# File No. 20-xx

# (Journal, )

(ITEM NO. ) From the Executive Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), requesting authorization to accept two federal Transportation Alternatives Program grants and one Recreational Trails grant, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Parks continuously works to identify and apply for grant funding to contribute to systemwide needs; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Leaf Trail is one of the most popular assets of the Milwaukee County Parks System and it extends across the County; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Parks has identified project needs for trail repair along the Zip Line segment of the Oak Leaf Trail and trail planning in Lincoln Creek & Northside for improved connectivity to underserved neighborhoods; and

  WHEREAS, the Federal Recreational Trails program funds recreational needs that align with those of the Milwaukee County Parks System; and

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, the focus of TAP is on bicycle and pedestrian facilities that will serve at least some utilitarian trips—such as commuting to work or school—that might otherwise be made by automobile; and

WHEREAS, examples of eligible TAP infrastructure projects include sidewalks, pedestrian amenities and wayfinding, shared use paths and trails for transportation purposes, bike lanes, bike parking, bike racks on buses, bike share systems (capital costs, not operating costs), and infrastructure to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, TAP projects are funded on an 80% federal/20% local cost-share basis; and

WHEREAS, WisDOT operates TAP as a reimbursement program that requires local entities to finance the project, with reimbursement by WisDOT for the federal share of 80% of the approved project cost up to the limit of the award; and

WHEREAS, in spring of 2020 Parks submitted TAP grant applications for the following projects as authorized through County Board resolution 20-89:

* Oak Leaf Trail Union Pacific Segment Stone Culvert Replacement (Zipline Sinkhole)
* Lincoln Creek & Northside Trail Connectivity Study; and

WHEREAS, in spring of 2020 Parks submitted a RTP grant application for the following projects as authorized through County Board resolution 20-319:

* Oak Leaf Trail Union Pacific Segment Stone Culvert Replacement (Zipline Sinkhole)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the DPRC to accept both TAP and RTP funding for the referenced projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize Milwaukee County Parks, the Office of Comptroller, and the Department of Administrative Services to execute administrative fund transfers to recognize the receipt of revenue and apply it to the identified projects.