Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors
Customer Services, Operations and Safety Committee Meeting

DULLES CORRIDOR METRORAIL PROJECT PHASE-ONE PUBLIC ART PROPOSALS

Department of Corporate Strategy & Communications
Board Action Presentation

April 23, 2009

Purpose

- To obtain Board approval of public art proposals, recommended by the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Public Art Review Committee, for five Phase-One Dulles Corridor Metrorail Stations.

- To obtain Board approval to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with the five artists of the recommended proposals to work with the design-build team to further develop, fabricate and install artwork into the overall station designs.

Background

- Board Resolutions #99-70, #2000-62 and #2000-67, established the Board's expanded role in the selection of artwork for installation in the Metrorail system.

- As part of the *Cooperative Agreement between WMATA and MWAA for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project*, MWAA agreed to provide $1,721,000 for public art to be integrated into overall station designs.

- Art in Transit, in cooperation with MWAA, conducted a competition for artwork proposals and convened an Art Review Panel, composed of community representatives, art & design professionals and representatives of the Fairfax Arts Council, WMATA, MWAA and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, which reviewed 167 portfolio submissions, selected fifteen artist finalists and recommended five artwork proposals for approval by the Board.

Benefits / Costs

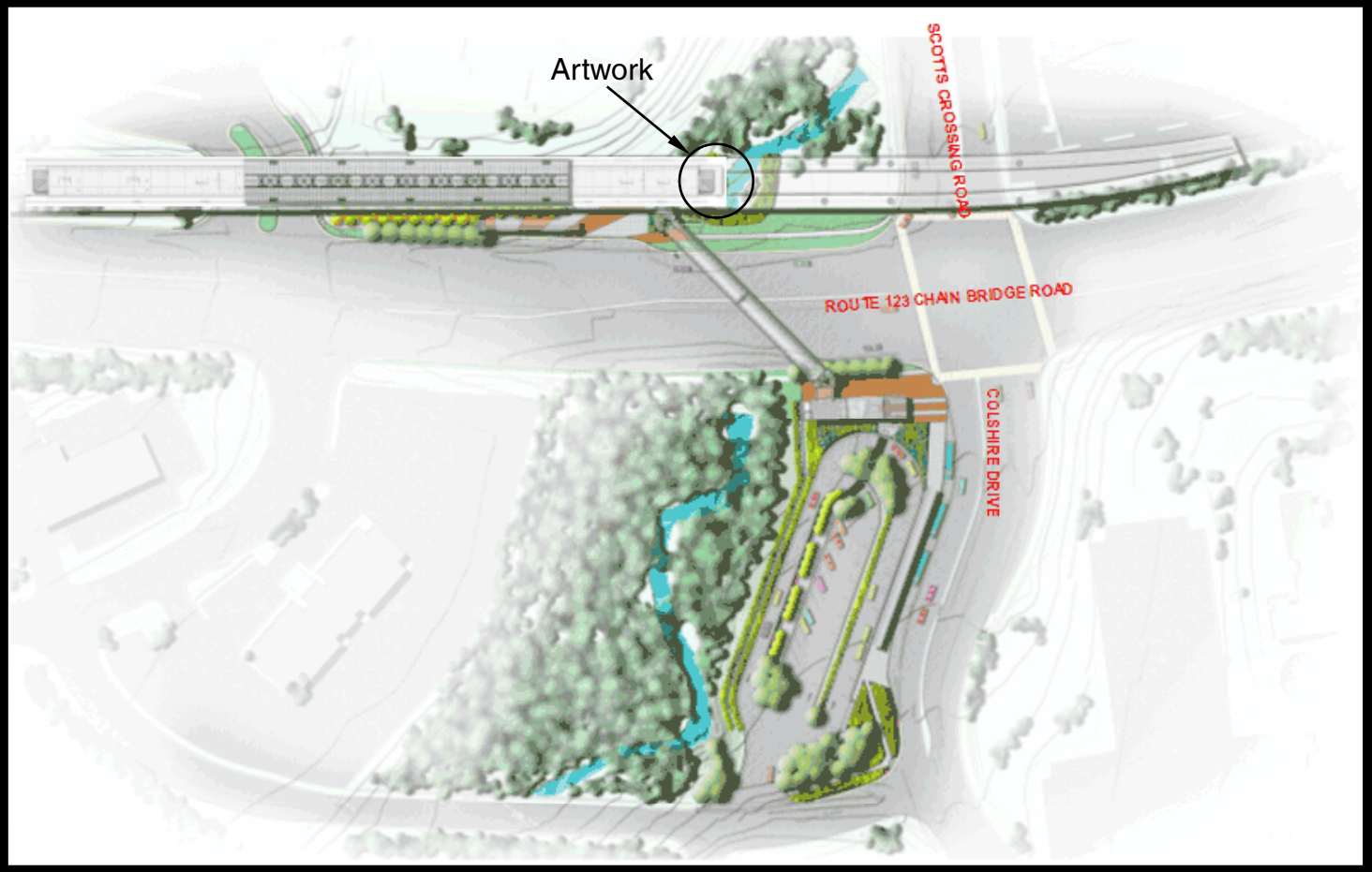
Integrating public art into overall station designs will:

