

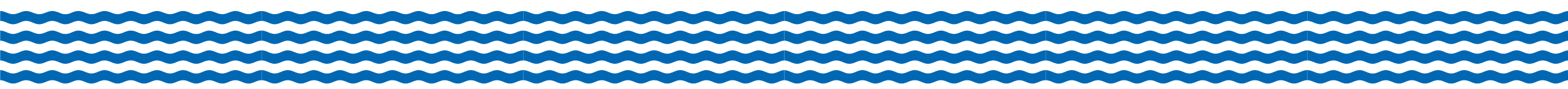
2027 – 2028 Arts & Culture Workplan Priorities

July 15, 2026



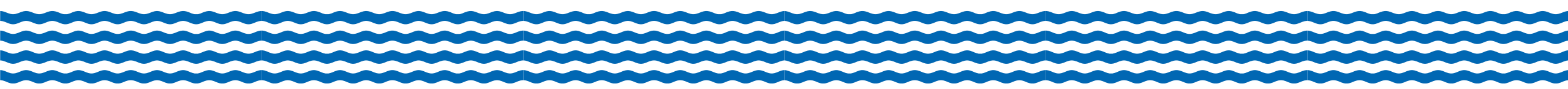
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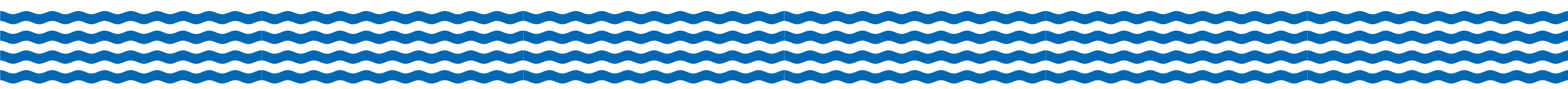
Background

- The City Arts and Culture Priorities & Workplan establishes the two-year priorities set by the Arts Council, and staff's developed work plan to address set priorities.
- Staff develop the workplan, adopted by City Council as part of the biennial budget, based on available resources.
- Staff give updates throughout the two-year cycle.



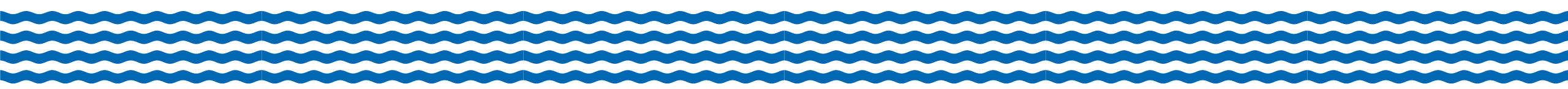
Proposed Priorities:

- Deliver and promote exceptional arts and culture programming that enhances quality of life for the Mercer Island community.
- Increase access to arts and culture for all members of the community.
- Strengthen partnerships that support local artists and performing arts organizations.
- Advance stewardship of Mercer Island's public art collection and cultural resources.
- Strengthen Arts Council engagement with the community.
- Develop a comprehensive and feasible vision for Greta Hackett Sculpture Park that functions as a welcoming gesture to our town, connecting visitors to our town center from the light rail and functioning as a vibrant meeting space in our town center for all ages.



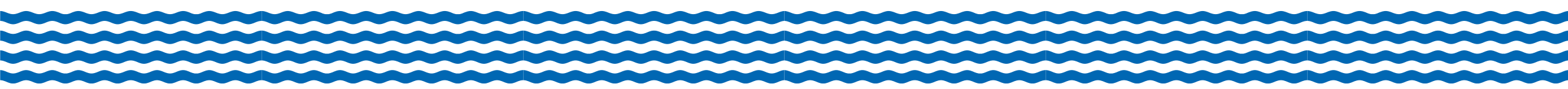
Guiding Questions

- Do these priorities align with guiding documents and community input received over the current biennium?
- Do these priorities remain relevant today and in alignment with the Arts Council goals?
- DO you think these priorities address community need for arts and culture opportunities and experiences?



Next Steps

- Staff will return in October with revised priorities and obtainable objectives for Arts Council's endorsement.



Questions?

