

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date

Prepared: July 13, 2010

Subject: Approve Final Design of Public Artwork for 15 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Stations

Proposed Action:

Approve the final artwork designs for 15 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) stations.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Mark Fuhrmann and Alicia Vap presented the item. Councilmember Steffen asked whether the \$2.8 million budget includes the infill stations, which Fuhrmann stated no, this amount is for the 15 stations not including the 3 infill stations. Fuhrmann further stated that staff will be assembling a plan for potential public art for the three infill stations including areas of opportunity for art at each station, convening station art committees and possible funding sources.

Chair McFarlin asked about community involvement in the art process. Vap stated there was an artist selection committee for each station which included volunteers from the neighborhood and other interested parties, and the artist's concepts were shared with the community, along with the Community Advisory Committee.

Chair McFarlin asked what kind of audit function will be used to make sure we get what we are paying for. Fuhrmann and Vap stated that there is a liaison between the artists and contractors who will monitor the projects. The artists will provide an itemized budget, along with documentation on their material and labor rates in advance of their work being authorized for fabrication and installation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aguilar, seconded by Councilmember Hilker, and passed unanimously.

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: July 12, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: July 28, 2010

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Date: July 1, 2010
Subject: Approve Final Design of Public Artwork for 15 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Stations
District(s), Member(s): All
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 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 engineering and advanced preliminary design work.

The total amount authorized for each artist including design, fabrication and installation of artwork is not to exceed \$560,000 (approximately \$187,000 per station).

On October 28, 2009, the Council approved the preliminary artwork designs for 15 CCLRT stations.

On April 28, 2010, the Metropolitan Council authorized the Regional Administrator to issue notices-to-proceed to five public artists to initiate Final Design and construction documentation.

The final artwork designs are consistent with the preliminary designs approved by the Council.

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

Rationale

Council approval of the final artwork designs will allow the artists to complete construction documentation in preparation for fabrication and installation. The fabrication and installation phase would occur after receipt of the Full Funding Grant Agreement from the FTA and notices to proceed from the Council.

Funding

The budget for the public art is \$2.8 million.

The CCLRT Project has available funds from the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Regional Rail Authorities, and 2009 FTA New Starts grant for this activity.

Known Support / Opposition

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