- Help create attractive transit facilities that enrich the everyday lives of transit users and pedestrians.
- Help build livable communities by creating public spaces that reflect the artistic, cultural and historic interests of surrounding communities.
- Create economic opportunities for artists, engineers, fabricators, and other professionals.
- Enhance overall transit experiences and increase ridership.

The Dulles public art projects are fully funded by MWWA - there is no cost to WMATA.

Tysons East Station

Site View

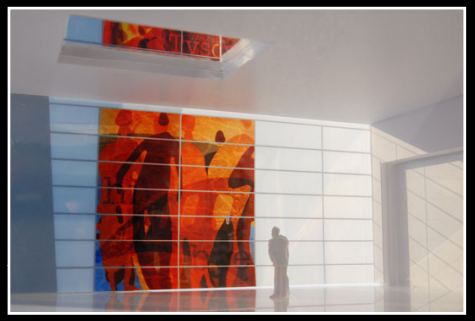


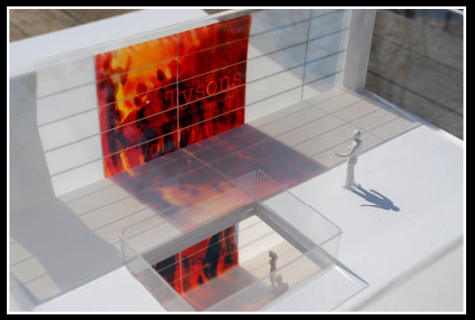
Martin Donlin

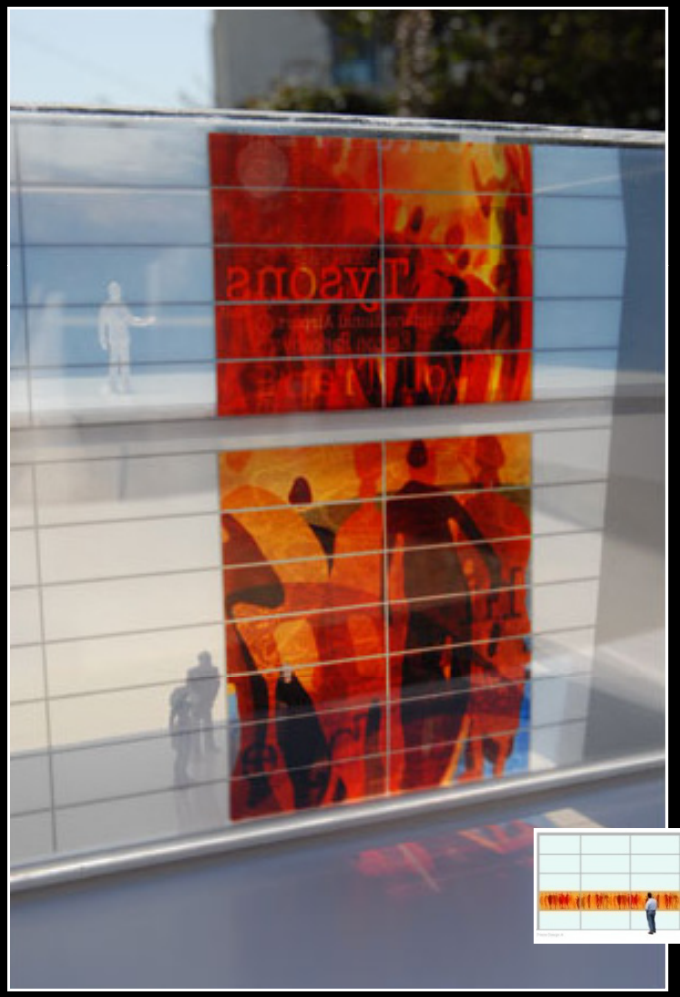
Previous Commissions

Tysons East Station Artwork Proposal

By Martin Donlin, in collaboration with the Poet Laureate of Virginia







Tysons Central 123 Station

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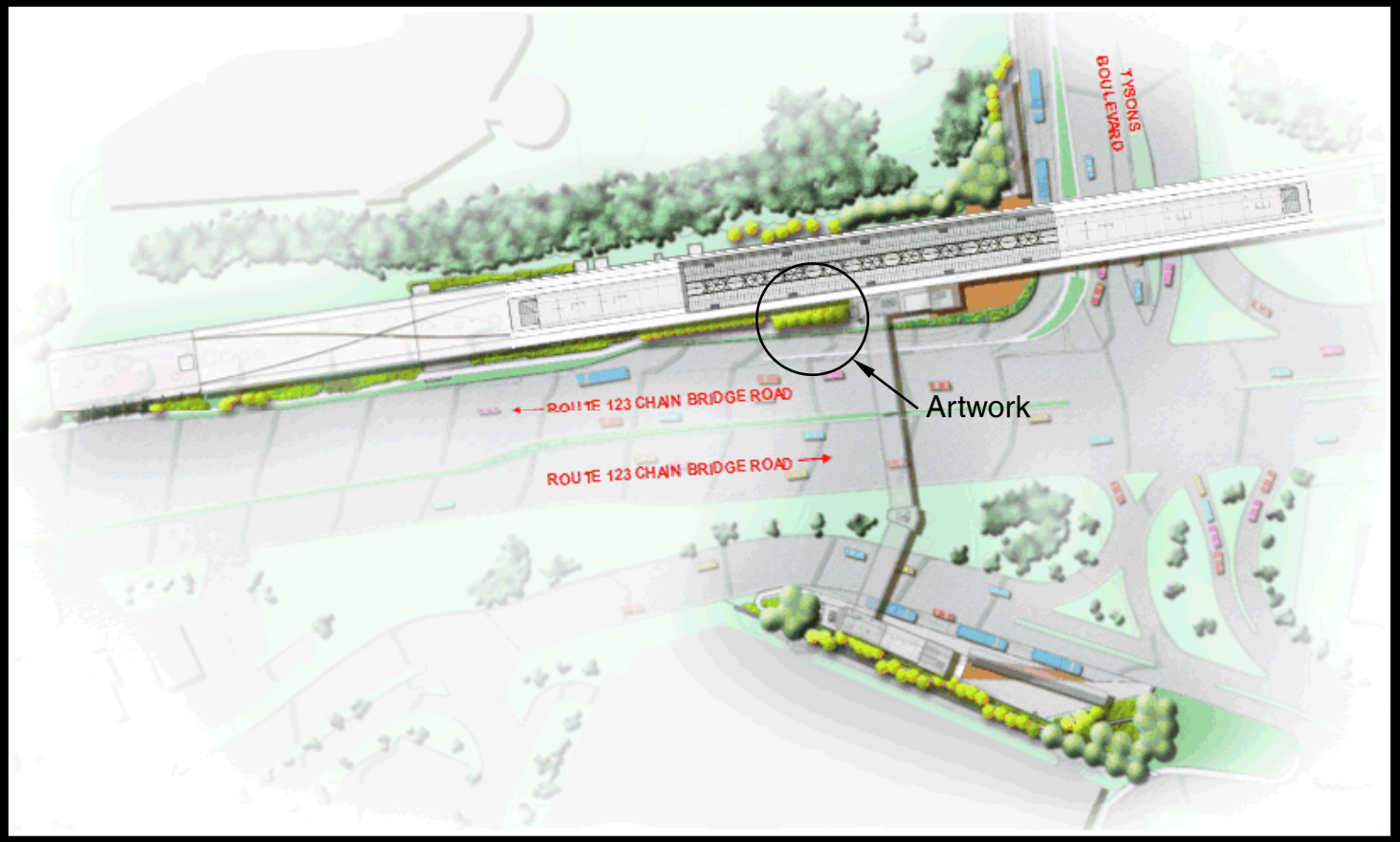

