



**October 20, 2022**

**RE: Agenda Item 5**

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Public Art Commission (PAC) approve the allocation of funds in the amount of \$110,000 inclusive of a 10% contingency to initiate the art selection process for Fire Station 4.

**Discussion:**

Fire Station 4, located at 3600 Middlefield Road, is an upcoming CIP project that has funds earmarked for public art in accordance with the [Municipal Percent for Art Policy](#) and Municipal Code [2.26.070](#) (Visual Art in Public Places). BRW Architects have been awarded the contract for the project and have met with Public Art staff regarding the incorporation of artwork into the project design.

Fire Station 4 is an approximately 4,100 square foot (SF) structure built in 1954. The existing fire station building does not serve the current needs of the Fire Department and does not effectively use the current 0.6-acre portion of the property. In 2002, the City contracted with Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc. to perform a seismic evaluation for six fire stations (Stations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8). In the case of Fire Stations 3 and 4, Biggs Cardosa reported significant seismic deficiencies and potential for instability of soils due to liquefaction and concluded that replacement of these two stations may be necessary to meet essential service standards for fire station buildings. In 2005, the City contracted with RRM Design Group (RRM) to perform a Replacement Needs Assessment Study for Fire Stations 3 and 4, including:

- Existing and future operational needs of the Fire Department
- Geotechnical investigation and geohazards evaluation
- Hazardous materials testing
- Site analysis and massing studies
- Environmental assessment
- Building system description
- Cost estimate
- Project schedule

The RRM Study provides program and other feasibility level information that will be used as the basis to begin design of the new Fire Station 4 following confirmation with the Fire Department. The new Fire Station 4 design will also accommodate the Fire Department's operational needs to provide updated spaces that will support existing and future fire apparatus and personnel, and fit contextually within Mitchell Park and the surrounding neighborhoods. Features included in the feasibility study that will be included in the new design include drive through apparatus bays, a reserve apparatus bay, and a training room that also serves as a back-up Emergency Operations Center.

The Fire Station 3 (PE-15003) and Fire Station 4 (PE-18004) Replacement projects are part of the 2014 Council Infrastructure Plan. The Fire Station 3 Replacement project was completed in March 2020, and fire personnel have been using the station since then.

**The Artist Selection Process:**

After initial conversations with the architect, Public Works, and Fire, Public Art staff recommends that we reach out to appropriate artists within the prequalified pool of artists who may be interested in creating architecturally integrated artwork. A selection panel of seven stakeholders, including one Public Art Commissioner, will rank the artists and select a finalist to recommend to the PAC. Upon approval of the artist by the PAC, they will enter into a contract for the design and fabrication of the artwork, and join the design team. Funds will be drawn from the Art in Public Spaces CIP (AC-86017-080)