

## **Integrated Art Strategy**

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### **SUMMARY OF POLICY AND PROGRAM**

- Guideline of 1% of eligible hard construction costs for integrated public art
- Artwork must be permanent and integrated (replaces or is integrated with standard finishes or fixtures)
- Metrolinx's integrated art program has a mandate to build a cohesive public art collection that is regional in scale, and representative of the best of contemporary artwork

- Davenport Diamond is receiving an investment of 2% of total construction costs toward integrated art
- Artwork will be developed to 95% detailed design prior to tender, locking in the selected artist and artwork
- Procurement method permits community consultation early and often
- Artwork will be fully integrated with design
- Metrolinx will own and maintain the artwork

#### WHAT WE HEARD

- Design for minimized operating and maintenance costs
- Cladding on the guideway should be responsive to context
- Art should be integrated with the entire project in a way that enhances the community experience and promotes the area as a civic destination

"There's been discussion about adding elements like the Chicago Bean or the TORONTO sign or light projection art installations, which you can imagine people visiting and taking selfies with, etc. I think this is really important."

"The stainless steel clad guideway feels too sleek and modern for this area. Perhaps something more postmodern would be appropriate where some historical elements are designed into or as part of the bridge/guideway and using modern materials to suggest the current time."

"The covered reflectively clad guideway seems very stark and aggressive especially for sunny days. It *could be* something that draws people to the neighbourhood as a piece of architecture and design."

"I am concerned that public art is going to be not functional. A giant sculpture for the sake of it is not helpful."

#### RECOMMENDED STRATEGY FOR ARTWORK

- Use of guideway cladding to create continuous linear artwork
- Artwork to introduce element of variability and responsiveness
- Define guideway as a feature; create a local landmark



THE LUMINOUS VEIL, BLOOR VIADUCT, TORONTO



CLOUD GATE, MILLENNIUM PARK, CHICAGO

### BENEFITS OF THE CLADDING AS ARTWORK OPTION

- Premium cladding budget + \$4M art budget increases impact
- Technical specifications set by engineers lowers project risk
- Single artist contract streamlines process and provides more control over outcome
- Artwork concept develops concurrent with public realm design lowers risk to schedule
- Avoids conflicts locations that detract from the artwork experience because of poor sight lines, signage, mechanical apparatus, safety/operational requirements, or code requirements
- Low maintenance / low risk of vandalism
- Opportunity for high level of responsiveness
- Creates important civic space

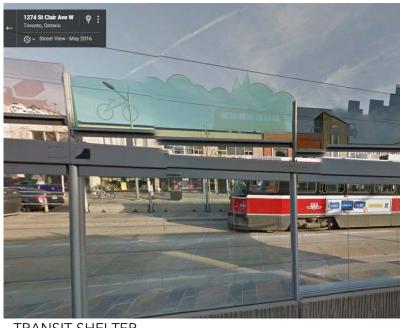
## **EXAMPLES OF ART INTEGRATED WITH AT-GRADE ELEMENTS IN TORONTO**



WIND SCREENS ADELAIDE STREET EAST, TORONTO



LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS THE QUEENSWAY, TORONTO



TRANSIT SHELTER
ST. CLAIR AVENUE WEST, TORONTO

Poor planning, process, or quality of response can impact results.

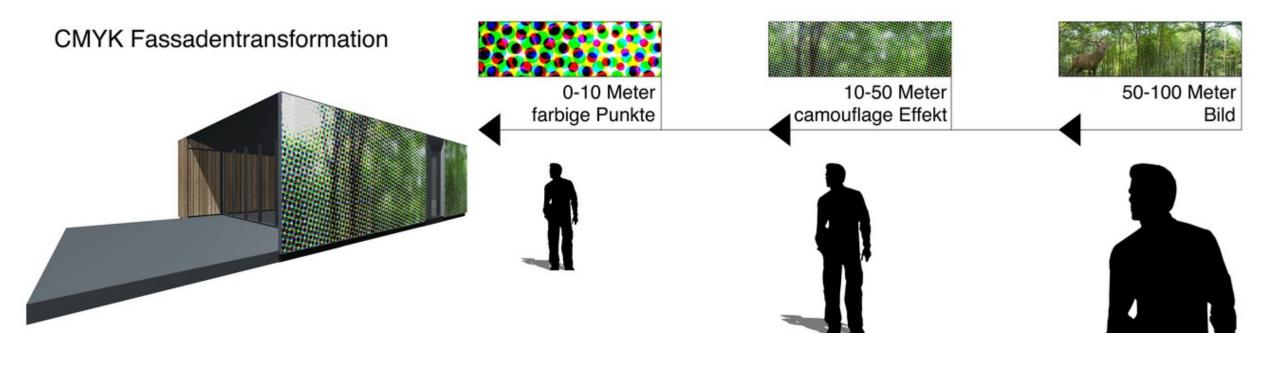
#### QUALITY OF RESPONSE TO METROLINX RFQ





- Metrolinx received 315 submissions to its recent Request for Artist Qualifications
- The top 10% of submissions are very strong, from award winning artists of high calibre, with demonstrated experience on large capital construction projects

## **STRATEGIES FOR VARIABILITY - PROXIMITY**









## **STRATEGIES FOR VARIABILITY - PERSPECTIVE**





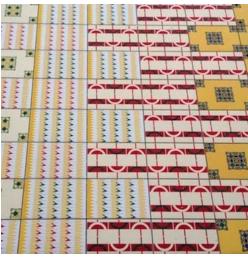




## **STRATEGIES FOR VARIABILITY - PATTERN**









Porcelain enamel on stainless steel panels

## **STRATEGIES FOR VARIABILITY - GRADIENT**









## **DEFINING AREAS OF HIGH / LOW IMPACT**



residential - low visibility
neighbourhood - high visibility - locally
civic - high visibility city wide
winter only

## **DEFINING AREAS OF HIGH / LOW IMPACT**







**RANKIN STREET VIEW** 

#### PROCESS FOR ARTWORK

Technical constraints established by engineers

- WE ARE HERE
- Community consultation process to inform context
- Artwork RFP prepared by project team / consultants to include technical requirements, local context, and design intent
- Artwork concept designs developed summer-fall 2017
- Recommendation for artwork selection by external review panel (to include qualified community residents and business owner/operators)
- Coordination of artwork concept and public realm design required prior to in-market period (early 2018)

#### **CONSULTATION NEXT STEPS**

- Opportunity to provide feedback on art strategy
- Mapping exercise to define areas of artwork impact
- Define community context to inform artwork RFP

## Community Involvement

- Stakeholders will have the opportunity for early input and the ability to inform outcomes.
- Feedback obtained through community consultation will define priorities, which will suggest an appropriate strategy and allocation of available budget for art.
- Areas for public input include community context and site history, guiding themes for artworks, and proposed locations for integrated artworks.





Phoenix Flowers (top) 7N Architects Cowcaddens underpass Glasgow Everything Is Going To B Alright (below) Martin Creed Worchester Boulevard, Christchurch

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What we said... CAC Meeting #2, September 20, 2016

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