

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 14, 2009

Metropolitan Council Meeting: January 13, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 25, 2009
Subject:	Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Public Artists
District(s), Member(s):	District 7: Annette Meeks District 8: Lynette Wittsack District 13: Richard Aguilar District 14: Kirstin Sersland Beach
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Public Art Contracts
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 651-602-1942 Rich Rovang, AGM – Transit Systems Development 651-602-1941 Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing 612-349-5060 Jim Alexander, Assistant Director Transitways Engineering, 651-602-1937
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

To execute an amendment to each of the contracts with the five public artists to advance preliminary design work for public art for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project through February 2010.

Background

On October 22, 2008, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute professional services contracts with five artists to create public art for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project and to issue notices-to-proceed to the artists for preliminary engineering and advanced preliminary design work through April 2009. The authorization included an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per artist with a cumulative amount for all five artists not to exceed \$500,000 for this phase of the work.

On October 28, 2009, the Council approved the preliminary design of artwork for each CCLRT station. The Council also approved extending the date for advanced preliminary design work through December 2009.

The five artists and their assigned stations are as follows:

- Myklebust and Sears – Union Depot, Raymond Avenue and Westgate stations
- Roberto Delgado – 4th and Cedar Streets, Snelling Avenue and Stadium Village
- Janet Lofquist – 10th Street, Capitol East and 29th Avenue stations
- Seitu Jones – Rice Street, Dale Street and Lexington Parkway stations
- Nancy Blum – Fairview Avenue, East Bank and West Bank stations

Contracts with each of the artists include separate notices-to-proceed for final design and construction documentation, and fabrication and installation.

Rationale

The CCLRT project schedule called for FTA approval to enter Final Design on November 23. FTA has advised that approval to enter Final Design is contingent upon completion of an Environmental Assessment for the Infill Stations, which is currently scheduled to be completed by late February 2010.

Council approval will allow the artists to continue with the design effort in preparation to enter into Final Design. If FTA approval to enter Final Design is not granted by February 2010, additional contract authority to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering may be required.

Funding

Funding for advancing Preliminary Engineering is available from the 2008 and 2009 State of Minnesota general obligation bonds, 2009 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Grant Agreement, and the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Ramsey and Hennepin County Regional Rail Authorities.

Known Support/Opposition

The project partners and the community support integrating public art at CCLRT stations.