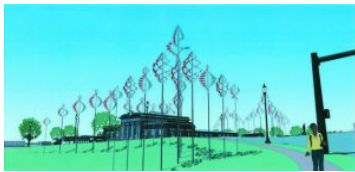


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Installation work begins for wind sculpture at new Lititz Pike bridge

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Workers began this week to dig foundation holes for the 42 spinning sculptures that will be installed at the base of the new Thaddeus Stevens bridge.



This rendering shows the 42 kinetic wind sculptures by artist Lyman Whitaker that will be installed this month near the Lancaster Amtrak station.

The sculptures, collectively named “Silent Symphony,” by artist Lyman Whitaker, will be put in place by the end of the month. They will be at the southwest corner of the bridge, which carries Lititz Pike over the railroad tracks.

The location is on each side of McGovern Avenue, near Lancaster’s Amtrak station.

The \$200,000 public art project has been funded by donations philanthropic foundations and individual donors.

Approval for the installation has been secured from the state Transportation Department. The pole-mounted sculptures will be placed within the PennDOT right of way for the bridge.

A work permit has also been received from Manheim Township. The bridge is in both the township and Lancaster city.

A committee organized by the city’s Public Art Advisory Board selected the wind sculpture nearly a year ago after a process that included a public meeting and an online survey.

Whitaker, based in Utah, has completed making the sculptures, said Tracy Beyl, city public art manager.

Each of the kinetic wind sculptures will have different sized blades. The blades will be weighted differently, so the sculptures will spin at different speeds, Whitaker explained to committee members at a presentation last year.

“They almost never stop,” Whitaker said of the sculptures, which he characterized as “playful.”

The sculptures will range in height from 14 to 34 feet.

Following the installation of the sculptures, lighting will be installed that will shine up from the ground to illuminate the blades.

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Trees, bulbs and shrubs will also be planted near the base of the sculptures as part of the project.

The project is the largest and most expensive the city has undertaken in its effort to add public artwork to parks and other public spaces.

The new bridge opened to traffic in July. It replaces the Lititz Pike bridge, which is being removed in sections. The entire \$26.26 million project is slated for completion in the spring.

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