

**T** **Transportation Committee**  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of **April 22, 2009**

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date Prepared:** April 14, 2009

**Subject:** **Authorize Extending the Time Period for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Design Work for Public Art for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit**

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

- To extend the time period for preliminary and advanced preliminary design work for public art for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project through October 2009.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Mark Fuhrmann presented. Meeks asked for clarification about the communities wanting to choose their own artists and Fuhrmann explained about all of the outreach meetings that have been held. Scherer wants staff to keep on top of whether some of this work can be covered under the newly passed “legacy amendment” to fund arts with taxpayer money. Fuhrmann stated that it is not clear yet if that can happen. Motion by Scherer, seconded by Peterson and passed unanimously.

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: April 13, 2009**

**For Metropolitan Council meeting: April 22, 2009**

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	April 9, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorize Extending the Time Period for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Design Work for Public Art for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 7: Annette Meeks District 8: Lynette Wittsack District 13: Richard Aguilar District 14: Kirstin Beach
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Procurement of Public Artists
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark W. Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 651-602-1942 Jim Alexander, Assistant Dir. of Transitways Engineering, 651-602-1937 Robin Caufman, Manager Public Involvement, 651-602-1457
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit / CCPO

## Proposed Action

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- To extend the time period for preliminary and advanced preliminary design work for public art for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project through October 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 October 22 authorization includes 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.

The preliminary/advanced preliminary design effort by the contracted public artists was delayed from October 2008, when contracts were authorized by the Council, until February 2009, when the contracts were executed. This results in a delay in the completion of the preliminary/advanced preliminary design work from April to October 2009. It is currently anticipated that the project will receive approval from the FTA to enter into Final Design in October 2009. No additional funds are being requested for this phase of the work.

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 stations
- 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

The artists' contracts include separate notices-to-proceed for preliminary/advanced preliminary design, final design and fabrication/installation. Any contract activities beyond October 2009 including fabrication/installation work will require Council approval.

## **Rationale**

The preliminary and advanced preliminary design phase is being extended to allow sufficient time to develop the designs.

## **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.

Funding in the amount of \$75.2 million is available for all Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities including contracted service costs through October 2009.

Both Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority and Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority have approved the CCLRT Preliminary Engineering Funding Agreement.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

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