

SONORAN ROADWAY PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Desert Spring

Rosario Marquardt and Roberto Behar



LOCATION:

Sonoran Desert Drive

ARTIST:

Rosario Marquardt and Roberto Behar

CONTRACTOR:

Haydon Building Corporation

FABRICATOR:

AZ Floor Co.

DATE:

2013

BUDGET:

\$888,648

FUNDING SOURCE:

Streets Transportation and Parks
Department Percent for Art funds



Complementing the scenic views and lush trails at the Apache Wash Trailhead, a glass mosaic shines in the desert. The public art for the Sonoran roadway includes shade structures and seating for trail users, and photo-mosaics highlighting the beauty of plants in the Sonoran desert. The works were designed to be fully integrated into the roadway's three bridges across Apache Wash and Cave Creek Wash.

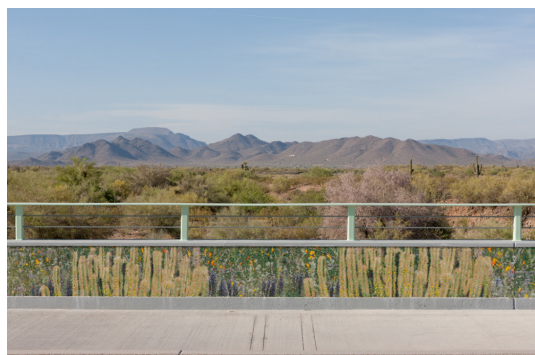


The artists worked with community representatives to develop their ideas for enhancing the bridges and providing trail amenities. They responded to the request to have bridges celebrate the beauty of the surrounding desert by designing photo-mosaic panels for the bridges. The mosaics – designed as an integral part of the bridge walls—depict a colorful panoramic view of the Sonoran desert's botanical beauty.



In addition to the mosaics, the artists worked with the project design and construction team to provide shaded viewing balconies and rest areas for bicyclists, hikers and other trail users. The artists and project team produced the shade structures and bridge railings in Palo Verde green, to better blend the bridge into the landscape.

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