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To: Ann Arbor City Council

From: Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

Re: Public Art Enhancement Recommendations for Capital Improvement Projects

Per Chapter 24 of the City Code, one of the primary responsibilities of the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission is to make recommendations to City Council for capital investment projects which may be suitable for enhancement with public art. After extensive work with City staff, to whom we offer thanks for their time and input, we present the following list for your consideration.

Our understanding is that once this report is formally accepted by City Council (and not just received), the acceptance will provide staff with authority to include the art enhancement in the project budget as it moves forward toward design and construction. As such, we strongly encourage your acceptance of this report. There are, of course, numerous other opportunities to refine the project budgets including the enhancement amounts as projects move toward reality.

We fully understand that this list is based on very limited information in the current Capital Improvements Plan. Some of the projects will not move ahead; others will end up with funding sources with which enhancement is not possible. For some projects, it will be determined once we know more about the scope that there is no place for art, or that it would not be widely enough seen to make sense for funding. That said, all of the following seem, based on what we know now, to be appropriate for enhancement. Where we have thoughts on an appropriate enhancement, and/or a possible budget for the enhancement, we have included that with each item. Budgets are in most cases based on about 1% of the project budget without enhancement unless we felt a smaller amount was sufficient for the project, or a larger amount was needed to provide a reasonable enhancement.

The following projects were included in a previous report, and we recommend they be continued with enhancement:

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; our understanding is that this project is in process.
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.
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 added to the \$2,250,000 project budget.
4. 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 added to the \$3,000,000 project budget.

5. TR-AT-01-07, Arboretum/Gallup Underpass. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$150,000 be added to the \$2,200,000 project budget.
6. MF-SW-06-03, New Drop-off station. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$55,000 (1%) be added to the roughly \$5,500,000 project budget.
7. TR-AT-14-07, Ann Arbor Station Construction (Amtrak). We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$650,000 (1%) be added to the \$65,000,000 project budget.

New projects we recommend for enhancement are:

8. MF-CB-14-01: Fire Station #2 Reconstruction. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$30,000 (1%) be added to the \$3,000,000 project budget.
9. MF-CB-18-03: New Fire Station A. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$43,000 (1%) be added to the \$4,350,000 project budget.
10. MF-CB-18-05: New Fire Station B. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$27,000 (1%) be added to the \$2,700,000 project budget.
11. MF-PR-10-01: Playgrounds and Neighborhood Parks. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$5,000 be added to each of the annual \$100,000 project budgets for upcoming years.
12. 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 added to the \$776,000 project budget.
13. 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 added to the \$1,750,000 project budget.
14. 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 added to the roughly \$4,600,000 project budget.
15. TR-AT-10-38, Connector; TR-AT-10-22, Downtown Wally Station. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$500,000 be added to the \$143,360,000 project budget.
16. TR-AT-08-03, Plymouth Road Wally Station. We recommend a preliminary enhancement budget of \$50,000 be added to the \$920,000 project budget.
17. TR-OT-18-11, TR-OT-18-10, TR-OT-18-08, TR-OT-18-02, 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 added to each project budget.
18. 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 added to the \$82,400,000 project budget.
19. 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 added to the project budget; this appears to be about 1% of the coordinated road and utility projects.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. We look forward to working with City staff to help these projects move forward.