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CITY OF PHOENIX AVIATION DEPARTMENT

# Coze Mural/Rental Car Center PHX Sky Train<sup>®</sup> Station Media Kit



**2021**

## The Phoenix by Paul Coze Fact Sheet



- *The Phoenix*, a mural by artist Paul Coze, is comprised of three separate panels each 25 feet wide by 16 feet high for a total mural length of 75 feet.
- The center panel is dominated by a blazing mythical phoenix bird perched atop native date palm tree with city buildings below. It includes depictions of smoke and clouds and the Roosevelt Dam, which made modern life possible in the Valley of the Sun by providing water for agriculture and power for homes.
- The mural represents Phoenix's past, present and future. Painted imagery includes depictions and symbols that relate to the first inhabitants, the Hohokam, as well as modern tribes and Latino heritage. Also represented are wagon trains, railroads, cattle ranching, mining and technology.
- Artist Paul Coze received \$10,000 for creating the mural.
- In 1960, Phoenix citizens voted on proposals from five artists and selected Coze.
- From artist's proposal to dedication, the mural took about a year-and-a-half.
- Terminal 2 opened in 1962 and *The Phoenix* mural is considered the first piece of public art chosen through a public process commissioned by the city.

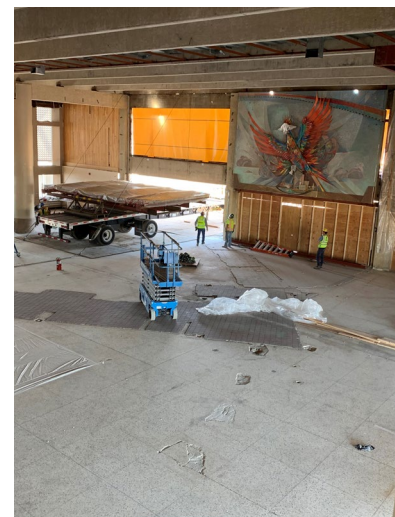
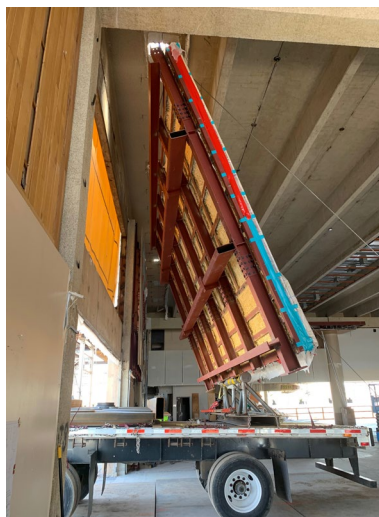
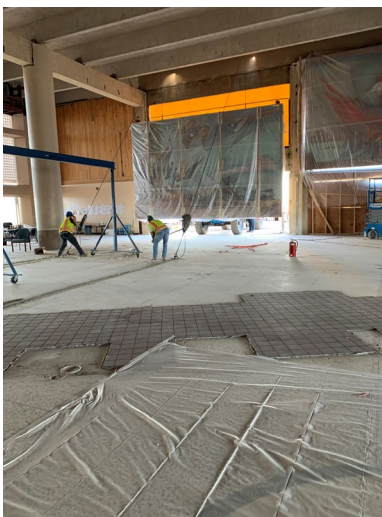
## Elements of the Mural

- It is created from a series of 15 overlapping painted canvases.
- 52 different materials were used.
- Gallons of white glue were used to add dimensional materials.
- Sand and soil from around the state including Hopi and Navajo reservation, Grand Canyon, Oak Creek and Tucson.
- The Phoenix's eye is created from an abalone shell with the pupil being obsidian, or "Apache tear."
- The Phoenix bird has 365 feathers.

