



April 20, 2023

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
City of Detroit Department of Public Works
City Engineering Division
2 Woodward Ave, Suite 601
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Old Reford Arts Alley: Encroachment Petition Cover Letter
MAP-23-43

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 Old Reford Arts Alley streetscape is located within the alley northeast of W Grand River Ave and Lahser Rd from Lahser Rd to Greydale Ave.

Within the alley right of way (ROW), existing concrete pavement and some storm will be removed and replaced. Other improvements include a 10' vehicle clearance zone, Arts Alleys signage, waste bins, community kiosks, overhead structures, concrete planters, and a 72" steel gate at the Greydale Ave entrance. We are also proposing a new water service line and improvements to stormwater collection system. 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:

- Include letters of support from adjacent property owners who will lose access through the alley.
The property owners adjacent to the alley will not lose access to their property as a result of the proposed work. The proposed fencing work will maintain the existing gates on each end of the alley.
- The bollards and benches may proceed in this review, however the proposed canopy would be considered a structure and is prohibited from encroaching into the public right of way.
In previous discussions with the DPW, no objections were given to the overhead structure. These meetings included Director Brundidge and Pamela Lemme.

Please contact me with any questions at 313-481-1253 or via e-mail at Zachary.hampton@ohm-advisors.com.

Sincerely,
OHM Advisors

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zachary Hampton". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Zachary Hampton, P.E.
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