Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 28, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 14, 2011

**ADVISORY INFORMATION** 

Date: November 14, 2011

**Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line):** 

Approve Design of Public Artwork for Hamline, Victoria, and Western Light Rail Transit Stations

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement of Public Artist Contracts

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**Division/Department: Metro Transit/ Central Corridor Project Office** 

## **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

• To approve artwork designs for the Hamline, Victoria, and Western Stations of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line) Project.

### **Background**

On December 8, 2010, the Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute professional services contracts with two artists to create public art for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) stations located at Hamline, Victoria, and Western. These three stations were added to Central Corridor in February 2010. Public artists for the original fifteen CCLRT stations were hired in 2008, and artwork designs for those stations was approved by the Metropolitan Council in October 2009.

The two artists hired for the Hamline, Victoria, and Western stations and their respective stations include: Foster Willey—Hamline and Victoria stations; and Catherine Widgery—Western station.

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

#### **Rationale**

Council's approval of the artwork designs will allow the artists to finalize construction documentation and proceed with fabrication and installation.

## **Funding**

The budget for public art at the three stations is \$561,000 and is part of the overall \$956.9 million Project budget; approximately \$187,000 is allocated for public art at each of the stations.

# **Known Support / Opposition**

The project partners and community support integrating public art at the Hamline, Victoria, and Western stations.