



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor Sartori Secures \$1 million for Oak Creek Parkway Repairs

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee County Board adopted (12-4) Supervisor David Sartori's resolution to direct just over \$1 million to reconstruct the Oak Creek Parkway today, which means the project could get underway by early this summer.

"I thank my colleagues for supporting my efforts to repair the Oak Creek Parkway, which has been rated as one of the worst roads in Milwaukee County, and is a threat to public safety. The state of the parkway is so bad that it has to be shut down every time it rains. Some have argued that the only way to fix our roads is to raise the wheel tax, but I've shown that with creative problem solving and by working together, we can find other solutions. When I was elected I promised my constituents that I would fight for their interests as a county supervisor, and I'm proud that I was able to deliver on that promise," said Sartori.

Preliminary planning for the repairs were completed in 2017, but funds for completing the project were not included in the 2018 County Budget.

Supervisor Sartori proposed transferring \$1,074,992 from the debt service reserve fund to pay for the roadwork, an unusual but not unprecedented maneuver.

The 40-year old section of the parkway to be rebuilt is just over half a mile long and stretches from the railroad tracks east of Rawson Park to Chicago avenue in South Milwaukee.

Due to significant deterioration such as numerous potholes, cracks, and heaving, the Department of Administrative Services recommended immediate renovation in 2014.

The work will include putting down 4 inches of asphalt pavement on 8 inches of stone base, pouring concrete curbs and gutters, drainage and storm sewers, and other potential utility replacement under new pavement. Storm water best management practices, green infrastructure, natural areas restoration and management shall be incorporated where applicable.

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