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INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC ART BUS SHELTERS IN GORDON SQUARE ARTS DISTRICT

Cleveland, OH (April 12, 2010) -- On Monday, April 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., two iconic bus shelters will be installed in the heart of the Gordon Square Arts District. The shelters were funded by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (Transit Waiting Environments Grant) and the City of Cleveland. Designed by award-winning Robert Maschke Architects Inc. and fabricated by Cleveland-based Beacon Metal Fabricators Inc., the origami-like shelters are each made from a single sheet of stainless steel with a unique pattern of perforations. Located at the northeast and southwest corners of West 65th Street and Detroit Avenue, the shelters differ slightly from one another to account for wind and light conditions at each site. The shelters will be underlit after dark, projecting distinctive patterns on surrounding buildings and other surfaces.

The shelters are part of an overall vision for public art in the Gordon Square Arts District. A public art working group, led by Cleveland Public Art Executive Director Greg Peckham, determined that basic urban infrastructure could be an opportunity to create first-rate public art. The recently-completed (September 2009) Detroit Avenue Streetscape itself is an example of this approach, using the design and vision of environmental artist Susie Frazier Mueller to integrate over \$250,000 of public art elements into the fabric of Detroit Avenue and its sidewalks.

The City of Cleveland partnered with the GCRTA to leverage its Transit Waiting Environments program for this project, with the goal of creating an improved experience for transit users.

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Robert Maschke Architects Inc.

Robert Maschke Architects Inc. (RMA) is a nationally recognized firm located in the Gordon Square Arts District. RMA won a 2009 honor award from the American Institute of Architects (national chapter) and a 2009 Excellence of Architectural Design award from the AIA (State of Ohio chapter). Robert Maschke, AIA, principal of the firm, is also a resident of the district.

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