



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 22, 2020

Via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting)

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Seating of Alternates
5. Approval of Agenda: June 22, 2020
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2020

7. Public Forum

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8. Announcements

9. Business Items

a. Valley Transportation Authority Presentation

VTA will present an overview of the Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing project at the decorative elements that they have included.

Recommendation: Receive report.

b. **Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing Art**

Assistant Director McLane will discuss the area that is available for a City public art project and the process for issuing a Call for Artists.

Recommendation: Provide feedback.

c. **Valley Water Adopt-a-Bench Art Project**

Assistant Director McLane will present Valley Water's request for a courtesy approval for a student art project that is part of a series throughout the Valley Water system

Recommendation: Vote to issue a letter of courtesy approval for Valley Water's Adopt-a-Bench Art Project.

d. **Discussion of 2020-2021 Work Plan**

Continue discussion of the 2020-2021 Work Plan.

Recommendation: Rank and vote on top priorities.

Click or tap here to enter staff recommendation

10. City Liaison Reports

Report from staff, if any

Report from Councilmember, if any

11. Adjournment

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CITY OF MILPITAS

MINUTES

ART COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Senior Arts Commission.

Date of Meeting: May 11, 2020

Place of Meeting: Zoom Meeting

I. Call to Order: Chair Agg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Tang led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Agg, Driggers, Ghose, Tang and Umarani
(arrived 7:08 p.m.)
City Council Liaison: Councilmember Montano

City Staff Present: Tegan McLane – Recreation Assistant Director
David Sanchez - Public Services Assistant

IV. Seating of Alternates: None

V. Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for May 11, 2020 as submitted.
M/S: Driggers / Tang **Ayes:** All

VI. Approval of Minutes: **MOTION** to approve Minutes for February 24, 2020, once amended to reflect Commissioner Tang was present for the meeting.
M/S: Tang / Ghose **Ayes:** All

VII. Public Forum: None

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence

Chairperson Agg announced that at a recent Milpitas Rotary Club meeting, Vice Mayor Bob Nunez informed the group that the BART station will open at the end of June.

Councilmember Montano announced that the Economic Development Department's current focus is providing assistance to small businesses. Thus there have been no plans made regarding rescheduling Better Block Milpitas, which was originally scheduled for May 29-30 and has been cancelled due to Shelter-in-Place orders.

IX. Business Items

Discussion of 2020-2021 Work Plan

Background: Commissioners reviewed items from the 2019-20 Work Plan that they wished to consider carrying over to 2020-21, especially in light of the possible extension of social distancing requirements into the new fiscal year.

Commissioners discussed that Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program and Phantom Art Gallery could be affected the restrictions, but both should be resumed when allowable.

Commissioners felt Public Art Installations were more do-able, in particular specifications for the Montague Expressway Pedestrian Overcrossing and planning for maintenance for artwork in the City's existing collection.

Commissioners discussed that Performing Arts Program posed the most challenges because of limitations on public gatherings.

The Milpitas Film Festival was a pet project of a former commissioner. The Commission discussed that it could require significant effort to produce such an event. Councilmember Montano suggested the Commission consider a less ambitious Video Festival, that would attract students and others in the community who enjoying making videos on their phones to participate.

Councilmember Montano asked how many 2019-20 goals had been accomplished and suggested the Commission narrow its focus for the coming year, so it would be more likely to accomplish its goals.

Individual commissioners tentatively indicated which projects they felt were priorities. Commissioner Umarani cited the Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing and maintenance as high priorities. Commission Ghose discussed her interest in focusing on adding public artwork to beautify a specific area in Milpitas. Commissioner Driggers suggested an idea from a previous year, regarding the Calaveras-680 underpass.

Action: Commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting on June 22, with the primary goal to finalize the 2020-21 Work Plan, in order to present to City Council in August to allow for work to begin as soon as possible when shut-down orders are lifted.

Ayes: All

XI. Staff, City Council and Liaison Reports

Staff McLane discussed the virtual events upcoming and provided a report on applications for Commissioners

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Public Art Specifications for VTA Montague Expressway Pedestrian Overcrossing
- Overview of Mobile Stage
- Public Art Fund Update
- Identifying what art pieces are located and in which parks.

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. to the next special meeting on June 22, 2020.

