

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Art in Transit - Farragut North Donation

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board approval to accept a donation of public art, funded by the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities (DCCA) and the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (GTBID), for installation at the Farragut North Metrorail Station and to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with DCCA and the BID, to accept and maintain the donated artwork.

DESCRIPTION:

The donated artwork, by artist, Jefre Manuel, which will be illuminated by a Light Emitting Diode (LED) component, is loosely inspired by the maritime travels of Admiral Farragut, for whom the adjacent park is named. The artwork is designed to respond to the movement of patrons riding the adjacent escalator. The artwork is planned for installation on the east wall of the station entrance at Connecticut Avenue and K Street. The artwork meets the requirements of Art in Transit.

FUNDING IMPACT:

The project is fully-funded by the DCCA and the BID. Metro will incur minimal cost to operate and maintain the long-life LEDs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the donated artwork and authorization for the General Manager to enter into an agreement to accept the donation and to maintain the artwork.

SUBJECT: ARTWORK DONATION FOR FARRAGUT NORTH METRORAIL STATION

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

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

WHEREAS, Although the Board of Directors generally has an active role in the selection process for artwork procured by Metro, in Resolution # 2000-67, the Board recognized that in order to facilitate a wide variety of artwork in the Metrorail system, it will have a lesser role, approval authority only, for donated and loaned artwork; and

WHEREAS, The D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DC Arts Commission) and the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (Golden Triangle) have agreed to donate artwork, which includes funding the fabrication and installation of the artwork selected by an Art Review Panel for the south entrance (Connecticut and K Street, NW) of the Farragut North Metrorail Station; and

WHEREAS, The DC Arts Commission and the Golden Triangle, in cooperation with Metro's Art in Transit, conducted a competition for artwork proposals for the Farragut North Metrorail Station; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the DC Arts Commission and the Golden Triangle, Metro's Art in Transit convened an Art Review Panel composed of Metro Art in Transit staff, representatives from the DC Arts Commission and the Golden Triangle, artists, community representatives and arts administrators to review submitted artwork portfolios and proposals, and select an artwork proposal to recommend to the Board of Directors for approval; and

WHEREAS, The Art Review Panel selected one artwork proposal by Jefre Manuel for the Farragut North Metrorail Station; and

WHEREAS, Art in Transit staff recommends the artwork proposal selected by the Art Review Panel, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Attachment A, for installation at the south entrance of the Farragut North Metrorail Station; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves and accepts the proposed artwork to be donated by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District, identified in Attachment A hereto, for the south entrance of the Farragut North Metrorail Station; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to enter into an agreement to accept and maintain the donated artwork when completed, provided, however, that the artwork or its installation does not present safety or operational issues, as determined by Metro’s Department of System Safety and Risk Protection and the Department of Operations; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency



Carol B. O’Keeffe
General Counsel



Farragut North Station Artwork Proposal

By Jefre Manuel



View of art wall from mezzanine level