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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Peter C. Daniels, Principal Engineer

DATE: October 7, 2014

RE: **Communication from Peter Daniels, Principal Engineer, regarding the deteriorated Root River Parkway pedestrian path**

The pedestrian path which connects 119th Street in Orchard Hills Subdivision with the Root River Parkway has fallen into disrepair and no longer has a hard surface to walk on. The portion of the path which needs repair is **located on park land owned by Milwaukee County Parks**. But after meeting with Milwaukee County Park System employees (James Ciha and Guy Smith), the City has been advised that this path is **not on the County's priority list** of projects for the next 5 years. And even beyond 5 years, the County did not think such a lightly used path would merit their attention at the County level any time soon.

We are therefore asking the Public Works Committee if the City of West Allis should spend City funds to fix this pedestrian path on Milwaukee County land.

After conferring with County Supervisor Tony Staskunas and Mayor Dan Devine, we ultimately decided on a potential three phase solution if the City's Public Works Committee is agreeable:

- 1.) West Allis could temporarily deposit new **gravel** in the muddy area at a cost of about **\$3,000**. Milwaukee County would require a **Right of Entry Permit from the City**, but they promised to keep the permit fees "reasonable" in this situation. The gravel previously laid on the path about 6 years ago has now either been washed away or has been buried under silt deposited by frequent flooding events. This would therefore be a temporary solution.

2.) In order to lengthen the lifespan of the path, the City of West Allis would need to install new **rip rap** on the City's portion of the drainage way to slow down the erosion of any new path. The installation of this rip rap would require approval from the DNR since this portion of the drainage way is classified as a "navigable stream" according to federal and state law. The cost of the rip rap would be about **\$3,000** as well. We would also need to reassure adjacent homeowners that this will not cause new flooding of their homes as has happened in the past at this location.

3.) If the rip rap is installed, then County Supervisor Tony Staskunas will try to secure additional funding from the full Milwaukee County Board to lay new **asphalt** along this path. The preliminary estimate for this work is **\$10,000**. But this would require the concurrence of the whole County Board.

