh St. was completed in 2015.

Phase Two – Segment **One** (Segment One) from W. Burleigh St. to N. Swan Blvd. was also completed in 2015. Some landscaping along with rain gardens and bio filtration planting will occur in 2016.

Phase Two – Segment **Two** (Segment Two) is partially completed. The portion of segment two from Church Street to Charles Hart Parkway was completed in 2015. Some landscaping along with rain gardens and bio filtration planting will occur in 2016.

The remaining portion of Segment Two from Charles Hart Parkway to N. Swan Boulevard will be reconstructed in the Spring. The Charles Hart Parkway which is adjacent to the Menomonee River Parkway and extends from the Menomonee River Parkway to Ludington Avenue will also be reconstructed in the Spring.

Installation of the new electrical system and lighting poles has been ongoing. All the streetlights have been installed and energized from Congress Street to Hoyt Park. The remaining lighting work will be completed in the first half of 2016.

Some unforeseen conditions and miscalculations have resulted in a need for additional funding. Conditions of the original parkway and underlying soil was worse than anticipated which resulted in additional costs associated with a deeper undercut and additional clean fill. The green infrastructure that was put in place to help eliminate roadway flooding has not performed well. The total number of trees that were required to be cut down and stumps removed were miscalculated. The tree removal costs alone from Phase Two – Segment one were over budget by \$423,000.

This transfer will provide the funds necessary to complete construction on the project in 2016.

This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.

Recommendation

Approval

Fiscal Year

2016

Type of Transfer

Capital

This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.

TRANSFER SIGNED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE APRIL 25, 2016.