

## Buckner Light Rail Station

Commissioned by:

Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Location for the project:

A light rail station located at Buckner Boulevard and Elam Road, Dallas, Texas, 75217

Budget was \$50,000

Materials used were concrete pavers, printed vinyl, glass and steel

Design of this project was specific for this neighborhood and the history of this area. It is located in a commercial industrial neighborhood with a long history. I used images from manufacturing and industry in the windscreen with the circular pattern in the platform that emphasizes the use of the wheel in industrial machinery. In the parking lot panels illustrating the history of printed fabrics that was created in the manufacturing process adds interest to an otherwise barren section of the station. Tying the design to these ideas creates a space that is informative and inviting for the public. The materials used for this station; printed vinyl, concrete pavers and cut steel was familiar to me from past projects. My experience allows me to design and create work with technical and functional proficiency that only comes with experience. Aesthetically, this project has been received well from both art professionals and the general public. It is important to reach everyone when creating public art and those criteria was met with this light rail station. For me this project serves as a model for other public art projects because it marries various materials into describing one concept that creates a space that is enjoyable to be in as well as serving a very specific function. I feel that it will inform other artists in how it is possible to both create a space that is aesthetically strong and yet be functional.

Station is one city block and the platform is 400 linear feet.

Collaborators: Act 21 Engineering Consultants

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