AGENDA REPORT

Arts Commission



DATE: June 22, 2020

TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Tegan McLane, Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator /
Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Presentation (Item 9A)**

Executive Summary:

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is attending at the Arts Commission's invitation, to make a presentation about the architectural enhancements on the Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing.

Staff Recommendation:

Receive report.

Financial Impact:

None.

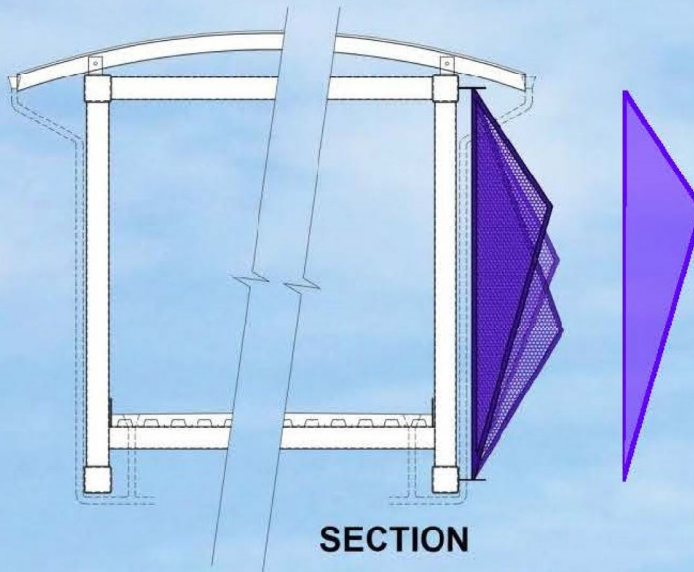
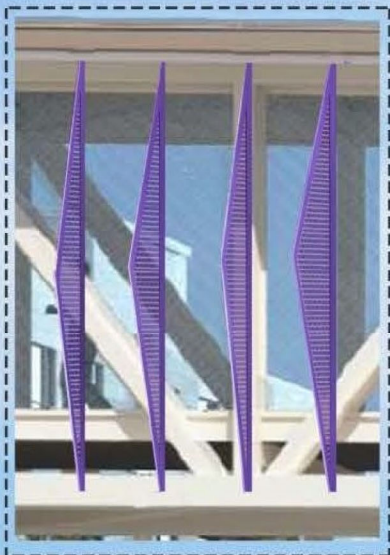
Description:

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Community Outreach Supervisor Karen Gauss and Architect Bill Gould will make a presentation about the architectural enhancements on the Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing.

The Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing has been a collaborative effort between Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and City of Milpitas. This structure will serve as a gateway for the City of Milpitas. As the Commission is aware, there has been discussion about the potential for a public art project to be included on the structure.

However, the portion VTA was responsible for – a series of colorful fins on the exterior of the pedestrian walkway – is technically considered an architecture enhancement and therefore was not subject to approval by the Art Commission. However, an understanding of it may be helpful as the Arts Commission prepares to issue a Call for Artists for a public art project.

Attachments: Rendering of VTA Pedestrian Overcrossing



AGENDA REPORT

Arts Commission



DATE: June 22, 2020

TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Tegan McLane, Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator /
Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: **Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing Public Art (Item 9B)**

Executive Summary:

The Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing is now ready for the public art planning process to begin. Staff will provide an overview and pose discussion questions for the Arts Commission's consideration.

Staff Recommendation:

Provide feedback.

Financial Impact:

At a future meeting, the Arts Commission will need to recommend a budget amount for the project and then seek City Council approval to appropriate Public Art Funds for this purpose.

Description:

