



City of Pomona

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES | **PLANNING DIVISION**

May 15, 2025

TO: Cultural Arts Commission

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SUBJECT: Public Art Restoration Request for Metrolink North Pomona
Station Faux Water Tower Restoration

**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

BACKGROUND

In Summer of 2024, Staff received communication from Public Works to discuss the restoration of the Faux Water Tower artwork outside of the North Pomona Metrolink Station. The artwork was established in Fall 2012 and features old orange crate prints of Pomona on it. Staff contacted the original artist, Elizabeth Sullivan, hired by the consultant Miramar Sign Works by Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), to do the work of transferring the orange crate print designs onto the faux water towers.

The request is unique in that it would be a restoration project of public art that would then be reimbursed. The Metro Foothill Gold Line Authority has indicated their willingness to reimburse for the restoration work if the City initiates it, as they anticipate the opening of the Metro A-Line Station at this location this year. The request for funding would be to complete this project with AIPP funding that would then be fully reimbursed by Metro. The original artist is not be able to complete this project, and Staff will select one from the Commission's approved restoration/maintenance artist list. The estimated completion date of the restoration would be June 15, 2025.

PROJECT INFORMATION AND PHOTOS



Project Location: 205 Santa Fe Street (APN: 8371-012-901)

Property Owner: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (LACMTA); rebranded as Metro

City Council District: 6

Established: 2012

There is a ribbon cutting ceremony slated for June 2025. At the request of Mayor Sandoval, the project is to be completed as soon as possible.

Current Photos

Note: The faux water tower was painted to have a “rusted metal finish”.

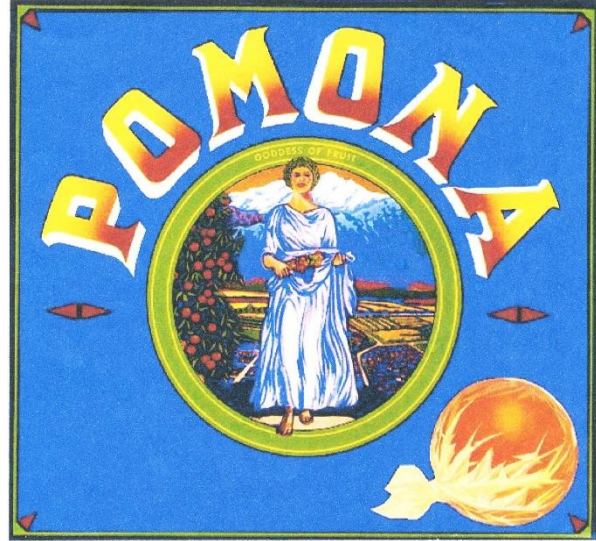


Orange Crate Prints

Note: These prints were altered without the original Packing House/Distributor branding text.

Packing House/Distributor: John E. Packard

Packing House/Distributor: Pomona Fruit Growers Exchange



Attachments:

1. Draft CAC Resolution