



PUBLIC SERVICES AREA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator

DATE: January 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Public Art Enhancement Recommendations for FY2020-FY2026 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, 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.

The Commission understands 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.

After review of new CIP with staff for FY 2020-2026, the following are recommendations for upcoming new projects:

TR-PF-20-02 Parking Structure Fencing - The Commission recommends a preliminary enhancement budget of \$10,000.00 of the \$863,000.00 budget. This fencing at the tops of the parking structures may have elements that maintains the desired safety of this fencing but aids in a more visually appealing solution.

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.