


Date: October 10, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Interim Director
Department of Cultural Affairs 

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-59 / South Miami Metrorail Station Canopy / Artist Proposal Contracts

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL CONTRACTS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) ARTISTS IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE AMOUNTS AS DESCRIBED BELOW FOR EACH ARTIST:

Miami-based Artists

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1	Carola Bravo	\$2,000.00
2	Kelley Glenn Johnson	\$2,000.00
3	Troy Simmons	\$2,000.00
	Combined Total Expenditure:	\$6,000.00

FOR A COMBINED TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$6,000.00 FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI METRORAIL STATION CANOPY PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS AND THE TREC GROUP VOX PUBLIC ART FUND).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the following three (3) artists in the not-to-exceed fee amounts as described below for each artist:

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For a combined total expenditure amount not-to-exceed \$6,000.00 for the South Miami Metrorail Canopy project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) convened on September 21, 2023, with the purpose of reviewing artist qualifications for an Invitational Call to Artists for the proposal development of an artist's design canopy for the South Miami Metrorail Station. Over the last two (2) years, APP has been working with Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) and developer Treo in a public-private partnership to develop VOX. This new housing project with amenities and retail spaces is focused on serving the needs of the growing student population relying on public transportation to commute between all South Florida colleges and universities. In conjunction with the first phase of the project, the Trust commissioned Miami-based artist Amanda Keeley to implement a large-scale artist's design façade treatment and or application for enhancing the existing station garage.

Given the successful track record and high visual impact of recently completed APP commissions, the developer invited APP to commission a local artist to design and build a new station canopy, a building element that must be fully operational upon completion of the Phase II construction project. With limited public spaces and minimal feasible opportunities to implement meaningful public art at the site with VOX Phase II APP fund; APP staff recommends pursuing the station canopy project and accepting the Treo Group's offer to contribute an additional \$250,000.00 towards this commission.

APP staff has established a working budget of \$550,000.00 for the design and construction of the canopy and recommends an Invitational approach for the artist selection prioritizing the following criteria: the shortlist must be limited to (3) local artists with strong professional credentials and proven track record of completing similar commissions that align well with the complex needs of this project. The selected artist will be required to design, permit, and build a stand-alone canopy that will serve APP, DTPW, and the developer's needs.

The PAC reviewed the credentials of the following (3) suggested artists and unanimously recommended inviting them for proposal develop services:

1. Carola Bravo
2. Kelley Glenn Johnson
3. Troy Simmons

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 23-59 authorizing Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the above three (3) artists each in the fixed fee amount of \$2,000.00, for proposal development services for the new South Miami Metrorail Canopy project for a combined not-to-exceed expenditure amount of \$6,000.00.