Ray King
Previous Commissions

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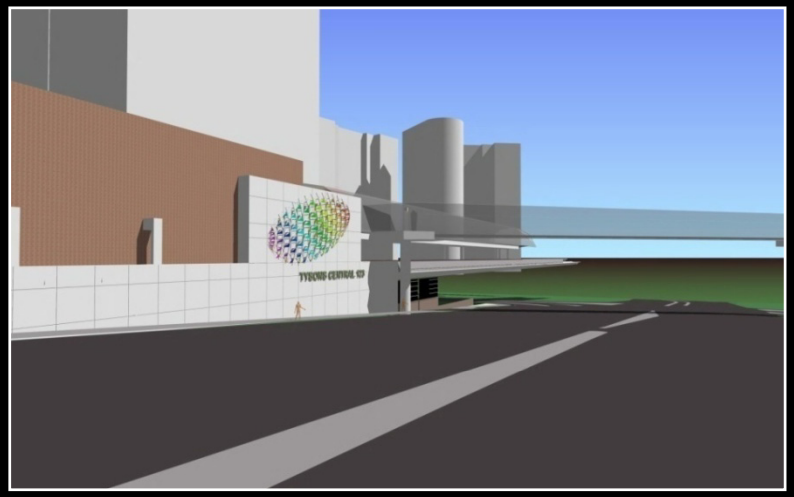

Tysons Central 123 Station Artwork Proposal

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Central 7 Station

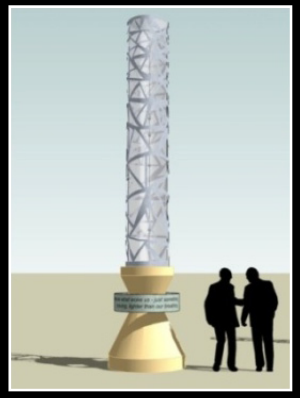
Site View

David Dahlquist

Previous Commissions

Central 7 Station Artwork Proposal

By David Dahlquist, in collaboration with Virginia-based literary artists



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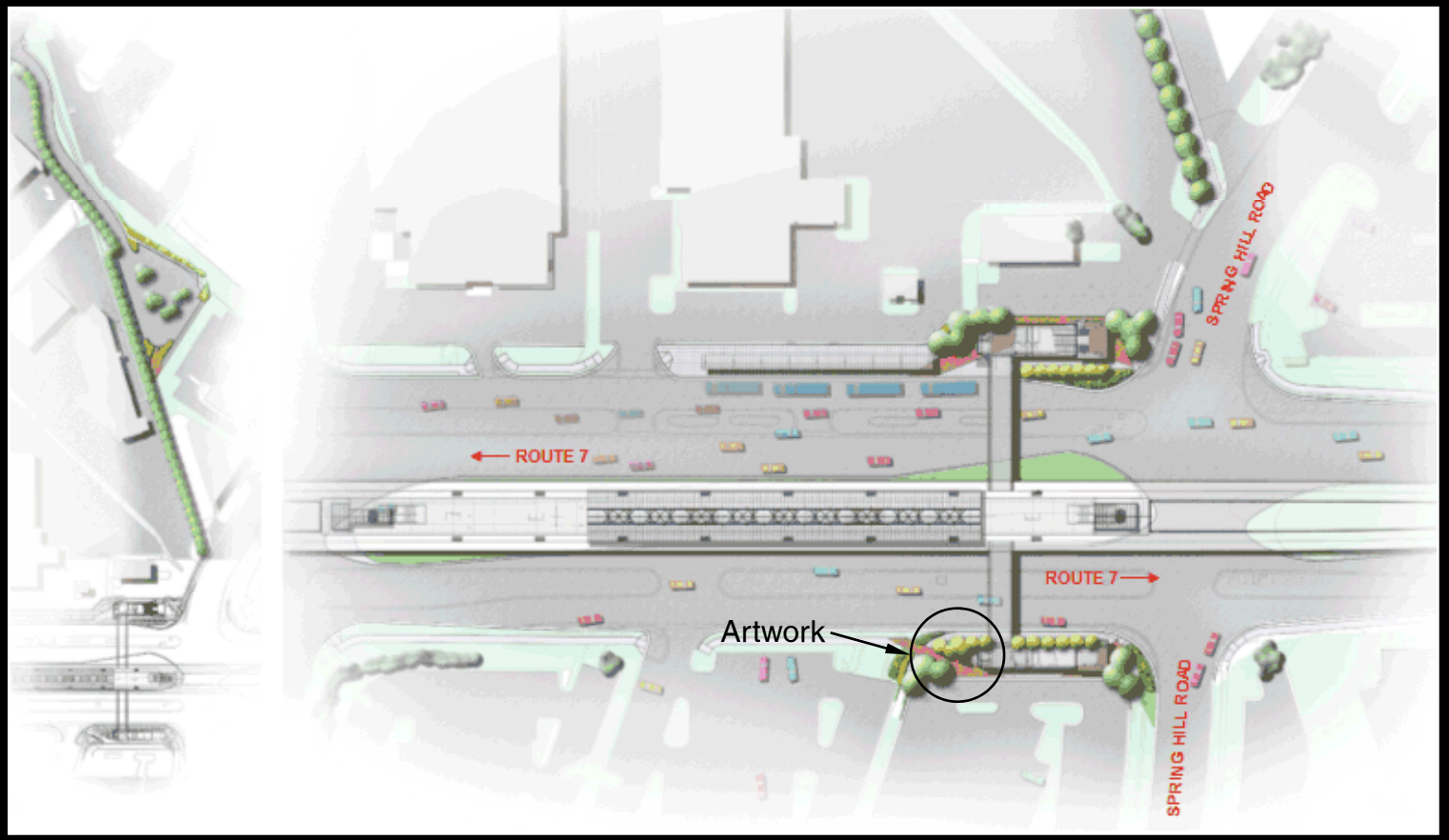
Tysons West Station

