

Impact of Suspending Public Art Projects

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Previous Council Direction – NM2017-

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Administration immediately suspend further Requests for Proposals (RFP) regarding new Public Art design as of September 15, 2017, not meant to include significant projects currently underway, including but not limited to the Southeast 17th Avenue Transitway Project.
- 2. Administration report back directly to Council no later than November 2017 on the impact of suspending all new public art projects scheduled for RFP until Q2 2018.

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Analysis: Determining Impact (Att 2)

Administration applied a Triple Bottom Line lens to determine the impact of suspending each of the projects that were due to go out for RFP between September 15, 2017 and Q2 2018 (April 1, 2018):

- Economic considerations included delays to the overall capital project of which the public art was 1%; restrictions on funding sources; and increased costs of the overall capital project
- Social considerations community expectations as understood through community engagement
- Environmental considerations for example with projects near the watershed and in parks

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Calgary Analysis: Determining Impact (Att 2)

It was determined that:

- As per previous Council direction, the SE 17th Avenue Transitway project should continue
- Significant impacts were identified and further Council direction is required on 2 projects:
 - Anderson Pedestrian Bridge
 - 112th Ave Widening
- Eight of the projects could be suspended until Q2 2018 without serious impact

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Administration Recommendations

That Council:

- Receive for information this report on the impact of suspending all new public art projects scheduled for RFP until Q2 2018; and
- Direct Administration on whether to suspend the RFPs for the following two significant projects currently underway:
 - Anderson Pedestrian Bridge; and
 - 112th Ave Road Widening