

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

Status Update for past Public Art Enhancement Recommendations Based on Proposed FY2023-2028 CIP Modifications

We have provided, in the attached document, our new recommendations for projects to enhance with public art, and are encouraging the Ann Arbor City Council to approve those recommendations. The following is a summary of the status of previously approved enhancements.

The following projects have been completed or canceled as noted below:

1. CIP Project Number UT-SN-16-12, Sanitary Manhole Lid and Sealing, and UT-SN-10-05, Manhole Rehabilitation Project; both were recommended for the custom manhole covers.

The new manhole covers are being used as need arises.

2. TR-AT-13-01, Annual Sidewalk Repair Program, was recommended for artistic stamps in the concrete. We understand there may be technical issues to work out, but if possible, would like to see this proceed. A 1% enhancement budget would be about \$10,000 per year for upcoming years. (annual).

There was too much concern with practical issues caused by the stamps, so this won't happen.

3. TR-SC-14-07 Fifth Avenue Street/streetscape project: Our discussions with staff suggest that enhancement funding would likely be for relocation and sheltering of the Jewett Chairs (bronze sculptures). We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$50,000 be included in the \$2,250,000 project budget. (Funds allocated by DDA).

Complete.

4. TR-PF-20-02 Parking Structure Fencing - The Commission recommends a preliminary enhancement budget of \$10,000.00 of the \$863,000.00 budget. DDA Project (see below).

The work has been done, hurried in the interest of preventing suicides or falls. We were never contacted about art.

5. TR-OT-18-09, First & Ashley Two-Way Conversion & Streetscapes: This replaces two streetscape projects that were previously included in item 17 above. We continue to recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of 1% of the streetscape portions of the budget. (FY2020-2021; DDA project).

We believe the work is completed. To our knowledge no art was incorporated.

6. TR-OT-18-02, Huron Streetscape: This project was previously included in item 17 above but has been expanded and the timing accelerated in the proposed CIP. We continue to recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of 1% of the streetscape portions of the budget. (See No. 17 above)

We believe the work is completed. To our knowledge no art was incorporated.

7. UT-WS-18-31, WTP, Architectural and Structural Improvements Phase 3: This is an ongoing, modestly sized project, but includes upgrades to areas that are visible to tour groups.

We had planned to recommend enhancement last year, but the project has already moved ahead with support of the water department.

The following projects were approved for enhancement in the past, but have been removed from the CIP as noted below:

8. MF-CB-14-01: Fire Station #2 Reconstruction. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$30,000 (1%) be included in the \$3,000,000 project budget. (FY2023-2024).

Removed from CIP (replaced with a modest interior renovation at FS 1 (downtown)).

9. TR-SC-08-01: Intersection improvement of Fuller/Maiden Lane area near the Medical Center. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$100,000 be included in the project budget (formerly roughly \$4,600,000, now increased to about \$7.8 million). (FY2021-2022).

Still listed, but with funding for design only, during 2023-25.

10. TR-AT-10-22, Downtown Wally Station. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$500,000 be included in the \$143,360,000 project budget. (FY2024).

Removed from CIP.

11. TR-AT-08-03, Plymouth Road Wally Station. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$50,000 be included in the \$920,000 project budget. (FY2023).

Removed from CIP.

12. TR-PF-19-01, Ann-Ashley Parking Structure Expansion: we recommend an enhancement budget of \$100,000 be included in the project budget. (FY2019-2020; DDA project).

Removed from CIP.

13. TR-OT-18-08, TR-OT-18-12, TR-OT-18-07, and TR-OT-18-13: Downtown streetscape projects. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of 1% be included in each project budget. (FY2023; FY2019-2020; FY2020-2021; FY2023; all DDA projects).

Generally completed or removed except TR-OT-18-07 (State Street Streetscape), with completion in 2023.

The following projects were approved for enhancement in the past and are still in the CIP:

14. TR-SC-06-05, Detroit Street Brick Road Pavement Reconstruction: Possibly custom cast bricks or a design created with the pavers. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$50,000 be included in the \$3,000,000 project budget. (FY2022-2023)

Still in the CIP, now 2025-26, budget reduced to \$1,400,000..

15. TR-AT-01-07, Arboretum/Gallup Underpass. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$150,000 be included in the \$2,200,000 project budget. (FY2022).

Still in the CIP, now 2024-25, and the budget has increased to about \$4,450,000. The work group believes the past request should be sufficient for a good piece.

16. MF-SW-06-03, New Drop-off station. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$55,000 (1%) be included in the roughly \$5,500,000 project budget. (FY2021).

Now 2024-2025. The budget has been reduced to \$5,000,000.

17. TR-AT-14-07, Ann Arbor Station Construction (Amtrak). We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$650,000 (1%) be included in the \$65,000,000 project budget. (FY2020).

This is under a new ID (TR-TR-14-07). The budget is now \$86 million and planned for 2027 and beyond.

18. MF-CB-18-03: New Fire Station A. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$43,000 (1%) be included in the \$4,350,000 project budget. (FY2021-2022).

Renamed as Fire Station 3 Replacement and occurs in 2024-2026. The budget has been increased to \$5,500,000.

19. MF-CB-18-05: New Fire Station B. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$27,000 (1%) be included in the \$2,700,000 project budget. (FY2022-2023).

Renamed as Fire Station 4 Replacement and occurs in 2021-2023. The budget has been increased to \$5,500,000.

20. MF-PR-10-01: Playgrounds and Neighborhood Parks. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$5,000 be included in each of the annual \$100,000 project budgets for upcoming years. (annual).

This is spent every year (scheduled for completion in 2026). No follow-up from city staff so far about incorporating art.

21. TR-AP-99-11: Terminal Expansion at A2 Airport. The scope of the project is apparently still to be determined, but if it involves a public area the possibilities for flight-

themed artwork seem worth pursuing. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$20,000 be included in the \$776,000 project budget. (FY2023).

Now 2027.

22. TR-AT-18-22: Expansion of the Border-to-Border trail in the Fuller/Maiden Lane area. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$50,000 be included in the \$1,750,000 project budget. (FY2021-2022).

Now 2027/28.

23. UT-WS-16-17: Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project. We understand the plant itself is not open to the public for security reasons, but art on or by the fence around the plant could be a welcome improvement to the neighborhood. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$150,000 be included in the \$82,400,000 project budget. (FY2022-2025).

Now about \$108 million, and mostly 2025 or later.

24. TR-SC-18-02 and TR-SC-18-19: Two phases of road reconstruction of the Springwater neighborhood in southeast Ann Arbor (the project also includes multiple other utility projects). This is a relatively modest income area of Ann Arbor that would not be served by other public art. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$65,000 be included in the project budget; this appears to be about 1% of the coordinated road and utility projects. (FY2024-2025).

Delayed to 2026-28.

25. TR-SC-19-02, Nixon Street Improvements Design: since it is only design work the scope is still unclear so an enhancement budget may be hard to project. However, it seems like an ideal opportunity to bring public art to a neighborhood outside the downtown core, and we encourage support to have the designers work with the AAPAC to look for opportunities for public art. (TBD).

Now divided into 3 separate projects for different sections of Nixon, and not projected to happen until 2025 and beyond.

26. TR-SC-20-17/18 State Street Road Improvements - The work for the ramp construction is currently well into the future but the commission wants to maintain a recommendation going forward for art/ design enhancement to this important gateway to the city. Our recommendation is an initial budget of \$250,000.00 for this approx. \$26 million project.

Still in CIP, projected for 2028 and beyond.