Site View



Barbara Grygutis

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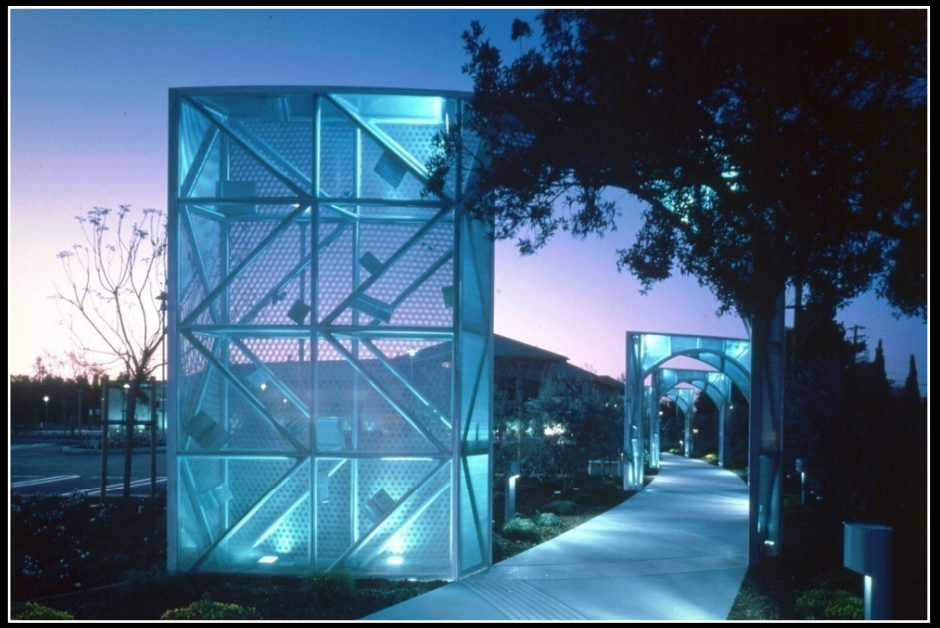

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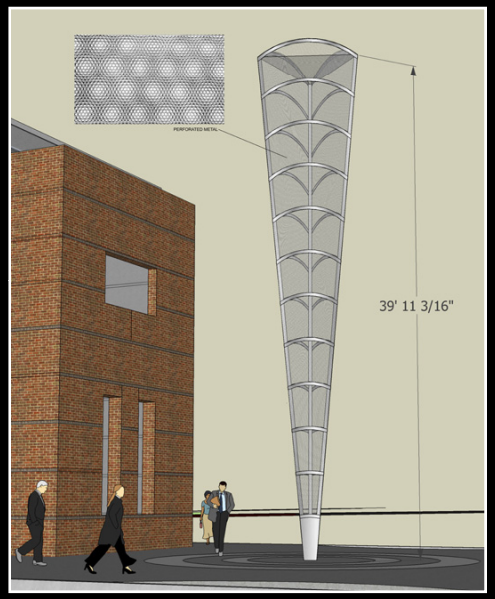

