

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** June 5, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** **Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential approval of (1) painting refresh, Riverside Drive Park design, cantilever path design, and lighting design, purchase, and installation along the Truckee River Corridor using \$2,104,394 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on May 19, 2021; (2) authorization to award contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible or best bid in accordance with competitive bidding laws set forth in Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS); (3) authorization to approve the professional services agreement in accordance with Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy; and (4) authorization to award contracts for the purchase of various needed equipment identified by the professional services agreement in accordance with Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy.**

**From:** Amy Pennington, Special Projects and Engagement Coordinator

**Department:** Public Works

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**Summary:**

On March 8, 2023, Council approved \$3 million in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to invest in the Truckee River Experience. On October 25, 2023, the City of Reno and Washoe County approved Dig Studio, as selected by a panel through the request for qualification (RFQ) process, to embark on the Truckee River Vision Plan. As part of the scope and timeline, it was determined that Dig Studio would bring forward recommended projects for the City of Reno's remaining \$2,670,394 in SLFRF for the Truckee River in spring 2024. This item is for the approval of painting refresh, Riverside Drive Park design, cantilever path design, and lighting design, purchase, and installation along the Truckee River Corridor for an amount not to exceed \$2,104,394. Staff supports this recommendation.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability  
Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

**Previous Council Action:**

May 8, 2024 – Council approved trash cans, animal waste stations, and wayfinding projects along the Truckee River Corridor in an amount not to exceed \$266,000. Council also approved the allocation of \$300,000 of the \$3 million in ARPA funding for activation, infrastructure, and maintenance at West Street Plaza.

October 25, 2023 – Council approved \$329,627 with a reimbursement of \$100,000 from Washoe County to hire Dig Studio to develop the Truckee River Vision Plan, including initial recommendations for \$2,770,373 in SLFRF for the Truckee River Corridor.

March 8, 2023 – Council approved the allocation of the remaining \$28,150,044.97 in SLFRF received through ARPA on May 19, 2021, including possible allocation to specific projects identified through the public, Council, and staff engagement process or general spending categories identified by Council as a priority for fund allocation by December 31, 2024.

**Background:**

The purpose of the ARPA funding allocated to the Truckee River is for activation, infrastructure, and maintenance improvements. The Dig plan was to conduct an analysis of the Truckee River corridor and adjacent land within unincorporated Washoe County and the City of Reno from the California state line to the border of Sparks and develop an implementation and financing plan to guide current and future investment. In addition to working with City of Reno staff, the consultant will work with the public and stakeholders to identify a unified vision and provide recommendations and a phased implementation plan.

Due to the ARPA funding timeline of when contracts need to be encumbered, staff is bringing these recommendations forward while the larger vision is still being finalized.

**Discussion:**

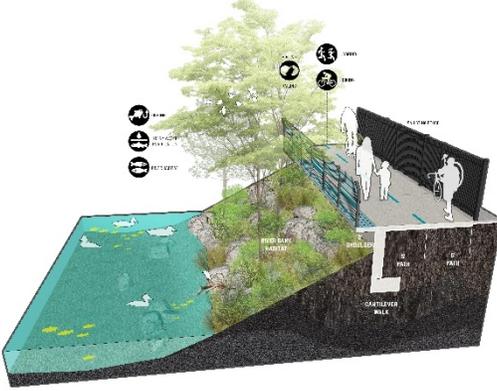
Beginning in November 2023, Dig Studio led a stakeholder and public engagement process that included meetings with hundreds of stakeholders and members of the public.

The public outreach and stakeholder engagement identified three goals:

1. Create a clean and safe riverfront.
2. Create a connected riverfront with easy access to the river.
3. Implement a cohesive plan for consistency in design and long-term maintenance.

This item includes a painting refresh, Riverside Drive Park Design, cantilever path design, and lighting design, purchase, and installation along the Truckee River Corridor.

**Table 1: Painting refresh, Riverside Drive Park design, cantilever path design, and lighting design, purchase, and installation**

Elements		Cost
Painting refresh		\$260,000
Riverside Drive Park design - along Riverside Drive from Arlington Street to Booth Street		\$250,000
Cantilever path design – between Lake Drive and Museum Drive		\$280,000

Lighting design, purchase, and installation along the Truckee River Corridor	 	\$1,314,394
Total:		\$2,104,394

**Financial Implications:**

Funding for the consultant agreement will come from the Council-approved \$3 million in SLFRF to begin implementation of investment in the Truckee River Experience.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends (1) painting refresh, Riverside Drive Park design, cantilever path design, and lighting design, purchase, and installation along the Truckee River Corridor using \$2,104,394 in SLFRF received through ARPA on May 19, 2021; (2) authorization to award contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible or best bid in accordance with competitive bidding laws set forth in Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS); (3) authorization to approve the professional services agreement in accordance with Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy; and (4) authorization to award contracts for the purchase of various needed equipment identified by the professional services agreement under Chapter 332 of NRS and City policy.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve (1) painting refresh, Riverside Drive Park design, cantilever path design, and lighting design, purchase, and installation along the Truckee River Corridor using \$2,104,394 in SLFRF received through ARPA on May 19, 2021; (2) authorization to award contracts to the

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**Attachments:**