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To: Jason Haas, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee

From: John Dargle, Jr., Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

### Subject: Kinnickinnic Parkway Reconstruction Projects – INFORMATIONAL

# **ISSUE**

An update on capital planning and design projects for road reconstruction of seven segments of the Kinnickinnic (KK) Parkway.

# **Background**

An appropriation of $847,500 was budgeted in the 2016 capital budget for planning and design for road reconstruction of seven segments of the KK Parkway. These existing parkway roads require reconstruction of the pavement, storm sewer, and roadway lighting systems due to deterioration of the infrastructure and end of useful life.

The 2016 scope of work includes the design phase of the project and preparation of reconstruction plans for the pavement, storm sewer, and roadway lighting systems.

The Parkway reconstruction project is to be completed in multiple phases. Planning and design for two segments, 76th to 68th and 68th to Cleveland, will be completed in 2016. We have submitted budget requests for reconstruction of these two segments in 2017.

Five segments further east are temporarily on hold due to planning for MMSD’s Kinnickinnic River Watershed Restoration Plan. MMSD’s project will involve concrete channel removal, streambed and streambank naturalization, and flood impact mitigation. Heavy construction activities associated with MMSD’s project will be detrimental to the pavements, so these segments will be reconstructed after the river work is complete in future years.

Consistent with Milwaukee County’s Green Print Policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2007, we are investigating the feasibility of converting portions of the Kinnickinnic Parkway Road from 76th St to 68th St to 10-foot wide trail that will:

* Reduce the footprint of impervious paved surface;
* Increase green space in the parkway;
* Reduce future capital and maintenance costs;
* Add the amenity of a paved multi-use trail;
* Improve the sustainability of the parkway assets; and
* Better serve the community’s recreational needs.

We are planning a public meeting for October so that we may evaluate the adjacent and nearby residents input and opinions on these initiatives. We will bring alternative designs with cost estimates and discuss the pros and cons of each alternative.

# **Recommendation**

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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**Approved by:**

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| John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director |  |  |

Attachments

* Aerial Map showing Parkway Option
* Aerial Map showing Bike Trail Option
* Aerial of Greenfield Park Conversion to Bike Trail
* Aerial of Lake Park With Continuous Drive
* Aerial of Lake Park Without Continuous Drive
* Aerial of Underwood Parkway Conversion to Bike Trail
* KK Pkwy Traffic Counts from SEWRPC
* KK Street View 75th looking East

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