

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
**Board Action/Information Summary**

Action  Information

MEAD Number:  
201717

Resolution:  
 Yes  No

**TITLE:**

Grosvenor-Strathmore Arts Walk

**PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

Staff will present the artwork for the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Garage Arts Walk selected by a community art review panel for approval.

**PURPOSE:**

In compliance with Board policy staff is seeking approval of a five-year loan of selected artworks for the Metro Garage Arts Walk at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Strathmore Hall Foundation (Strathmore) and Montgomery County Public High Schools (MCPS) in collaboration with WMATA proposes to create and install artworks that Strathmore will loan to WMATA for a five-year term to be installed along the Arts Walk at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Garage.

**Key Highlights:**

The artwork proposals were selected by a community art review panel, including representatives of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Strathmore, Montgomery County Public High School (MCPS), a DC based artist, and WMATA.

**Background and History:**

The artwork project was open to all 25 Montgomery County Public High Schools. Sixteen schools representing all sectors of the County participated in the artwork project as part of the schools' 2015-2016 academic curriculum.

Selection: The art review panel reviewed 82 proposals and assessed the proposals based on the following criteria: a) quality of design; b) suitability and appropriateness to installation site; c) feasibility and durability of the projects. Based on this review, 48 artworks were selected to be developed for the project.

**Discussion:**

Per the Board-approved Art in Transit (AIT) program guidelines, AIT must present the selected artworks to the WMATA Board of Directors, and obtain the Board's approval to

accept Strathmore's offer to loan WMATA the selected artworks, and fund the fabrication, installation, maintenance (including insurance) of the artworks and the removal of the artworks at the end of the loan term.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

Define current or potential funding impact, including source of reimbursable funds.	
Project Manager:	Laurent Odde
Project Department/Office:	TIES/CENI

The Arts Walk public art project is fully funded by Strathmore.

**TIMELINE:**

<b>Previous Actions</b>	<p>July 2015 - Recruitment of high schools          August 2015 - Curriculum preparation and academic instruction          September 2015 - Introduction of project to students. Research of themes and materials          November 2015/February 2016 - Jurying and review of proposals</p>
<b>Anticipated actions after presentation</b>	<p>March 2016 - Students work on final projects          March 2016 - WMATA to enter into lending agreement with Strathmore Hall Foundation</p>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Strathmore's loan of selected artworks for installation at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Garage's Arts Walk for a five-year term.

**PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: March 24, 2016**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT LOAN OF ART FOR THE GROSVENOR-STRATHMORE METRORAIL STATION GARAGE ARTS WALK**

**2016-15**

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors recognizes the goal of the Authority to provide the National Capital area with safe, reliable, and attractive public transportation; and

WHEREAS, In Resolution 2000-67, the Board of Directors established a process to facilitate the display of the widest variety of artwork in the Metrorail system by reserving for itself the decision on whether to accept loaned artwork; and

WHEREAS, The Strathmore Hall Foundation (Strathmore), in collaboration with the Montgomery County Public High Schools and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Art in Transit, conducted a competition for artwork proposals open to students of Montgomery County Public High Schools for artwork to be created and subsequently installed on the Arts Walk at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station garage; and

WHEREAS, The competition was open to all 25 of Montgomery County Public High Schools, and students from 16 schools submitted 82 art projects to the competition; and

WHEREAS, An Art Review Panel, consisting of representatives from Strathmore, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Montgomery County Public High Schools, a DC-based artist and WMATA Art in Transit, reviewed the art projects, and selected 40-50 artworks for installation; and

WHEREAS, Strathmore has agreed to loan the selected artworks to WMATA for five years, and has also agreed to fund the installation and maintenance of the artworks, including insurance, during the five-year loan term and to fund the removal of the artworks at the end of the loan term; and

WHEREAS, WMATA Art in Transit recommends accepting the loan of the artworks, examples of which are attached to this Resolution, for installation at the Arts Walk of the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station garage; and

**Motioned by Ms. Tregoning, seconded by Mr. Downey**

**Ayes: 8 – Mr. Evans, Ms. Harley, Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Downey, Mr. Price, Mr. Goldman, Mrs. Hudgins and Ms. Tregoning**

WHEREAS, Upon the Board of Directors approval, the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer will enter into a lending agreement to accept the loaned artwork; now, therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors approves and accepts the five-year loan of the artworks once they are developed, provided that Strathmore fully funds the fabrication, installation, maintenance, including insurance, and removal of the artworks at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station garage; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, This Resolution shall be effective 30 days after adoption in accordance with § 8(b) of the WMATA Compact.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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Mark R. Pohl  
Acting General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:  
12.1.1 Art in Transit



# Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Arts Walk

## Artworks Projects