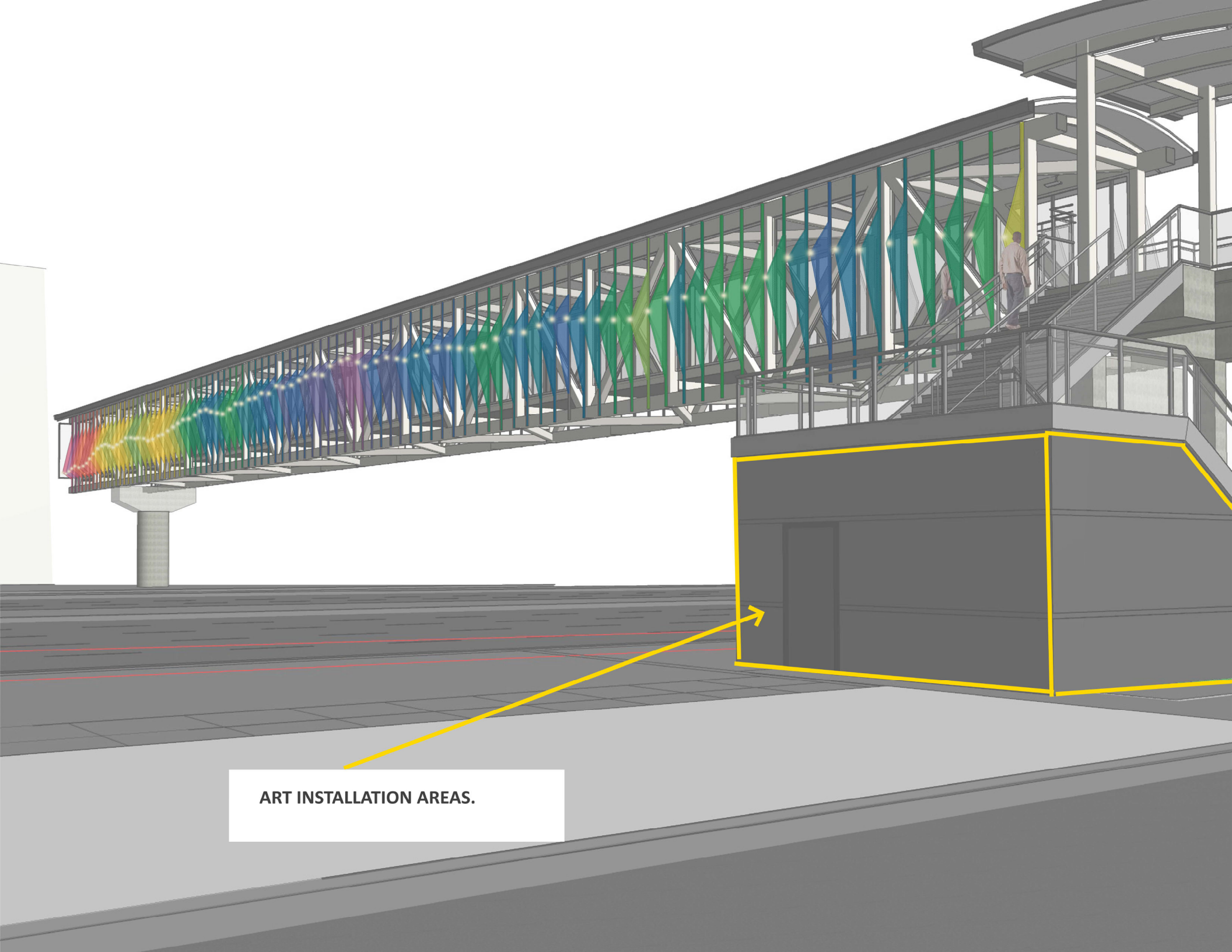
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The location for the artwork is pre-finished metal walls at the base of the stairs and around the electrical room, as shown in the attachments. This is a ground floor site with a lot of surface area, highly visible to both pedestrians and motorists. Staff believes the location offers an excellent opportunity for a painted mural, or possible paint with tile or mixed media embellishment. A full tile mural of this size would be cost-prohibitive.

