



Sunport Public Artwork Projects Update

Project Overview

In May 2023, the Albuquerque Public Art Program and Albuquerque International Sunport released a Request for Interest (RFI) to New Mexico artists for 5 artwork sites:

- TSA North Wall Purchases
- TSA North Wall Commission
- TSA Queueing Sculpture Commission
- Concession Area Bulkhead Mural Commission
- T-Connector Suspended Installation Commission

A total of 384 artist submissions were received. The Sunport Reimagined Art Selection Committee are reviewing artists' submissions one artwork site at a time, based on the sites selected in the submitted RFI.

Artists and artwork have been selected for the TSA North Wall Purchases and Commission.

8 finalists were identified to develop and present design proposals for the TSA Queueing Sculpture Commission. The selection process for the TSA Queueing Sculpture Commission has been paused until the Committee completes their review for the T-Connector Suspended Installation site.

The Committee identified 17 semi-finalists for the T-Connector Suspended Installation Commission who will develop preliminary concept proposals. The Committee are reviewing the preliminary concepts and will identify 5 finalists to further develop their proposals for the T-Connector site.

The Committee identified 30 semi-finalists for the Food Concessions Area Bulkhead Mural Commissions who will develop preliminary concept proposals. In October, the Committee will review the preliminary concepts and identify finalists to further develop their proposals for the Food Concessions Murals site.

Artists and artist teams will only be awarded one artwork site through this review process.

Construction on the TSA Queueing area was completed in December 2023. The Concession area and T-Connector is currently under construction.

Artwork Sites In Process

TSA Queueing Sculpture Commission – Commission of a large-scale, freestanding and/or suspended three-dimensional sculpture (site image below).



The Committee reviewed 198 submissions expressing interest in the TSA Queueing Sculpture Commission site. After multiple rounds of review, the Committee identified 8 finalists to submit and present design proposals.

The Committee determined that they would like to complete the review of submissions for the T-Connector Suspended Installation before making a final selection for the TSA Queueing Sculpture.

T-Connector Suspended Installation Commission – Commission installation that is suspended and/or clearstory wall mounted (rendering below).



The Committee reviewed 167 submissions expressing interest in the T-Connector Suspended Installation Commission site.

The Committee identified 17 semi-finalists to develop preliminary concept

proposals for the T-Connector site. 5 finalists will be identified to further develop their design proposals that will then be presented to the Committee.

Food Concessions Area Bulkhead Mural Commissions – Commission one or up to four mural designs that can be digitized and printed onto vinyl (rendering below).



The Concessions Area Bulkhead Mural Commissions has been expanded so that up to four separate artists' designs may be selected for one of the four walls of the bulkhead space.

The unique site and vinyl application can

also accommodate a wide variety of artistic styles, media, and artist experience levels.

For these reasons, the review for this was expanded to include the 377 artists and artist teams who submitted interest in the Sunport Public Art Projects and were not yet selected for a site through this review process.

After multiple rounds of review, the Committee identified 30 semi-finalists to develop preliminary concept proposals for the Food Concessions site. A short list of finalists will then be identified to further develop their proposal for this site.

Completed Artwork Sites

TSA North Wall Purchases – Purchase of existing works of art for the TSA North Wall Purchase site.

The Committee reviewed over 315 submissions expressing interest in the TSA North Wall (purchases and commission). The Committee selected 5 artworks for purchase from 5 New Mexico artists listed below.



Alvin Gill-Tapia, "Saints View at the Asissi," 2023, gold and copper leaf and acrylic on linen, 4' x 6'



Angus Macpherson, "Colors Above Jemez," 2014, acrylic on canvas, 4.17' x 6.33'



Deborah Jojola, "Equilibrium," 2023, fresco with earthen plaster and pigments, 2.96' x 1.5' x 1"



Jesse Littlebird, "Monsoon season up near Abiquiu," 2023, oil on canvas, 2.83' x 8'



Virginia Primozic, "Sailing," 2021, paper on canvas, 2.5' x 3.33' x 1.5"

TSA North Wall Commission – Commission of two-dimensional or low-relief, three-dimensional artwork for the TSA North Wall in the queueing area.

The Committee reviewed 379 submissions for the TSA North Wall Commission. After multiple rounds of review, the Committee identified 6 finalists who submitted design proposals. J P 제피's proposal, entitled, *We are of the Mountain*, was selected for the TSA North Wall Commission site, pictured below. J P's *We are of the Mountain* will be recommended to City Council for Award. Installation will begin once approved by City Council.



J P 제피, *We are of the Mountain*, mixed-media mural, 17' x 50'