

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Colin Smith, Parks & Recreation Services Manager

DATE: September 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities Program for Improvements to the Riverside Boardwalk Section of the Border-to-Border Trail

Attached for your review and action is a resolution to approve an application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) Connecting Communities Program for improvements to the Riverside Boardwalk section of the Border-to-Border trail. The Connecting Communities program will provide \$500,000.00 per year for trail construction over the next four years (2017-2020).

This project will replace a section of boardwalk along the Border-to-Border trail located in Riverside Park that has deteriorated and is in need of a full-replacement after a recent assessment. The boardwalk has differential settlement and section loss within the substructure and the replacement will be at the same width, elevation, and alignment. This segment of boardwalk provides a link between several City of Ann Arbor parks, as well as the County border-to-border trail system by crossing the Huron River. This is an extremely popular segment of the trail, and heavily used.

To date, the City has funded an engineering study in order to create bid documents for construction. Bids are due back in October and are anticipated to be in the region of \$200,000.00 for construction. The City is applying for \$100,000.00 in grant funds from WCPARC.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIVERSIDE BOARDWALK SECTION OF THE BORDER-TO-BORDER TRAIL

Whereas, The boardwalk portion of the Border-to-Border trail in Riverside Park is in need of replacement;

Whereas, Bid documents have been released with the aim of construction taking place in the winter in an effort to minimize the impact of construction on B2B users;

Whereas, WCPARC administers the Connecting Communities grant program to help fund trail construction;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends supporting a grant application in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities Program for improvements to the Riverside boardwalk section of the Border-to-Border Trail