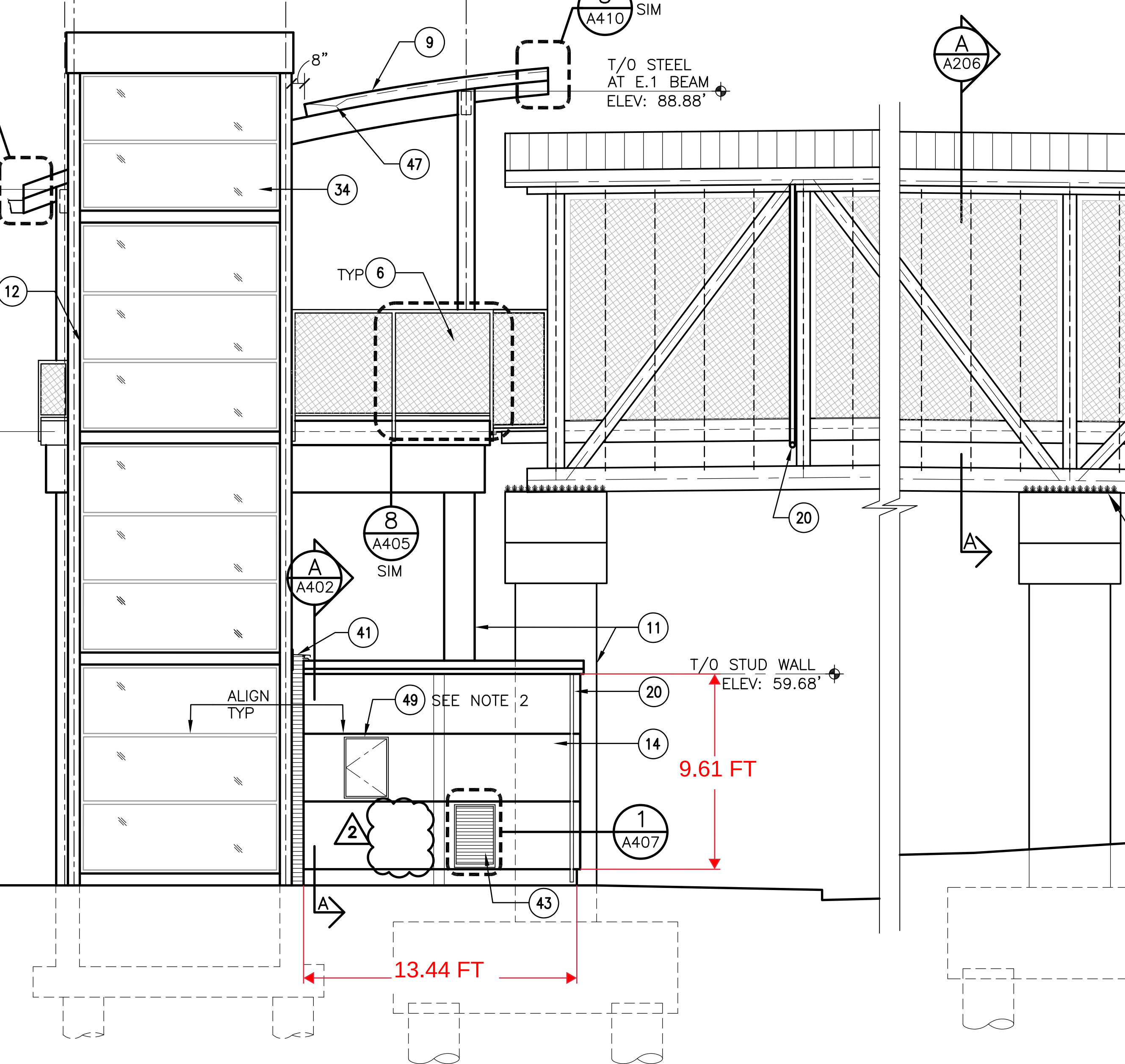
The Commission may wish to offer feedback now or at a future meeting on the following:

- Recommended budget (high budget will net more proposals and better qualified artists)
- Medium (paint only or paint with tile or mixed media embellishment)
- Subject matter or theme
- Artistic style
- Artist qualifications (i.e. limited to Bay Area artists, emerging artists, etc.)

Attachments: Rendering of public art site at Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing

