

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE : March 13, 2015

TO : Members of the Milwaukee County Capital Improvements Committee

FROM : Scott B. Manske, Comptroller

SUBJECT : **Parks Infrastructure Project (2015 Capital Improvements Budget)**

Background

The 2015 Capital Improvements Budget included an appropriation of \$9,154,472 for infrastructure improvements to the County parks system. Financing is to be provided by general obligation bonds.

The Parks Director was directed to review the current CIC project list and make additional capital improvement recommendations to the CIC that could be implemented with the funds provided in this budget. The Parks Director was to submit a list to the Office of the Comptroller.

The recommendations of the Parks Director have been submitted to the CIC so that a formal recommendation can be made to the County Board.

Priority was to be placed on residential preference hiring for contractors assigned to projects funded within this program in a manner consistent with County Board resolution 14-738.

\$9.1 Million Parks Infrastructure Improvement List

The CIC received a list on March 6, 2015 from the Parks Director that identifies Parks infrastructure improvement projects that total \$9.1 million. The list was evaluated by the Department of Administrative Services – Architecture, Engineering and Environment section to ensure the reasonableness of the cost estimates. Of the 16 projects identified by the Parks Director, 14 of the projects are on the August 2014 CIC list. One of the two projects not included in the list was Lake Park Ravine Bridge Replacement. On December 8, 2014 a notification of Emergency Repair relating to the Lake Park Ravine Bridge was submitted by the Director of Administrative Services to the County Executive and County Board Chairwoman pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Section 44.14 (6).

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The Office of the Comptroller has determined that a vast majority of the expenses are eligible for bond financing. A limited number of the items with a total estimated expense of \$63,500, related to the Brown Deer Golf Course Kitchen Remodel will have to be cash financed. The Parks Department has indicated that those items will be financed from the Parks operating budget.

The list contained in Attachment A is being submitted to the CIC in accordance with the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Capital Improvements Committee, after deliberations at its March 17, 2015 meeting, approve the accompanying resolution. The resolution expresses the Committee's formal recommendations for projects (Attachment A) that should be financed with the \$9.1 million appropriated in the 2015 Capital Improvements Budget. It also provides for the Department of Administrative Services, working in cooperation with the Office of the Comptroller, to process an administrative appropriation transfer that reallocates funding from WP481 Parks Infrastructure Projects to the newly created projects that are part of the final list adopted by the County Board.

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