



**Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee**

**Board Action Item IV-A**

**December 7, 2006**

## **Children's Temporary Public Art Project**

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

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**PURPOSE**

To inform the Board that Art in Transit is considering collaborating with the Georgetown Children’s House (GCH) to temporarily install eight “DC Play Block” sculptures at eight Metro station entrances April 1 through May 31, 2007. The exhibition is designed to raise awareness of the importance of early childhood education in the District of Columbia. GCH also plans to install DC Play Blocks at 17 other public spaces in the District. The exhibition will comply with Art in Transit guidelines.

**DESCRIPTION**

GCH presented a proposal to Art in Transit to install eight 3’x3’ artist-enhanced DC Play Block sculptures at eight Metro stations in the District. The eight Block designs planned for Metro stations will be presented to the Board for approval prior to installation. After the exhibition, the 25 sculptures will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the GCH Endowment to Promote Quality Early Childhood Education (a 501-3-C). WMATA Engineering, Safety, Operations, MTPD and Customer Services will review project shop drawings and installation plans to ensure the Blocks meet WMATA construction, operating, security and safety standards. Art in Transit will present the proposed designs to the US Fine Arts Commission for approval.

**FUNDING IMPACT**

GCH will fund the project. There will be no cost to WMATA to exhibit the eight DC Play Block sculptures.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Board support further development of Art in Transit’s collaboration with GCH to install eight “DC Play Block” sculptures at eight Metro stations, with the knowledge that Art in Transit will present the eight designs to the Board for approval prior to installation.



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