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SUBJECT: METRO ART PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

ISSUE

This memo serves to inform the Board of recent national recognition received by Metro for the construction integrated artwork at Division 13.

DISCUSSION

Artwork by Christine Ulke, which was fully integrated into the design and construction of Division 13 in downtown Los Angeles, has been selected for the prestigious Americans for the Arts Public Art Network Year in Review. The juried distinction recognizes public art projects that represent the most compelling work from across the country. This is the fourth time Metro Art has received this respected national honor.

LA Metro is conducting the largest public works effort in the nation with a deep, cross-departmentally coordinated level of art and design integration that distinguishes the agency as an industry leader. Art is an integral part of our construction process and art program staff work alongside engineering and construction peers throughout all design phases. They ensure the weaving of art and design into project documents, the refinement of specialized technical drawings and specification details and then manage the construction and delivery of project artworks and infrastructure.

Over the years, Metro has received numerous awards for thoughtful integration of artwork into transit construction projects, including recognition from the American Public Transportation Association, U.S. Department of Transportation, Caltrans, and the American Institute of Architects.

This recent recognition for one of the agency's newest artworks, further reinforces the LA Times' description of Metro as having, "some of the most innovative integration of art and architecture in the country."

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to work collaboratively on the integration of art and design in Metro transit construction and infrastructure projects and will provide updates to the Board.



Detail, Division 13 Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility, *El Aliso de Los Angeles*, Christine Ulke, Artist.