

BACKGROUND:

The City of Palm Springs is the lead agency in the Ramon Road Bridge Widening Project (Project), which is currently in the right of way certification stage. Plans for the Project are essentially complete. As part of this Project, the median at the intersection of Landau Blvd. and Ramon Road, on Ramon Road will be reconstructed.

The Public Arts Commission (PAC) has been proposing to place an iconic piece of art within this median location. Engineering Staff has presented to the PAC in past meetings that if the PAC has chosen the actual art piece to be placed in the intersection median, this art piece's foundation and lighting may be able to be designed and incorporated into the median construction of the Project. This would allow the art piece to be set in place once the Project is completed and minimize construction costs.

City Staff is requesting that the PAC move forward and confirm the art piece that they are considering for the location. Once confirmed, the PAC should move forward with all PAC and City Council approvals for the commissioning and acquisition.

In addition, PAC should receive design details, e.g., the foundation design, weight of the art piece, height and lighting requirements to be able to pass these on to the Engineering Department. In turn the Engineering Department can work with the City of Palm Springs to incorporate the necessary components into the plans.

Attached to this Staff Report is an image of the location of where the art piece has been proposed, along with the proposed art piece.

The March 2023 Landau Blvd. and Ramon Road Median Artwork Discussion with Engineering is proposed for the Public Arts Commission discussion and direction.

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Public Arts Fund and Ramon Road Bridge Widening Project.