



June Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: May 20, 2020

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **Authorization to Accept Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program Grants for Trail Construction (ACTION)**

Issue

Milwaukee County Parks requests authorization to accept two Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grants awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Background

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) is a federal transportation program designed to encourage transportation projects that improve air quality. CMAQ projects must demonstrate a direct relationship to a reduction in air pollution emissions and must be located in an air quality nonattainment and maintenance counties. Trail construction is an allowable and popular use of the funding as it reduced emissions by supporting non-motorized travel.

CMAQ is administered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). It is a reimbursement program funded on an 80% federal/20% local cost-share basis. The Parks Department has been awarded \$3,279,200 in CMAQ funding for the following projects, provided Board authority to accept is granted:

	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Local</u>
Oak Leaf Trail Connectivity – Bender Park	\$1,633,000	\$1,306,400	\$326,600
Oak Leaf Trail Extension – Kohl Park Connection	\$2,466,000	\$1,972,800	\$493,200

The Bender project consists of the construction of 1.9 miles of paved off-road asphalt trail through the length of the park from Ryan Road to Oakwood Road. It completes strategic connections with the City of Oak Creek’s Lake Vista



development to the north, a planned Oak Leaf Trail extension northwest of the park, and to existing City of Oak Creek trail facilities at the south end of the park (see attached Exhibit A3).

The Kohl project consists of the construction of 2.36 miles of paved off-road asphalt trail through Kohl Park. It extends from existing Oak Leaf Trail at the west end of A.C. Hanson Park (approximately 6800 West) to the west end of the park near Swan Road (91st Street). The project utilizes recently acquired lands to complete another significant segment of the Oak Leaf Trail System (see attached Exhibit A4).

Authority to apply to the CMAQ program for these projects was granted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in September of 2019 as file 19-675.

Recommendation

Parks' Executive Director recommends approval to accept CMAQ grant awards for the two projects listed above and 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.

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Attachments

- A1 Fiscal Note
- A2 Resolution
- A3 Bender Park Context Map
- A4 Kohl Park Context Map
- A5 CMAQ Award Letter

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