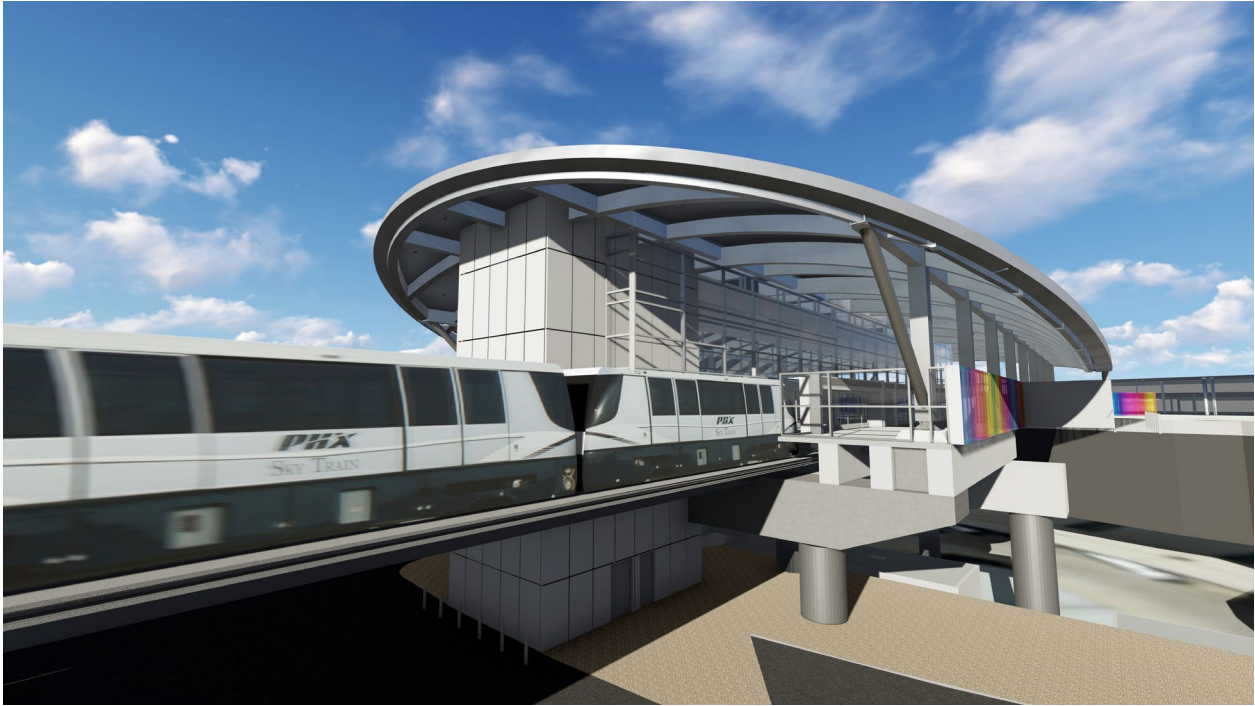
## Mural Relocation

In 2016, a feasibility assessment was done to determine if it could be safely moved. McCay Lodge Conservation Laboratory and International Chimney Corporation inspected the mural to assess its movability. The conservator focused on the ability to conserve the mural and on measures to protect the mural during its relocation and installation to another site. International Chimney focused on the logistical aspects of moving the mural, including its removal, transportation and reinstallation. Both companies have been involved in moving murals of similar magnitude.

- It was determined that removing it intact would be the best way to proceed rather than disassembling it.
- An exterior wall of former Terminal 2 was removed to access and reveal the backside of the mural.
- Stabilizing supports (or an armature) were provided for the backs of each mural panel.
- Each panel was cut away from supporting side columns attached on the side.
- Each panel was moved with a device called a telehandler and loaded onto a flatbed truck, then transported to secure storage site on airport grounds from March to May 2021.
- The panels were relocated to the new display site at the Rental Car Center where it was presented for public exhibition in October 2021.



## Rental Car Center PHX Sky Train® Station Fact Sheet



- Broke ground in early 2018.
- \$745 million project paid for with Rental Car Customer Facility Charges and airline Passenger Facility Charges. No local tax dollars used for construction.
- Scheduled to open in 2022.
- Will enhance customer service and improve accessibility, especially for customers using wheelchairs.
- Is expected to remove traffic from Sky Harbor Boulevard, thus reducing roadway congestion and decreasing emissions by as estimated 600 tons.
- The high-efficiency air handlers and chillers help reduce energy consumption in the station by 30%.
- 76% on-site generated construction waste has been diverted from landfills.
- 23% of building materials manufactured were from recycled materials.
- The PHX Sky Train® Station was constructed with efficient plumbing fixtures to achieve 43% reduction from our baseline water usage.

# PROJECT FACT SHEET

## Sky Curtain Public Art Project



Location	PSHIA Rental Car Center Sky Train Station
Artist	R & R Studios
Design	\$220,000.
Construction	\$1,600,000.
Contractors	Gannett Fleming, Hensel Phelps
Architect:	SmithGroup
Fabricator	Magnum Companies
Type	Design Team Commission
Date	2021
District:	8

The artist team of R & R Studios (FL) collaborated with an Aviation Department team to design two sculptural weather screens that are integrated into the PHX Rental Car Center Sky Train station. The screens create a secure barrier for the elevated platform's outdoor space.

