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4 **AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

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6 authorizing and directing a transfer of \$1,000,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 –
7 Appropriation for Contingencies to WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Bridge for the purposes
8 of contracting with a vendor for construction on the bridge
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11 WHEREAS, in 2014, Ravine Road Bridge in Lake Park experienced increased
12 cracking and soil washout in the abutments, prompting a condition assessment, which,
13 ultimately, lead to the closure of the bridge and the drive below it (Ravine Road) as a
14 safety precaution; and
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16 WHEREAS, in 2015, Milwaukee County appropriated \$400,000 to fund a Ravine
17 Road Bridge detailed inspection report, to perform planning and design services for
18 bridge rehabilitation or bridge replacement, and to prepare cost estimates; and
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20 WHEREAS, the 2017 Adopted Capital Budget included project WP48401 – Lake
21 Park Ravine Bridge with \$500,000 in general obligation bonding and \$2,000,000 in
22 private contributions for the repair or replacement of the bridge; and
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24 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture applied
25 for and received a \$2 million grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of
26 Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for replacement of the
27 bridge, which was later amended to be for rehabilitation of the bridge due to its condition
28 and historical nature; and
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30 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 19-530 accepting the TAP grant
31 funding in place of raising private contributions, pursuing rehabilitation of the bridge, and
32 requesting the development of a maintenance agreement between the Lake Park
33 Friends group and Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC); and
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35 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 20-866 approving a
36 Memorandum of Understanding between the Lake Parks Friends group and DPRC for a
37 maintenance fund with an initial deposit of \$300,000, which is anticipated to grow to
38 \$607,000 over the life of the fund; and

39 WHEREAS, because rehabilitation was pursued over replacement of the bridge,
40 it was initially estimated in File No. 20-866 that construction costs would be lower than
41 planned; and

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43 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 21-95 in February 2021 to
44 address a \$600,000 deficit in the project and transferring funding from capital projects
45 WP727 – Oak Leaf Trail Zip Line Sinkhole, WP523 – Lake Park Steel Arch Bridge, and
46 WP131 Oak Leaf Trail Improvements to WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge; and

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48 WHEREAS, construction on the project was anticipated to begin in the first half of
49 2021, but vendor bids came in at approximately \$1 million over what was budgeted for
50 the project; and

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52 WHEREAS, if construction on the project does not begin in the first half of 2021,
53 Milwaukee County is at risk of losing its TAP grant funding from the State of Wisconsin,
54 creating an additional \$2 million hole in the project; and

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56 WHEREAS, to take advantage of the TAP grant funding and to ensure that
57 money already invested in the project is appropriately spent, it is necessary to allocate
58 the additional \$1 million required for construction; and

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60 **WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture and the**
61 **County Executive’s Office of Government Affairs have been working to secure**
62 **earmarks in the upcoming 2022 Federal budget for several projects in Milwaukee**
63 **County, including the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge; and**

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65 **WHEREAS, contracting with the lobbying firm, Broydrick and Associates,**
66 **at a cost of \$3,000 per month for a total of five months, with expertise in working**
67 **with the Federal government will greatly improve Milwaukee County’s chances of**
68 **receiving specified funding, which could help recover local funds spent on the**
69 **Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge; and**

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71 WHEREAS, the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge is a historic and vital feature of
72 Lake Park and long-term efforts to re-open the bridge should continue; and

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74 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 13, 2021,
75 recommended adoption of File No. 21-467 (vote 5-2); now, therefore,

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77 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
78 supports the continued pursuit of the rehabilitation of the Lake Park Ravine Road
79 Bridge; and

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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
82 hereby authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to execute an
83 appropriation transfer of \$1,000,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for
84 Contingencies to capital project WP484 – Lake Park Ravine Bridge for the purposes of
85 financing the rehabilitation of the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge.; **and**

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87 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Administrative**
88 **Services is hereby authorized to execute an appropriation transfer of \$15,000**
89 **from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 1020 –**
90 **Office of Government Affairs for the purposes of hiring Broydrick and Associates**
91 **to petition the Federal government for earmarks in the 2022 Federal budget for**
92 **Milwaukee County projects, including the Lake Park Ravine Road Bridge.**

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