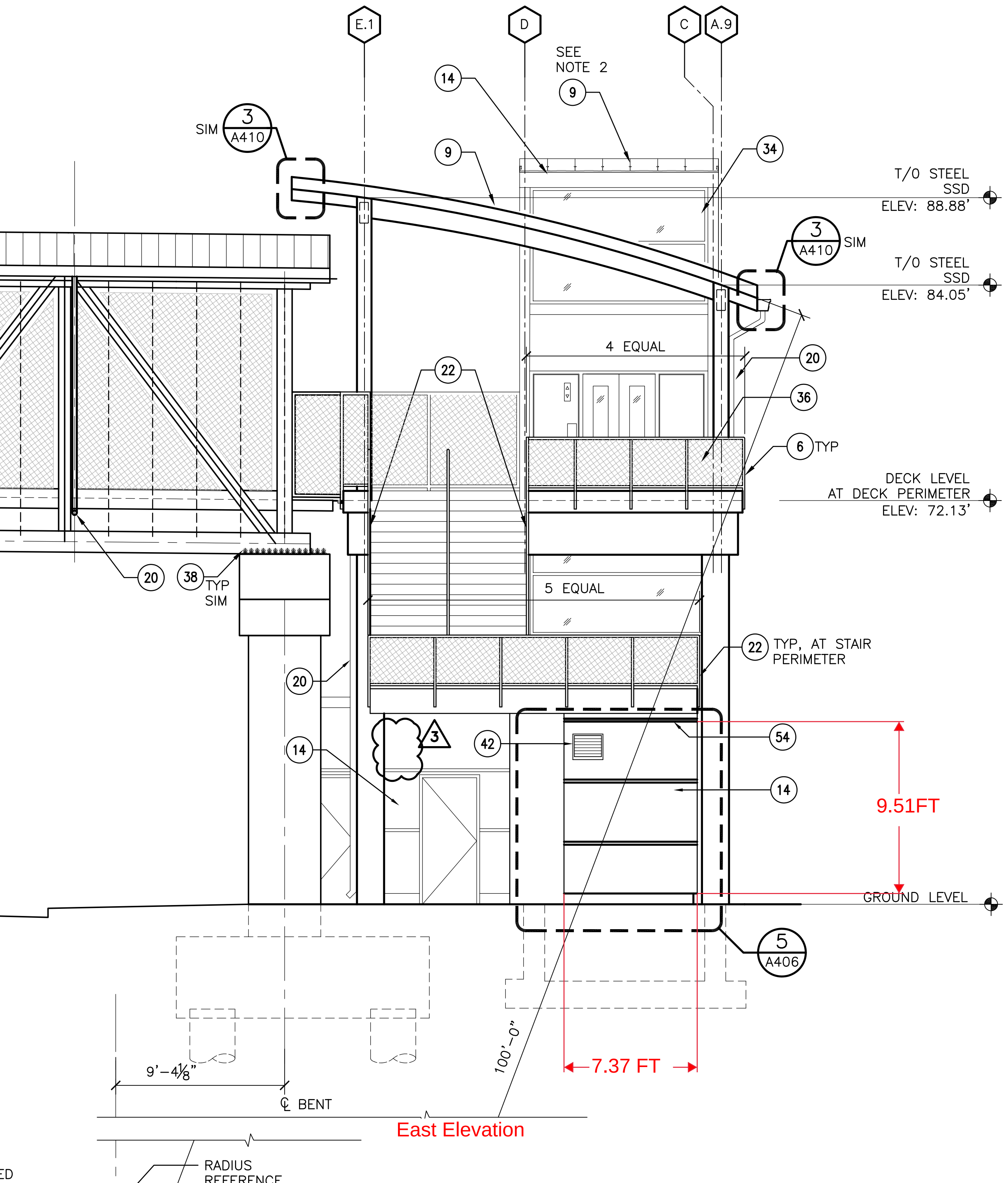


ART INSTALLATION AREAS.



