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# City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 13, 2003

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

FROM: SANDRA WHITMORE, DIRECTOR *SW*  
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: STATUS OF PROPOSED MURAL AT KING STREET CSX UNDERPASS

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In the on going effort to make Upper King Street more attractive, the Upper King Street Task Force and Councilman Speck have suggested art work be placed in the CSX underpass.

Staff has met with Holly Langenfeld, TC Williams High School visual arts teacher, regarding a proposed mural at this site. Ms. Langenfeld recommends the mural be painted on 4'x8' panels using acrylics and the finished boards be treated with polyurethane or covered with clear acrylic panels. She estimates the design work through the finished product will take a semester to complete. Estimated costs will be between \$3,000 - \$5,000. We will ask Ms. Langenfeld to have the students begin work during the fall semester of 2003 with a target date of First Night 2003 to unveil the mural.

In a related matter, the north wall of King Street underpass has drainage problems and T&ES estimates this problem will be repaired by the end of May.

cc: Rich Baier, Director, T & ES  
Janet Barnett, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities  
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