



TO: Mayor Tom Ross
Members of the City Council

FROM: Stephen Joersz, P.E., P.T.O.E., Traffic Engineer

DATE: May 6, 2024

SUBJECT: ART IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY – E CENTRAL AVE AND 1ST STREET E

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend the Council approve the concept, by Prairie Sky Breads, to install “Art in the Right-of-Way” inside the painted bulb-outs at the E Central Avenue and 1st Street E intersection and
2. Authorize city staff to execute an encroachment permit.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Lance Meyer, City Engineer	(701) 857-4100
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III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

In the 2022 construction season, the Engineering Department installed painted bump-outs at the intersection of E Central Avenue and 1st Street E. This improvement was intended to visually imitate other bump-outs in downtown Minot, to reduce the frequency of vehicles parking in the crosswalk and to improve pedestrian safety.

In March 2023, Council approved this concept with the Minot Area Council of the Arts but the implementation was never achieved.

B. Proposed Projects

The City of Minot Engineering Department is again proposing the opportunity to provide an ‘art in the right-of-way’ style project. Prairie Sky Breads reached out to the Engineering Department about the art in the right-of-way project. The implementation would be funded by Prairie Sky Breads and could be apart of a service project for the Magi United Day.

A layout of the proposed design is included as an attachment.

C. Consultant Selection

N/a

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

N/a

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

N/a

C. Fiscal Impact:

The City of Minot will not be providing funds for material and installation costs. With an encroachment permit, the City does have the authority to remove the painted bump-outs at the permit holders expense. Staff time will be needed to ensure that the design complies with roadway design requirements.

Prairie Sky Breads will provide all material and installations costs related to this Art in the Right-of-Way project.

V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS

This item achieves the aspirations of safe and welcoming and excellent and connected.

VI. ALTERNATIVES

1. Council could choose to reject this proposed project. This would effectively end the concept.
2. Council could choose to direct staff to team with a different partner. Requests for Proposals or Requests for Qualifications could be sought to evaluate and select a partner. This could delay art in the right-of-way installation.
3. Council could choose to dedicate city funds to this project. This could provide an opportunity for improved materials or methods.

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Prairie Sky Breads has mentioned that this service idea could be implemented on Tuesday, March 7th as part of the Magi United Day. A delay in approval would require the applicant to redetermine their method of installation.

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. Applicant Art in the Right-of-Way Concept