

November 21, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee  
**From:** Calvin Chow, Analyst  
**Subject:** Suquamish Tribe and Muckleshoot Tribe Fauntleroy Art Project

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On December 5, 2023, the Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee will discuss and possibly vote on [Council Bill \(CB\) 120726](#) that would authorize the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to execute interlocal agreements with the Suquamish Tribe and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for the installation of an art project on the columns of the Fauntleroy Expressway.

This project was developed as part of the West Seattle Bridge Program and includes City funding for a tribal-led art project on seven to 14 of the structural columns of the Fauntleroy Expressway, located near Chellan Ave SW and SW Spokane St. This location (and all of Seattle) is part of the ancestral territory of the Muckleshoot and Suquamish Tribes and offers an opportunity to promote the history and contributions of the Tribes.

The columns eligible to be selected for this project are outlined in the image below in red.

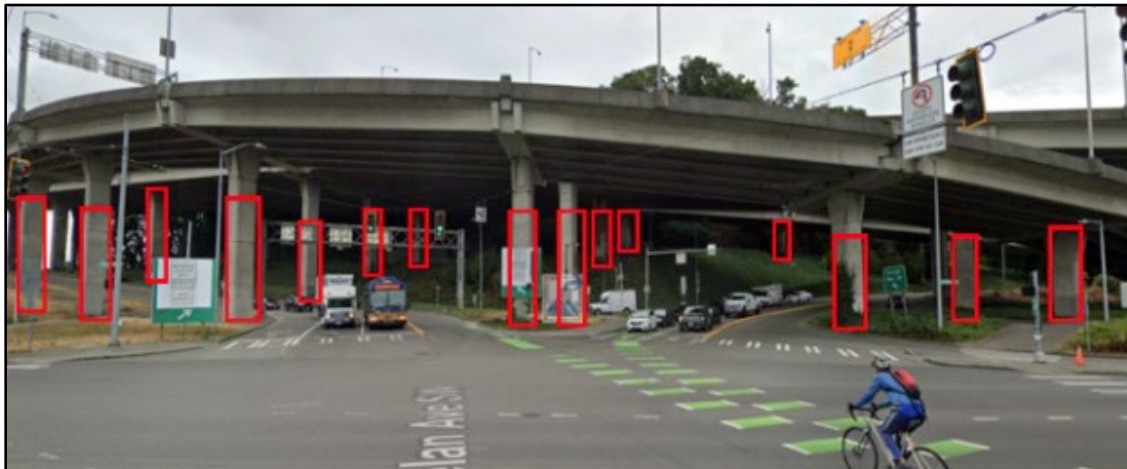


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The agreements authorize \$66,000 each for the Suquamish Tribe and for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to create murals on the selected columns. While the structural columns will remain SDOT property, the Tribes will retain ownership and maintenance responsibility for the artwork. The agreements were developed in coordination with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations and ensure that the Tribes will have full authority over the project.

Funding for this project is included in the Reconnect West Seattle program budget. Central Staff has reviewed the legislation and has not identified any concerns.

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