



**PI/T – 02/13/2024
AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

Presenter:	Jason Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Project ST-015: 2025 MnDOT College Drive Improvement Project (SP 4204-40) - Aesthetics/Landscaping
Background Information:	<p>MnDOT is proceeding with plans to complete State Project 4204-40, the reconstruction of MN 19/College Drive from roughly 400-FT west of Marlene Street to N. Bruce Street within our city limits. The project is a comprehensive reconstruction project that includes new pavement, sidewalk, and city utilities. Some notable changes include the addition of a roundabout, the removal of a traffic signal, the addition of RRFB pedestrian crossings, optimized road widths, access reductions, and strategically placed center medians.</p> <p>MnDOT includes an aesthetics budget for each State project that passes through a municipality. Typically, this amount is 2% of MnDOT’s project costs.</p> <p>At this point, there is limited “aesthetic” features built into the project. It was determined early that the City would have limited desire to reach for heightened aesthetic features (large planting zones, colored concrete, benches, public art, etc.) within the MnDOT right of way. Some of the lighting will be covered by the aesthetic budget and the roundabout at S 2nd Street/Country Club Drive/MN 19 is proposed to have some landscaping.</p> <p>Included in the packet is a rendering of the roundabout area landscaping. The included was an early rendering to show possible options. After reviewing with MnDOT, City staff has given feedback that the landscaping should be reduced in the roundabout. We’ve requested that the “Marshall” sign stay but that it has the ability to be changed for a logo change. In addition, limestone should not be used and it should have a granite element to it instead. Lastly, staff advised that the amount of roundabout landscaping should be reduced to be generally around the sign only, and the remaining land should be turf grass for easy maintenance.</p> <p>Staff is looking for concurrence that our given guidance is agreeable to the PI/T Committee and we will take any feedback as presented.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None at this time.
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	Recommend and approve of City staff’s guidance for landscaping on the project.