

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date Prepared: November 29, 2011

Subject: **Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Approve Design of Public Artwork for Hamline, Victoria, and Western Light Rail Transit Stations**

**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.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Mark Fuhrmann gave a presentation on the item.

Councilmember Doan asked what the plan is for ongoing art, and the plan for maintenance and upkeep of the art. Fuhrmann responded that the interactive art on HLRT has reached its useful life. Staff is exploring an opportunity with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority to refurbish some of the interactive art pieces and move them to a more hospitable environment inside the Union Depot. Fuhrmann also stated that art on CCLRT will be better integrated and not as accessible to damage as it was on HLRT.

A motion to approve the item was made by Councilmember Munt, seconded by Councilmember Doan, and unanimously approved. This item was approved to go to the full Council as consent.

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: Nov. 28, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting: Dec. 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
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager 612-349-7510 Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy Gen Mgr, 651-602-1942
Division/Department:	Metro Transit/ Central Corridor Project Office

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### 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.