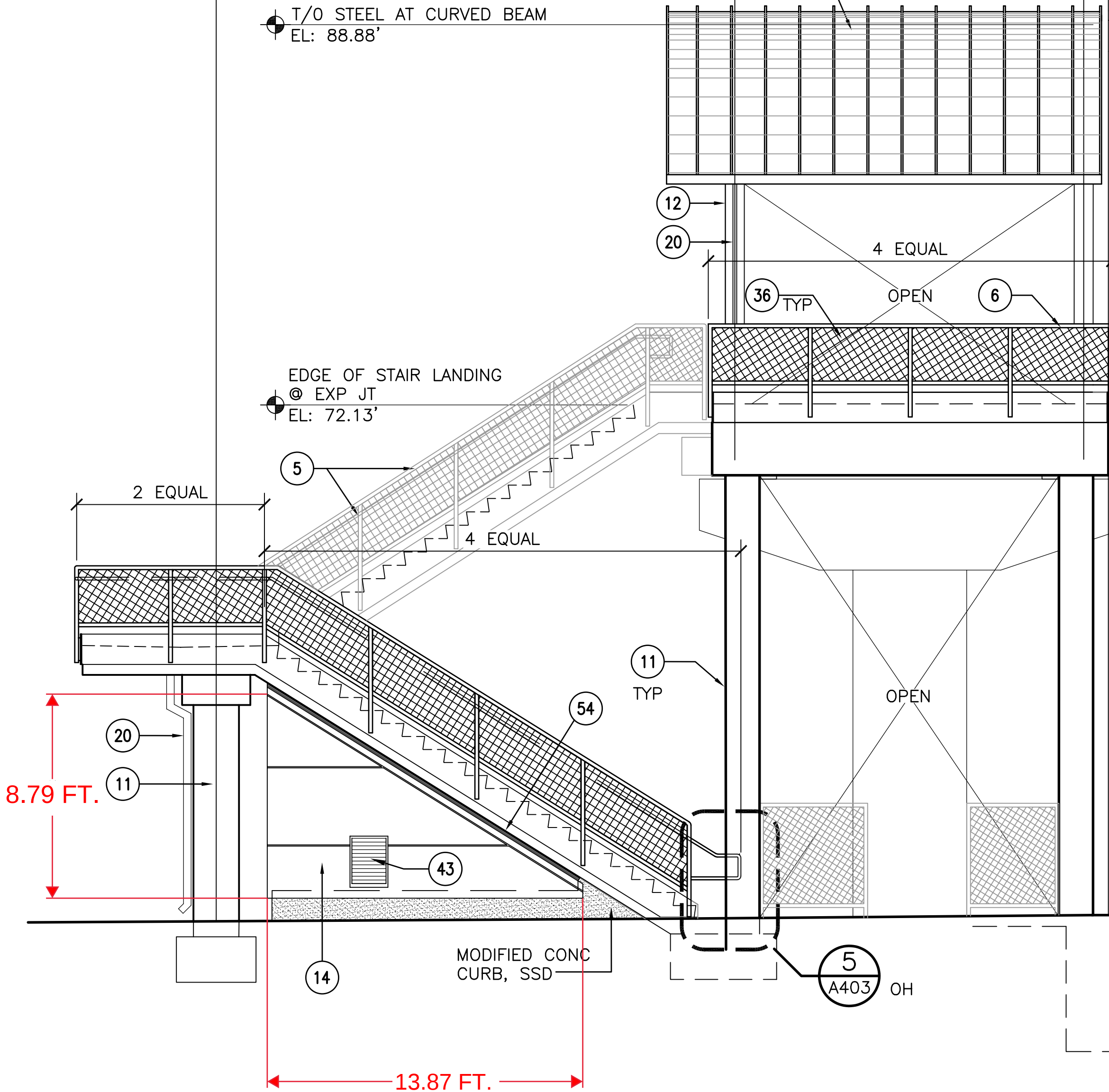
WEST ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"



T/O STEEL AT CURVED BEAM
EL: 88.88'

EDGE OF STAIR LANDING
@ EXP JT
EL: 72.13'



NOTES:

1. SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR BRIDGE

KEY NOTES:

5 STAINLESS STEEL HANDRAIL / GUARDRAIL 12 HSS COLUMN

AGENDA REPORT

Arts Commission



DATE: June 22, 2020

TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Tegan McLane, Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator /
Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: **Valley Water Adopt-a-Bench Art Project Bench (Item 9-C)**

Executive Summary:

Valley Water sent a letter describing an art bench they would like to install on their own property within Milpitas City limits.

Staff Recommendation:

Vote to issue a letter of courtesy approval for Valley Water's Adopt-a-Bench Art Project.

Financial Impact:

None.

Description:

Valley Water sent a letter requesting the Arts Commission's approval of an art bench design they would like to install on their own property within Milpitas city limits.

As the art project is on Valley Water's own property and is not required by the Milpitas Public Art Ordinance, the Arts Commission approval is not required to allow Valley Water to proceed. However, in the interest of encouraging private property owners to consider installing public art on their properties, even when not required to do so, Staff requests that the Commission consider issuing a letter of courtesy approval voicing support for the Valley Water's Arts Bench Project.

Under Valley Water's Adopt-a-Bench program, the agency's Youth Commission engaged local artist Paul J. Gonzalez to design a series of panels showing wildlife native to the South Bay, to be painted on tiles that will be installed on the seating surfaces of existing benches along the trails through Valley Water property. The panels will be painted by members of the Youth Commission.

Their proposal calls for a panel featuring the Western Pond Turtle on a bench at 657 Folsom Circle.

Valley Water Supervising Program Administrator Kristen Yasukawa and Community Benefits Analyst Peggy Lam will be available at the meeting for questions.

