

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

02/09/2012
Economic Growth and Redevelopment

SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with Erin Curtis (1904 Pennsylvania Avenue, Austin, TX 78702), in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, for artwork for the 3rd Street Streetscape Enhancement Project in Downtown Austin.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Public Works Department
Project Name:	3rd Street - AIPP
Fund/Department/Unit:	8181-6207-8355
Funding Source:	2010 GO Bonds - P1
Current Appropriation:	92,200.00
Unencumbered Balance:	91,450.00
Amount of This Action:	(91,450.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>0.00</u>

Department:	Public Works Department
Project Name:	3rd Street - AIPP
Fund/Department/Unit:	8181-6207-8356
Funding Source:	2010 GO Bonds - P1
Current Appropriation:	79,100.00
Unencumbered Balance:	79,100.00
Amount of This Action:	(38,550.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>40,550.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The City of Austin Art in Public Places (AIPP) program of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services Office sought to commission a professional visual artist to design and create artwork for the 3rd St Streetscape Art in Public Places project in downtown Austin.

The goal of this project is to develop a fresh and innovative approach to design within a restricted environment; consider the diverse community served by the street enhancements, including downtown residents, tourists and the local business community; and consider the unique landscape and history of Colorado Street.

The goal of the public art is to be a signature work of contemporary public art for Austin that is dynamic and visual engaging; strengthens the identity of the 3rd Street from Nueces to Trinity; enlivens the surrounding environment; contributes to a local regional and national contemporary art dialogue; serves a significant piece within the artist's oeuvre; and responds to the context of 3rd Street in Downtown Austin.