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Date: November 14, 2018

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Parks Director

Subject: **Fund Transfer to Recognize Wisconsin Department of Transportation TAP Grant Funding into the Lake Park Ravine Bridge Replacement Project, WP484 (INFORMATION)**

Issue

An appropriation transfer of \$2,000,000 is requested by the Parks Director and the Director of the Department of Administrative Services to recognize grant funding from the Wisconsin Department – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for replacement of the historic Ravine Road in Lake Park, WP484.

Background

The goal of the grant is to preserve the historical character of Lake Park by replacing the bridge with a structure that closely matches its original architecture/design. Replacement of the bridge also allows for the continued use of a trail (non-motorized) that serves as an important part of the movement/circulation of people around the various destination sites along Milwaukee's north lakefront.

In 2014, increased cracking in the bridge and soil washout at the abutments prompted a condition assessment. The bridge and the drive below it (Ravine Road) were closed as a precautionary measure until it could be determined whether or not to have them open. Following completion of that study in 2015, the bridge was re-opened to pedestrian traffic. More recently, based on further evaluation, it was determined that the bridge would be permanently closed to pedestrian traffic. Ravine Road and pedestrian walking paths that pass under the bridge also remain closed due to the potential for spalled concrete falling from the bridge on vehicles or pedestrians below.

In 2015, Milwaukee County adopted a budget of \$400,000 to fund a Ravine Bridge detailed inspection report, to perform planning and design services for bridge rehabilitation or bridge replacement, and to prepare cost estimates. In 2017, Milwaukee County committed \$500,000 towards an expected \$2.5 million budget, with the



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remaining \$2,000,000 to be raised by private contributions. The \$900,000 Milwaukee County has already invested in this project confirms Parks' commitment to meeting public needs while preserving the historic architecture of this facility.

In 2018, the Lake Park Friends hired a consultant to conduct a supplemental structural engineering analysis of the bridge. Based on those findings, the Lake Park Friends are advocating that the bridge be rehabilitated rather than fully replaced. Initial conversations with the DOT-TAP program managers have indicated that a scope change from replacement to rehabilitation may be possible after acceptance of the \$2,000,000 grant award.

To date, the Lake Park Friends have raised approximately \$877,000 that is planned to be used in part to fund maintenance of a rehabilitated structure, and possibly other non-grant eligible project costs. The \$2,000,000 TAP grant will offset the originally budgeted \$2,000,000 in private contributions.

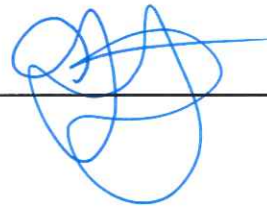
This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.

Recommendation

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fund Transfer

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