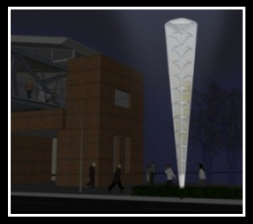

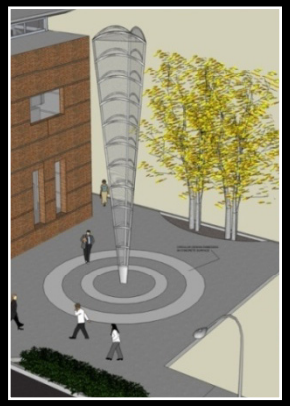

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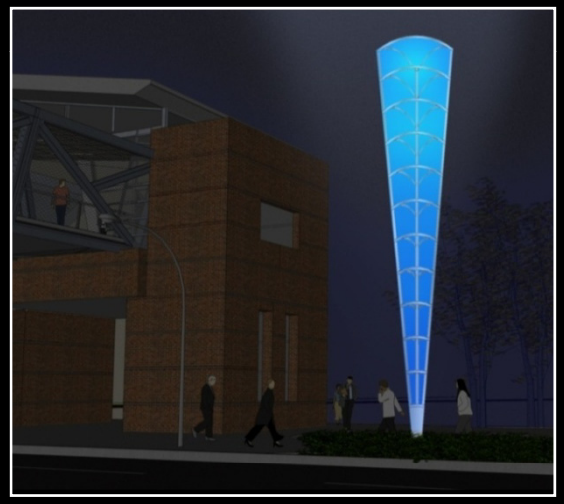
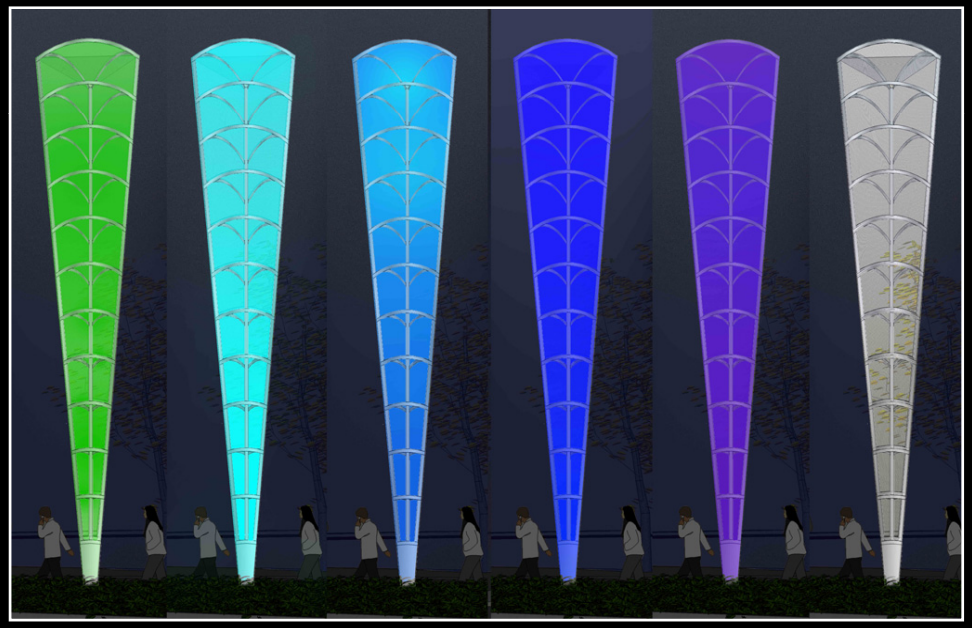
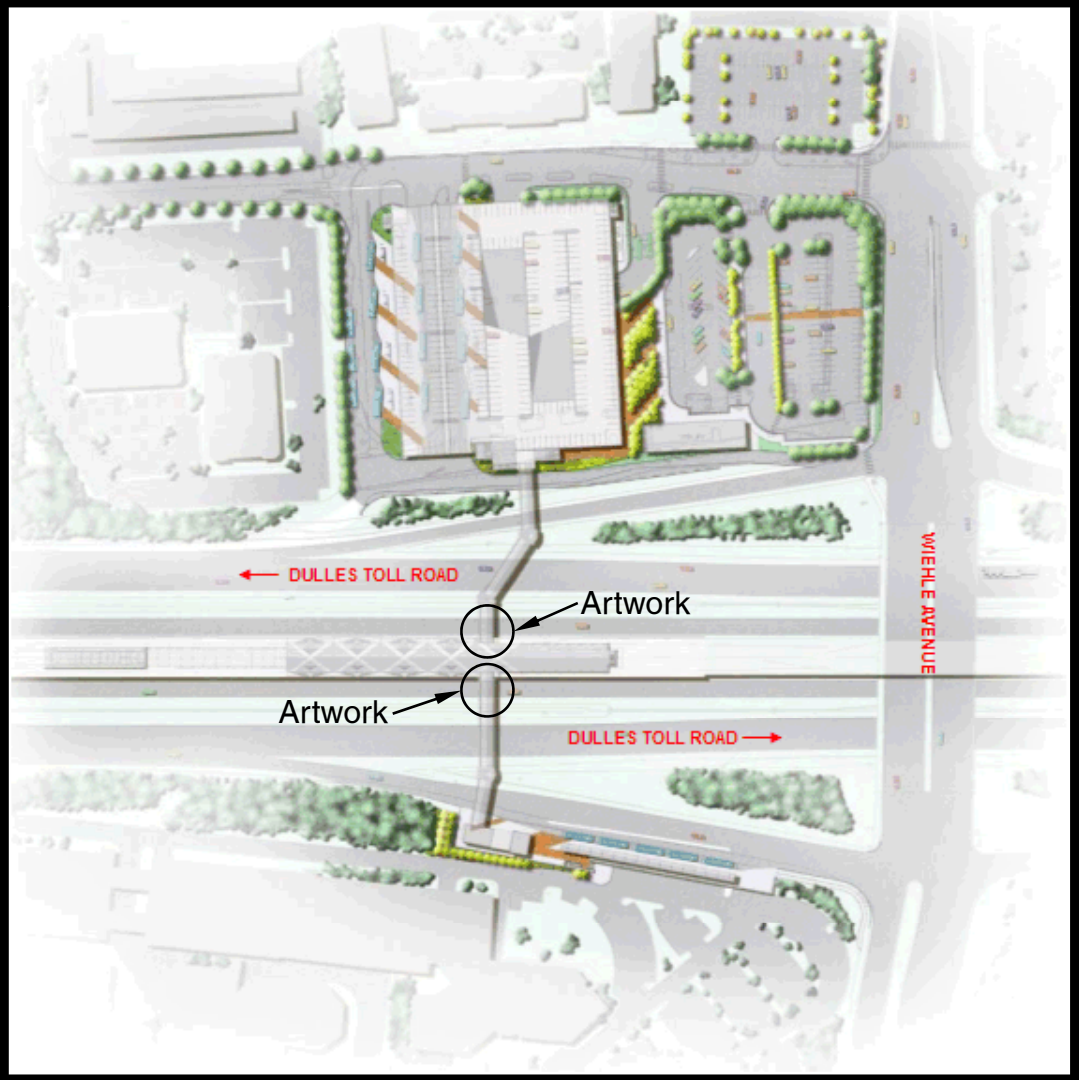




