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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Kaitlin Piazza, Housing and Business Planner and Brock Wetenkamp, Parks Planner

Re: Committee Letter of Support for Bay Lake Technical Assistance Grant for Calumet Avenue Corridor Concept Plan and Lakefront Park Beach Access Concept Plan

The Community Development Department along with the Parks Division are requesting Committee support in applying for the Technical Assistance Grant provided through Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission.

Bay-Lake RPC Technical Assistance Grant Program is an annual program that provides the opportunity for member municipalities to receive free professional planning assistance on small-scale plans or projects. Each community is allowed to submit two projects for consideration. Projects are limited to a maximum of 40 hours for staff time. A committee letter of support is a requirement for the grant.

Community Development and Parks have decided on two projects to submit for consideration. Project one would be a conceptual cross-section of Calumet Avenue and S. 35th Street that would be used as a tool to guide the future state highway reconstruction of the Calumet Corridor. As a primary gateway into the city and a bustling commercial area, the city would like to play an active role in planning with WisDOT, ensuring that the future design both enhances its beauty and increases pedestrian and bike safety. The cross-section would be essential to guiding the design process and ensuring that future plans accommodate for on-street bike lanes, expanded landscape terraces and street trees, among other components.

The second project would be a concept design for Lakefront Park (formerly South Lakefront Wayside, the beach between wastewater and MPU). The goal of this design would be to include improved beach access including walking path, platform, steps and accessible ramp as well as an enlarged parking lot and a new restroom facility with outdoor shower. Additionally, the design will enhance stormwater management at the site as well as provide essential wildlife habitat. The design would be the starting point for community buy-in and utilized to pursue funding opportunities for final design and construction.