

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Transportation Services Division for a StreetARToronto Mural Installation on the Thirtieth Street Underpass between Akron Road and Elder Avenue - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the Approved 2018 Operating Budget for Transportation Services (TP0407) in the amount of \$5,000.00 gross, \$0 net, on a one-time basis for the StreetARToronto Partnership Program, with funding provided by Section 37 contributions associated with the approved development at 2183 Lake Shore Boulevard West (Source Account XR3026-3700749) for the purpose of increasing the grant to Nick Sweetman for the installation of a large scale mural on the Thirtieth Street underpass between Akron Road and Elder Avenue.

Summary

Established in 2012, Transportation Services Division StreetARToronto (StART) Program has become a leading authority in significant street art mural installations in the City of Toronto. StART is a pro-active program that aims to increase awareness of street art and its role in adding vibrancy, excitement and beauty to the broader public realm throughout the City.

Toronto based artist, Nick Sweetman, received a StART grant from the City of Toronto to paint a mural on both walls of the repeatedly vandalized underpass on Thirtieth Street between Akron Road and Elder Avenue. This underpass is highly visible to anyone walking, jogging, biking or driving on Thirtieth Street. The artist will work with the local community, with a focus on children and youth, to explore the local lakeshore ecology and issues facing plants and wildlife. The project will also include guided nature walks to explore nearby sites along the shoreline and will use these findings as inspiration for the final design. The artwork will transform and beautify the existing structure which runs the Lakeshore West GO Train corridor. The purpose of this Motion is to increase the grant by \$5,000 of the Section 37 funds that have been secured and received from the development at 2183 Lake Shore Boulevard West. The funds will be utilized to conduct additional research and community engagement.

Background Information (City Council)

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