Wiehle Avenue Station

Site View



David Wilson

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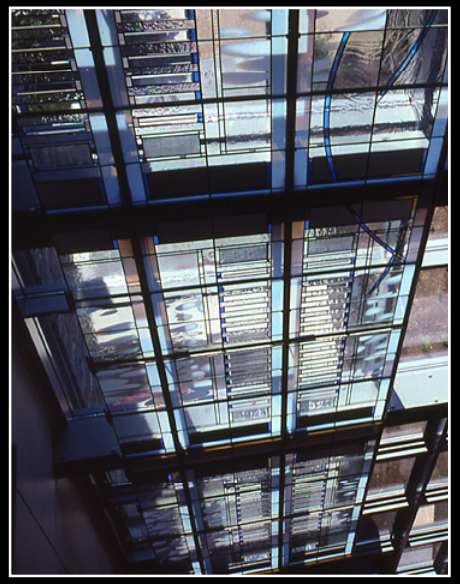

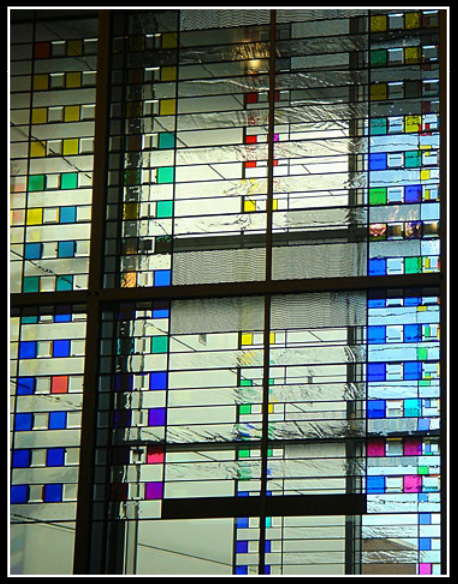

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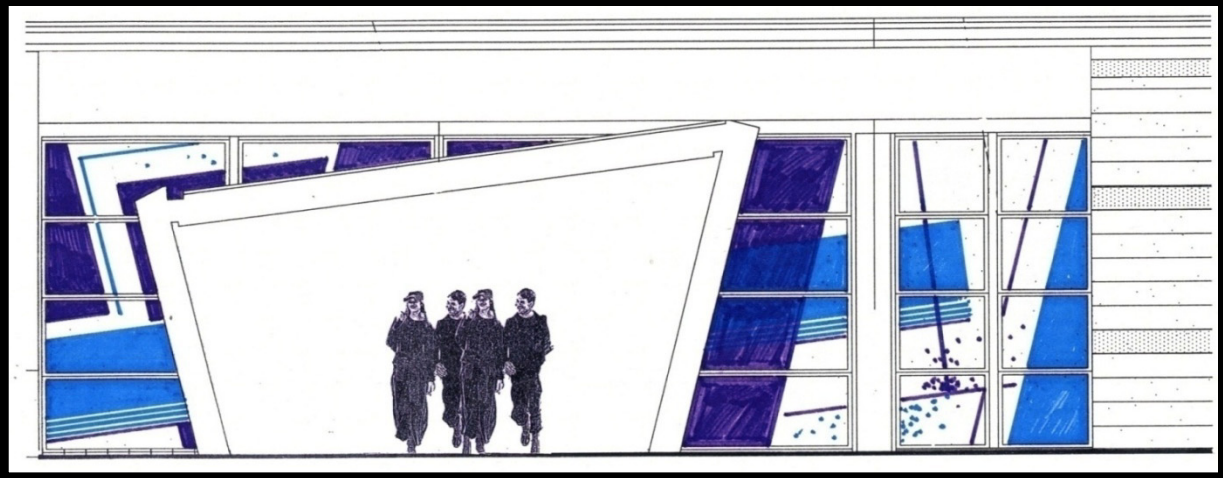

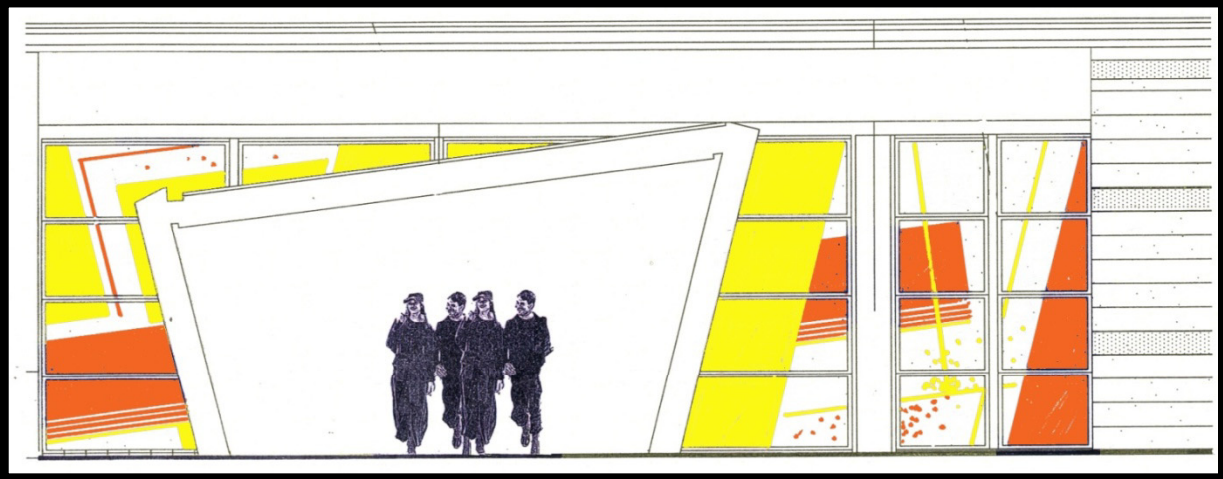

Recommendation

The Board approves the five artwork proposals recommended by the Art Review Panel and authorizes the General Manager to enter into contracts with the selected artists, after each proposal has been reviewed by the Virginia Department of General Services, Art & Architecture Review Board specifically;

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