Attachments: Letter from Valley Water

June 3, 2020

Sent by email to tmclane@ci.milpitas.ca.gov

Milpitas Arts Commission
Milpitas City Hall
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Subject: Approve Adopt-A-Bench artwork on bench located in the City of Milpitas

Dear Milpitas Arts Commission:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), we are requesting approval from the Milpitas Arts Commission (Arts Commission) of an artwork that will be installed on our existing bench located within the City of Milpitas boundaries. Valley Water's Public Arts Program works on collaborations with community stewards and local artists to beautify Valley Water infrastructure through their expressive artwork. This year, Valley Water is piloting the Adopt-A-Bench Project (Project) in which seven of our existing Valley Water benches throughout Santa Clara County will have updated interpretive art. On January 23, 2020, Valley Water staff emailed the City of Milpitas (City) staff and informed them of our plan to install the new artwork on our existing bench located at 657 Folsom Circle, Milpitas, CA 95035, with the Arts Commission's approval. The bench is on Valley Water property and the Project and its maintenance is fully funded by Valley Water.

On March 10, 2020, Valley Water's Board of Directors approved the artwork presented (Attachment 1). The artwork was uniquely developed by Valley Water's Youth Commission which consists of high school students throughout Santa Clara County, in partnership with local artist Paul J. Gonzalez. The Youth Commission and Mr. Gonzalez received input from Valley Water biologists familiar with the region of the creek. The artwork for this specific bench features Berryessa Creek and the native species Western Pond Turtle, raising awareness of and highlighting the local creek's fauna and natural environment.

Upon the Arts Commission's approval of the bench artwork, next steps include a potential social distancing painting event in which Valley Water's Youth Commission will paint artwork on the bench tiles, installation of the artwork onto the bench, and an end-of-project event to celebrate the success of the Youth Commission's excellent work in this pilot project. Accordingly, these activities and their scheduling are dependent upon the County of Santa Clara's public health guidance in response to COVID-19.

We appreciate the City of Milpitas Arts Commission's feedback and assistance in this public arts effort. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Peggy Lam at 408-912-0088 or plam@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Kristen Yasukawa
Community Benefits Program Administrator
Civic Engagement Unit

Milpitas Arts Commission

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June 3, 2020

cc: Rick Callender, Domingo Candelas, Rachael Gibson, Peggy Lam, Marta Lugo, Tegan McLane,
Don Rocha, Sherilyn Tran

Attachment 1: City of Milpitas Adopt-A-Bench Artwork Design

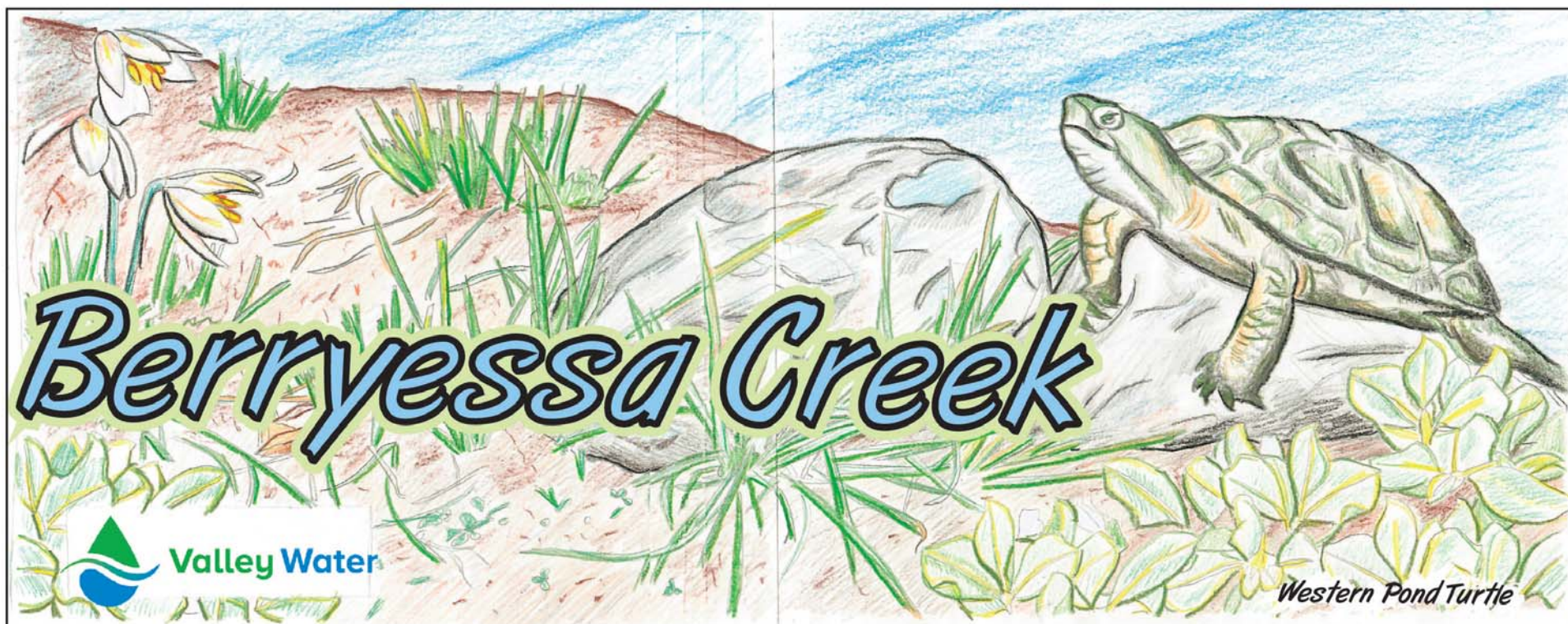
District 3:

