

Temporary artist-adorned transit stops

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Bus travelers at selected Tempe transit locations were greeted by an array of temporary artwork thanks to a city public art project at seven locations.

The Artist-Adorned Transit Stops featured artistic, playful designs that encouraged the use of mass transit and showcased the artwork of five local and national artists.



Passages by Joel Sherman

About the projects



We'll manage

Artist: Claudia Sbrissa
New York

Southside of Broadway Road and
55th Street/Frontage Road

A series of six Plexiglas panels decorated with images made of colored vinyl is reminiscent of contemporary stained glass windows, reflecting both the physical and metaphorical aspects of the city.

Passages

Artist: Joel Sherman
Isla Vista, Calif.

Southeast corner of University and
Priest drives and northeast corner
of Broadway Road and Priest Drive

Excerpts from poet and writer Thomas Meyer's translation of the Tao Te Ching (also translated as the Dao De Jing) are stenciled in mud onto two standard city transit shelters. The text deals with many principles, including temporality, force, flexibility and resistance. These issues are relevant to the nation, at large, and also in the

context of the climate and geographical character of Tempe.

Wind-powered, one-way oil derrick

Artist: Jose Benavides
Chandler

Northwest corner of University and
Priest drives

This project features two whirligigs made of recycled materials from the city's sign shop. It uses the wind as a renewable power source to make references that bus riding is one way to save oil.

Transition soundings

Artist: David Birchfield
Gilbert

Northwest corner of Broadway
Road and Priest Drive

This interactive piece incorporates sounds that are triggered by individuals' movements as they await the bus. The piece encourages riders to interact with



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both the work and one another and inspires reflection upon the interconnectedness of our communities, the role of transit in uniting us, the

role of technology in our society, the sonic world around us and the importance of environmental sensitivity.



Cousins

Artist: Tom Block,
Silver Springs, Md.

Southeast corner of Priest Drive
and Broadway Road and south-
east corner of University Drive and
52nd Street

The goal of this project (which features six art and text pieces at each location) is to use art to move the ideas of peace, understanding and beauty that underpin the beliefs of great thinkers, such as Ghandi, the Sufis, Nelson Mandela and Lao Tzu, thus celebrating the beauty of the world's diverse traditions. Additionally, it captures the "sameness" among all people, thereby basing the project on a mutual respect for all.