



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From:	Cassandra Schiffler, Arts & Culture Coordinator	Meeting Date:	February, 18 2025
Presenter:	Cassandra Schiffler	Estimated Time:	0.5 minutes
Topic:	Task Order for Linder Road Median Artwork Design, Engineering, Fabrication, and Installation		

Recommended Council Action:

Approve Task Order for the Mayor's signature.

Background:

Process and Art Selection: The construction of the Linder Road Overpass is a priority roadway project for the City and ACHD. Part of this roadway project includes the construction of three medians north of the overpass; the longest center median was identified by the Linder Road Task Force Aesthetic Subcommittee as the foremost opportunity for a public art installation.

Three local artists/artist teams from the Parks Identity Theming and Public Art Roster were chosen by the Public Art Committee to submit proposals for public art sculpture in the median in early 2024, and a stakeholder committee with representatives from ACHD, the Planning Department, the Landscape Architect, the Arts Commission, and Parks Staff reviewed artist proposals and presentations and unanimously selected Stephanie Inman's "Safe Passage" proposal design on July 7, 2024.

Since the artist's selection, the artist has adapted the design, per stakeholder committee requests, and has been working with Staff, the project's landscape architect, lighting experts, a fabricator, and structural engineers on the project. The artwork engineering will be sent to ACHD as part of the landscaping package.

The Meridian Arts Commission reviewed the final design proposal on January 9, 2025 and unanimously and enthusiastically voted to move it forward.

Strategic Goals Alignment: It meets MAC's Strategic Plan goals for Public Art, as laid out in Public Art Goal 1: "Create opportunities for all Meridian residents and visitors to experience public art" and aligns with I. A. 4. c. "partner with ACHD to install public artworks in conjunction with upcoming road projects."

Budget: No budget amendment is necessary. This project was budgeted for FY2025 and uses existing MAPS funds (Meridian Art in Public Spaces). (The MAPS Ordinance 15-1642 established the method of appropriating general funds to install visual, tangible artworks for installation on public property in Meridian's public spaces in the amount of fifty cents per resident, with a carryforward to "save up" for bigger projects like this one.)

Art Proposal: The Artwork proposal with concept details, imagery, drawings, budgets, and elevation sketches can be reviewed in full in Exhibit A of the agreement.