# File No. 20-89

# (Journal, )

(ITEM NO. ) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting retroactive authorization to apply for up to four federal Transportation Alternatives Program grants, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a Wisconsin legislative program that aligns with the federal TA-Set Aside Program authorized by the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act in 2015; and

WHEREAS the FAST Act eliminates the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program and replaces it with a set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding for transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, These set-aside funds include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP, encompassing a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, and community improvements such as historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, eligible TAP projects must:

* Fit within one of the federal eligibility categories and must comply with all Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) TAP policies as outlined in WisDOT TAP guidelines;
* The project must relate to surface transportation
* The project must have an eligible sponsor
* The project must be selected through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, WisDOT is programming this award cycle under the assumption that funding and program rules will continue as is currently established through the state budget at a level of approximately $7.05 million annually; and

WHEREAS, projects are funded at 80% federal, with a minimum 20% required local match; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture recommends that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture be authorized to apply for up to four TAP grants; now, therefore

WHEREAS, the identified projects for TAP funding are priorities for the Milwaukee County Parks Department for repair, equity access and future trail connections for citizens; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby retroactively authorize the DPRC to apply for up to four of the following projects for TAP grant funding:

* Oak Leaf Trail Union Pacific Segment Stone Culvert Replacement
* Root River Line Oak Leaf Trail Flood Mitigation and Sustainability Improvements
* Lincoln Creek & Northside Trail Connectivity Study
* Trail Wayfinding Signage Installation on Parkways & Municipal Streets

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Milwaukee County Parks Department to apply for additional grant funding for projects within the scope of Oak Leaf Trail Union Pacific Segment Stone Culvert Replacement, Root River Line Oak Leaf Trail Flood Mitigation & Sustainability Improvements, Lincoln Creek & Northside Trail Connectivity Study and Trail Wayfinding Signage & Installation on Parkways & Municipal Streets through December 31, 2020.