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Kimberly Williams, CEO
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Dear Kimberly,

The Lawrence City Commission has received the East Ninth Street Comprehensive Concept Design Plan and, by their request, also received a basic street repair plan for the five core blocks developed by the Public Works Department. They've also asked Public Works staff to provide estimated costs to possibly add bike lanes and lighting. Based on discussions to date, it appears that a more scaled down version of the project may be a concept the City Commission might consider. The project will be discussed as part of this year's Capital Improvement Plan/budget development process and is contingent on City Commission approval.

City staff is working to develop an option for the City Commission that balances the overall project budget and provides an opportunity to include the remaining \$335,000 of ArtPlace funds. This would include applicable symbiotic construction funds as determined by the city and professional in-kind city staff support for public art-related programming.

In order to devise a viable plan for the City Commission to consider, it will be helpful to know if the Lawrence Arts Center and ArtPlace will be supportive of the following:

- Continue working with the five selected 'East Ninth' Artists to implement their performance-based projects—with updates and adaptations as necessary.
 - \$75,000 - 5 artists
- Develop a new competitive public art program and RFQ for innovative public art infrastructure on the streetscape project. The direction of the RFQ would be fully determined after the overall project scope is defined but would likely include elements like low-level lighting, streetscape furniture, poetic artist interventions and other neighborhood-friendly infrastructure enhancements.
 - \$225,000 – 3-5 artists
- Enhance and expand the city's popular three-decade old annual temporary Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition to include East 9th Street and provide broader

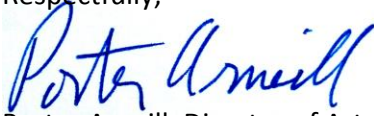


opportunities for local and regional artists to gain professional public art experience, build their portfolios, and provide contemporary art in the public realm for the community. (This would include a more contemporary approach and not be limited to sculptural elements.)

- \$35,000 for artist commissions for at least two years in concert with the current program and city support

The City and the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission appreciate the work conducted by the Lawrence Arts Center and the patience of ArtPlace. If the City Commission chooses to move forward with the project, the public art programming will remain as a creative, innovative and beneficial aspect of the project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Porter Arneill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Porter" being more prominent than the last name "Arneill".

Porter Arneill, Director of Arts and Culture