

12th Street Underpass Mural Design Description

Titled *Contagious Color*, the artwork is a hand-brushed acrylic mural that is meant to beautify and illuminate the oldest gateway into downtown Sacramento. The artwork is inspired by the concept of bringing light into the dark and blighted tunnel. Vivid colors create abstract dynamic forms visually connected with a painted beam of light 'shining' across the artwork. This beam appears to come from the smallest tip of the wall, illuminating the entire tunnel. The artists intend for the beam to be a symbol for transformation, beginning as a tiny point of light that is able to illuminate the entire wall. Elements of the surrounding environment are integrated into the mural to merge the artwork with the site. Sky blues, black lines, and greens that blend the mural into existing greenery complement what is beautiful in the bleak environment and bring it to the surface. The City of Sacramento Department of Public Works will provide lighting for the tunnel at no cost to the artists.

The artist's hope that the 12th Street mural project will be the first in a series of murals installed throughout the community, titled *Contagious Color*. The mural series will address themes of connection, nature vs. urban, as well as known and unknown, while reflecting the culture and energy at each site. The murals will be either in groups or spread throughout urban areas of Sacramento. Potential future sites are located in transitional areas throughout Sacramento with vacant or neglected buildings including Del Paso Blvd., Oak Park, Downtown Sacramento River District. The artists hope the murals will create an identity that will further Sacramento's growth. "Contagious Color" is about targeting some of Sacramento's urban eyesores and turning them into cultural assets to the community.

The mural on 12th street will be temporary and installed for up to 3 years and/or at which time the Commission recommends it be removed. It will be located on the east and west-facing walls of the 12th street railroad underpass located on 12th street between C Street and North B Streets in Sacramento. The approximate size of each wall is approximately 450' long with a sloped height of 0' - 15.'

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED DESIGN



ABOVE: View of *Contagious Color* looking South through the 12th Street tunnel. Total size of painted area is approximately 10,000 square feet.



ABOVE: Full view of the pedestrian wall. Pedestrian wall size is approximately 450' x sloped height of 1'-17'.



ABOVE: View of median wall looking East to the light rail side mural. Median wall size is 170' x 17'.

LOCATION



LEFT: 12th Street tunnel between North B Street and C Street. Areas to be painted are marked in pink.