



Drone image of new facility

# Making Connections

Artist: Tyler Kimball/  
Monarch Glass Studio

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Multi-Modal Transit Facility  
Bob Billings Parkway and  
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Windows, Light Columns and "Chandelier"

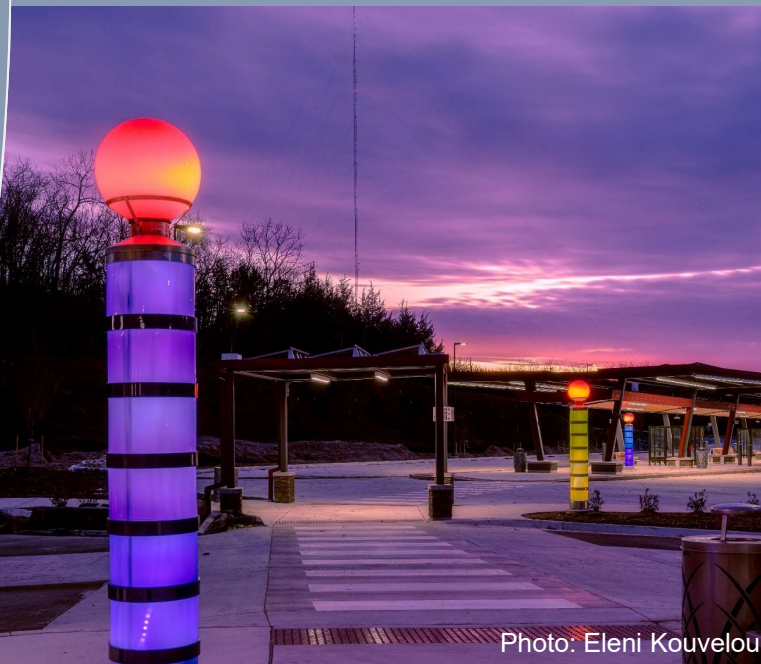


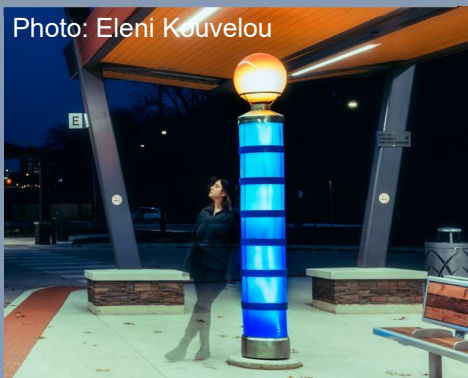
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Light tower

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The public artwork, *Making Connections*, by Tyler Kimball of Monarch Glass Studios in Kansas City, MO, was installed October, 2023.

As part of the City's public art program, an artist selection panel chose Mr. Kimball in 2020 through a national competition. He worked with staff, the project architects, and community members to develop his concept for the new facility, which opened in 2024.

The title of the public artwork, *Making Connections*, literally and metaphorically references the facility's nature as a hub for bus and multi-modal transit in Lawrence.

Mr. Kimball created colorful glass "plates" and background panels as part of a window installation in the two front-facing windows of the facility. Light through the windows casts an array of color patterns through the interior of the facility throughout the day, and at night, with interior lighting, the windows serve as a beacon of colored light in the community. Accompanying the windows on the inside is an artist-created chandelier with the same color palette.

Outside stand three multi-colored light towers, each topped with a sphere and all lit from within. The stacked colored glass and internal lighting create a range of color tones throughout each tower. The towers stand as friendly sentinels and help visually connect the exterior transit and pedestrian area with the facility.

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission is charged by the City Commission with the oversight of our City's long-standing public art program. As part of that program, which was originally established by a City Resolution in 1986, this project was initiated through an approximately two percent commitment from the City's 2020 Capital Improvement Program budget for the new Lawrence Kansas Multi-modal Transit Facility in accordance with City Resolution 7070.

More information here: [lawrenceks.org/board/lawrence-cultural-arts-commission/](https://lawrenceks.org/board/lawrence-cultural-arts-commission/)





Window detail

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Facility window and light tower at night





Glass tower model in studio

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Tyler Kimball in his studio while working on *Making Connections*



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