Tempe Public Art

Flyover Bridge

Laurie Lundquist

Concrete and painted steel

2004

Location: Country Club Way
Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge
Country Club Way and U.S. Route 60

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Description: As part of a freeway widening project, this artist-designed pedestrian/bicycle bridge was built across U.S. Route 60 at Country Club Way to connect the neighborhoods north and south of the freeway. To gather input for her design, Lundquist worked extensively with neighborhood and school groups. The resulting sky-blue bridge links the residential areas of Cole Park and Bustoz Elementary School on the south side with Rotary Park and the Ward School Campus on the north. With a shape and color designed to blend with the surrounding area, the box-truss style bridge has a "wing-inspired" design that creates a play of light and movement, reminiscent of a bird's wing in flight.

Artist biography: Lundquist is a public artist with a deep interest in natural systems and geography. Environmental issues are always a subtext in her work. She received an MFA degree in Sculpture from ASU in 1990, a BFA from the Maine College of Art and a certificate in Landscape Management from Penn State University. Lundquist enjoys collaborating with architects, engineers and planners to integrate art into the overall design of numerous public projects. "Parks, open spaces and pedestrian corridors play a vital role in defining a city's identity; they are the places where we connect with our environment and our community...I always try to respond to the character of a site and anticipate the ways that people will best connect to the place," she said.

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