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To: Clerk's Office  
From: The Department of Public Works  
City Engineering Division  
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(313) 224-3970

Petitioner:  
Detroit Art, Culture, and Entrepreneurship  
2 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI, 48226

On behalf of the above-mentioned petitioner the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division is submitting a petition request for the action below. The petitioner has received a project consultation from the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division and has been advised the following:

Type of action recommended:

Petition for various encroachments into the east-west alley bounded by Vinewood St. and Taft St. for the purpose of installing arts alley streetscape.

Raven Wright  
Supervisor of Maps and Records  
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April 20, 2023

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
City of Detroit Department of Public Works  
City Engineering Division  
2 Woodward Ave, Suite 601  
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Re: Grand River Arts Alley: Encroachment Petition Cover Letter  
MAP-23-42

On behalf of Detroit Art, Culture, and Entrepreneurship, OHM Advisors is writing this cover letter in response to the comments received by the City of Detroit's Department of Public Works in regard to the upcoming Arts Alleys project. The proposed Grand River Arts Alley streetscape is located within the alley southwest of Grand River Ave and W Grand Blvd from Vinewood St to Taft St. The existing north-south alley between Taft St and Vinewood is proposed to be vacated.

Within the alley right of way (ROW) existing asphalt pavement will be removed and replaced with concrete pavement. At the Vinewood and Taft St entrance, existing sidewalk will be removed and replaced. Outside of the ROW, some fencing is planned for replacement. Other improvements include removable wood bollards, Arts Alley signage, waste bins, a cast-in-place seat wall, and landscaping. We are also proposing a new water service line and improvements to drainage through storm underdrain. The City of Detroit's office of Art, Culture, and Entrepreneurship (ACE) within the City of Detroit's General Services Department will be the owner of the above-referenced Encroachments. ACE will also be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of these encroachments.

**DPW Comments:**

- Vacation of the N-S Alley  
No work is being proposed within the N/S alley, therefore ACE would prefer not to include this with the project.
- Are the bollards going to be collapsible?  
All proposed bollards will be collapsible and removable.
- Are there alternative options to the landscaping for the tree plantings?  
No, the proposed landscaping is desired by the surrounding property owners.
- Is there an alternative to placing the seatwall within the public easement?  
No, the seatwall is desired within the alley by surrounding property owners.

Please contact me with any questions at 313-481-1253 or via e-mail at [Zachary.hampton@ohm-advisors.com](mailto:Zachary.hampton@ohm-advisors.com).

Sincerely,

OHM Advisors

Zachary Hampton, P.E.

Project Engineer

cc: Jack Russo, Project Manager, Detroit ACE  
Kareem Srou, Project Manager, Detroit ACE  
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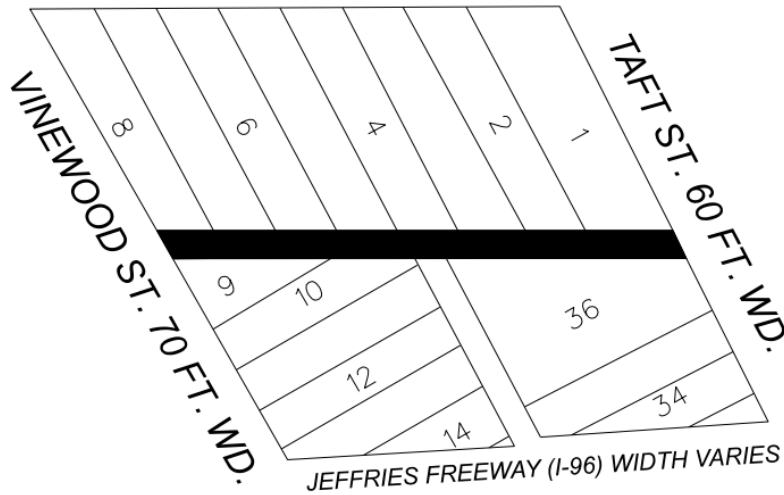


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GRAND RIVER AVE. 100 FT. WD.