Richard P. Santos
Berryessa Creek
Bench # 050
657 Folsom Cir
Milpitas, CA 95035



Focus Animal: Western Pond Turtle

19"



48"

AGENDA REPORT

Arts Commission



DATE: June 22, 2020

TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Tegan McLane, Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator /
Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: 2019-2020 Work Plan (Item 9D)

Executive Summary:

Commissioners will continue their discussion of the 2020-2021 Work Plan

Staff Recommendation:

Rank and vote on Top Priorities

Financial Impact:

None.

Description:

At its May 11 meeting, the Commission discussed a desire to finalize its 2020-2021 Work Plan, in order to get Council approval early in the fiscal year.

The following items were discussed:

- Milpitas Arts and Culture Grants
- Phantom Art Gallery
- Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing public art project
- Maintenance of the Permanent Collection
- Video Festival
- Prioritizing locations for potential public art projects to beautify specific areas

Given the social distancing guidelines now in effect and without a firm timeline for guidelines being loosened, it was noted that it may be best to focus on items that would not be hampered by limits on public gatherings.

It was also suggested that the group focus efforts on a few specific tasks.

Arts Commission FY 2019-20 Work Plan

Topic/Advisory Area	Tasks	Required Resources	Goal Deadline
Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program	Promote public awareness campaign to encourage applications.	Commission, Staff	October 2019
	Select four grant recipients.	Commission, Staff	December 2019
	Research and propose reinstatement of cash grants to accompany space grants.	Commission, Staff	January 2020
Phantom Art Gallery	Review all existing commitments to exhibit work at MCC, Library.	Commission, Staff	October 2019
	Promote public awareness campaign to encourage visitors to Gallery.	Commission, Staff	December 2019
	Review any new artist applications received and recommend scheduling	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
Public Art Installations	Complete selection of Higuera Adobe Park public art.	Commission, Staff, Community	August 2019
	Determine specifications for Montague Expressway Pedestrian Over-Crossing public art.	Commission, Staff, Coordination with VTA	TBD
	Identify at least two additional prospective locations for public art and options for additional low-cost non-traditional art projects.	Commission, Staff	February 2020
	Prioritize and calendar all public art installation locations.	Commission, Staff	February 2020
	Make presentations to local companies illustrating how public art could be used to enhance their properties and promote their businesses.	Commission	Ongoing
City Public Art Collection	Review existing City-owned public art for maintenance, repair needs.	Commission, Staff	February 2020
	Recommend maintenance process for City-owned public art.	Commission, Staff	April 2020

Arts Commission FY 2019-20 Work Plan

Performing Arts Program	Promote public awareness campaign for Performing Arts.	Commission, Staff	December 2019
	Support at least one new Performing Arts opportunity.	Commission, Staff	June 2020
Digital Arts	Research and propose a Milpitas Film Festival to showcase Milpitas filmmakers, and short films about or filmed in Milpitas.	Commission, Staff	February 2020