The two approximately 230 feet long by nine feet tall screens are constructed of 5 rows of 2 ½ and 1 inch diameter steel pipes with a durable epoxy finish supported by a stainless-steel framework. The layers of colorful pipes are staggered so that different colors are revealed to passengers as they walk on the platform. Led lighting further enhances the artwork at night. The screen's open design allows passengers to view the adjacent landscape and air circulation.

Sky Curtain's colorful design, inspired by the changing colors of the Phoenix sky, will provide a memorable image for visitors as the station is the primary entry and exit point for travelers renting cars at the airport.



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# Rental Car Center PHX Sky Train® Station Terrazzo Floor Fact Sheet

*From the Earth to the Sky*  
Bill Dambrova

The design of the Rental Car Center PHX Sky Train® Station terrazzo floor, *From the Earth to the Sky* by artist Bill Dambrova, is inspired by the human curiosity of Earth and what is beyond.



- The Phoenix area was an ancient seabed.
- Many terrazzo materials and aggregates are from shells, fossils, etc.
- Blue background could be seen as a dusky sky or ocean.

## Rental Car Center Art Collection Fact Sheet



- Nearly 100 artworks are on display in the lobby and four hallways.
- Portable artworks include paintings, photographs and fine art prints by Arizona artists.
- A suspended dichroic glass art installation by Ed Carpenter (below) spans the entire length of the lobby and in the escalator wells.
- Three art exhibitions on display include *Stories of a Local Community*, *The Most Modern Terminal* and *The Making of the Phoenix Mural*.
- Ten large-scale ceramic sculptures known as *Dangos* by internationally known artist Jun Kaneko (above) are displayed in the lobby near the windows.
- The iconic 75-foot-wide mural, *The Phoenix* is viewable from all escalators and includes interpretive exhibitions and viewing scopes on level 3.
- The RCC is a great cultural art stop that provides a visual sense of place for travelers as well as residents.



## PHX Sky Train®

Stage 1 from the 44th Street PHX Sky Train® Station to Terminal 4 opened April 8, 2013 and is 1.7 miles long.

Stage 1a continued .7 miles from Terminal 4 to Terminal 3 opened Dec. 8, 2014.

In October 2016, the Phoenix City Council approved Stage 2, the extension of the PHX Sky Train® from the airport terminals to the Rental Car Center. Stage 2 will extend 2.5 miles from Terminal 3 to the Rental Car Center.

The airport broke ground on Stage 2 in early 2018 with completion expected in 2022.

Trains run continuously in both directions 24 hours a day, seven days a week and arrive as frequently as every 3 minutes. They travel at an average speed of 23 mph but can go up to 38 mph.

The 24th Street PHX Sky Train® Station will have 1,600 parking spaces for economy parking on the west side of the airport and electrical charging stations for alternative-fuel vehicles.

The PHX Sky Train® system also has a number of sustainable features:

- The entire Stage 2 project, including stations, guideway and roadways, achieved Envision Gold status through the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.
- This is in addition to the LEED Gold achieved for Stage 1 and LEED Silver status for the station at Terminal 3 for Stage 1A.

### Travel Times

- From the 44th Street station to Terminal 3: **7 minutes**.
- From Terminal 3 to the 24th Street PHX Sky Train® Station: **3 minutes**.
- From Terminal 3 to the Rental Car Center: **6 minutes**.
- From Terminal 4 to the 24th Street PHX Sky Train® Station: **5 minutes**.
- From Terminal 4 to the Rental Car Center: **8 minutes**.

In total, it should take about **13 minutes** to go from the 44th Street PHX Sky Train® Station to the Rental Car Center station.

### Projections

Initial projections of 2.5 million passengers, or 7,000 people per day, were expected to ride the PHX Sky Train® in its first year. However, ridership exceeded expectations with an average about 14,000 riders per day. When Stage 2 opens, 79,000 people per day are expected to ride the PHX Sky Train®.

The total project cost of the first two stages from 44th Street to Terminal 3 was \$884 million. Stage 2 is projected to cost \$745 million. Costs of all stages are paid for with airport revenues and passenger fees (no local tax dollars.)

The 44th Street, Terminal 3, and Terminal 4, 24th Street and Rental Car Center stations are air conditioned. The East Economy station is outdoors, with shade and fans to cool passengers during their short wait.