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Madison wants your feedback on an upcoming public art project on the Far West Side

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A series of sculptures evoking birds gliding across water is being proposed to go up near a Far West Side city operations facility at 402 South Point Road.

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Once again, Madison is looking for **feedback on the design of a public art piece**, this one highlighting an upcoming Streets Division facility on the Far West Side.

Feedback from community residents and staff of the Madison Streets, Fleet, and Parks Divisions influenced what could be the final design for a series of sculptures that will line the front of the **Far West Operations Facility** going up at 402 South Point Road.

A city survey, available at go.madison.com/farwest-art, asks residents to give their opinion on the piece, including how likely they would be to visit the site, how well it reflects the community and whether they believe it will stand the test of time. Responses will be accepted until March 12.

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The piece, **"Plough/Sky"**, was designed by the **Milligan Studio**, a public art practice made up of Irish sculptor Alan Milligan and novelist N.M. Kelby. Madison commissioned the work to celebrate the city workers on the West Side who will soon be based at the facility.

Depicting a bird gliding across water, the string of sculptures connected by a walking path is meant to highlight the snowplow fleet maintained in the Far West Operations building.

The Madison Arts Commission will provide a final recommendation to the City Council based on public feedback on March 17.

The city is still accepting feedback on the four finalists for a **public art piece planned to adorn the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park** on the Far East Side. Responses for that project will be accepted until Feb. 13.

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