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City of San Antonio Commemorates Completion of World Heritage Public Art Project at Stinson Municipal Airport



SAN ANTONIO (May 5, 2017) – The City of San Antonio celebrates the completion of a new public art installation at Stinson Municipal Airport. This is the first of ten murals planned along the World Heritage Trail area. The 300-foot by 15-foot public art piece at Stinson Municipal Airport commemorates the achievements in aviation made by women. The mural specifically depicts Katherine and Marjorie Stinson, who established the Stinson School of Flying on land that would eventually become the Stinson Airport, during the early 1900s.

“This project is one that is dear to me, as the World Heritage Trail runs through the heart of District 3,” said District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran. “But, the Missions are also the cultural and social core of our entire city, and the stories of this area will now be presented in an artistic way for all generations to enjoy and learn from.”

The project is a collaborative effort between the City of San Antonio Department of Arts & Culture, World Heritage Office, and Aviation Department, along with various community partners. The City of San Antonio has held several community meetings to work with area businesses, neighborhoods, individual artists and arts organizations on

location and artist selection, and mural concepts. The mural at Stinson Municipal Airport, was created by San Antonio artists Joe De La Cruz, Chris Montoya and Jose Cosme, and led by Andy and Yvette Benavides with SMART.

These functional murals will be placed in key areas along the World Heritage Trail route to reinforce and enhance the visitor experience, while also providing an aesthetic vision that reflects the rich history and culture of the missions, people and neighborhoods within the area. Additional sites for mural installations include: S. Presa St., Roosevelt Ave., Mission Rd., Steves at US 90, Villamain Rd. at 410 underpass, and Mission Parkway at the S.E. Military underpass all to be unveiled throughout the rest of the year.

San Antonio's five Spanish colonial missions were designated a World Heritage Site in 2015. Shortly after designation, Councilwoman Viagran led a series of symposia designed to engage the public. The input received was used to develop a World Heritage Work Plan that includes short- and long-term goals for specific categories identified by the community. As part of this work plan, a beautification assessment was completed. The assessment identifies strategies and opportunities to improve the visual character and perceived safety, comfort, and function of spaces within the World Heritage Trail corridor. As part of the work plan, branded banners have been installed, as well as photo banners that not only serve as wayfinding, but also exhibit the rich cultural heritage of San Antonio. These public art murals are another way to improve the visual character and perceived safety, comfort, and function of spaces within the World Heritage Trail corridor for residents and visitors.

Residents can call 210-207-2111 or visit www.sanantonio.gov/WorldHeritage/Work-Plan-Updates/Beautification for more information.

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