- REQUEST ENCROACHMENT AREA  
 (FOR ARTS ALLEY STREETSCAPE)

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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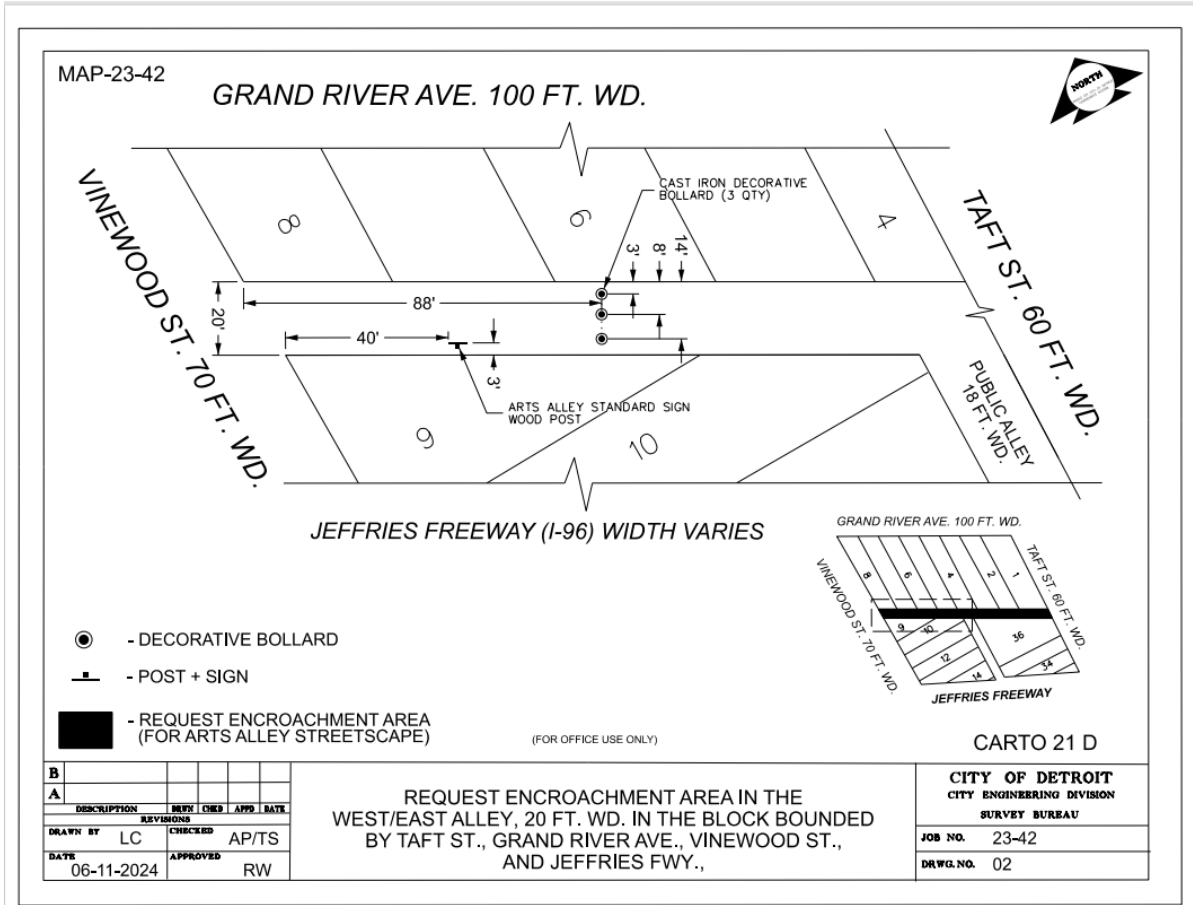
REQUEST ENCROACHMENT AREA IN THE  
 WEST/EAST ALLEY, 20 FT. WD. IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY  
 TAFT ST., GRAND RIVER AVE., VINEWOOD ST.,  
 AND JEFFRIES FWY.,

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