

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: October 12, 2009

Metropolitan Council Meeting: October 28, 2009

## 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  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

### Proposed Action/Motion

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.

### 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> and Cedar Streets, Snelling Avenue and Stadium Village
- Janet Lofquist – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Capitol East and 29<sup>th</sup> 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.