

T Transportation Committee

Metropolitan Council meeting: October 28, 2009

Date October 12, 2009
Prepared:
Subject: **Approve Preliminary Design of Public Artwork for each Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Station**

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator:

- To approve the preliminary design of artwork for each Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) station.
- To extend the time period for advanced preliminary design work for public art for the CCLRT project through December 31, 2009.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Item was presented by Alicia Vap. Alicia then went over the preliminary design for the artwork at each station. Robin Caufman also reported that there was a Station Art Committee that worked with each artist and reviewed and provided input to their designs. Council members thanked the CCPO for all their work in involving the community with this effort.

Council member Leppik made a comment that if Rice Street station art on the light poles could be capped or sealed it would avoid them becoming trash bins. Councilmember Steffen feels that the Stadium Village station would be a good location to include representation of the Gopher football stars. Council member Leppik asked what the Myklebust and Sears sculpture represented. Alicia Vap responded that it is of various tines.

Council member McFarlin asked if this approval was required by the FTA? Mark Fuhrmann responded that this step was requested by Met Council when they approved the artists and is not a required FTA action.

A motion was then made by Council member Beach, seconded by Council member Scherer and approved unanimously.

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ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: October 2, 2009
Subject: Approve Preliminary Design of Public Artwork for Each Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Station
District(s), Member(s): District 7: Annette Meeks
District 8: Lynnette Wittsack
District 13: Richard Aguilar
District 14: Kirstin Sersland Beach
Policy/Legal Reference: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Procurement of Public Artist Contracts
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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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Background

On October 22, 2008, the Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute professional services contracts with five artists to create public art for the CCLRT project and to issue notices-to-proceed to the artists for preliminary 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 April 22, 2009, the Metropolitan Council extended the date for advanced preliminary design work through October 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. Any contract activities beyond December 31, 2009 including final design, fabrication and installation will require Council approval.

Rationale

Council approval of the preliminary artwork designs will allow the artists to continue advancing the preliminary design until receipt of approval to enter Final Design from FTA.

Funding

The budget for the public art is \$2.8 million; approximately \$187,000 is allocated for public art at each of the 15 stations.

Known Support/Opposition

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