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Times Square
Designing temporary surface treatments

Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City
Background

• NYC DOT and the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City held a design competition to find temporary treatments that will refresh and revive the streetscape designs currently in place at the Times Square pedestrian plazas while DOT moves forward with the separate design process for the area’s permanent capital reconstruction project.

• DOT received 150 submissions for designs. The winning design was selected by a jury composed of representatives from the DOT, Times Square Alliance, the Mayor’s Office and the Design Commission as well as an outside artist as an advisor.

• The new design is scheduled to be installed by mid-July, and TSA will monitor and maintain the temporary treatments for up to 18 months. Construction on the permanent plazas is expected in 2012.
Winning Designer: Molly Dilworth

- Recent work includes large rooftop paintings to be viewed from satellite image providers like Google Earth; participation in the collective “Suddenly: Where we Live Now” producing exhibits, public lectures and public walks

- Showing at galleries, museums and other arts venues since 2003 some of which include: Hendershot Gallery and Spring Gallery in NY, Pomona College Museum of Art, BM-Suma Contemporary Art Center, Istanbul, Turkey and the Melbourne International Arts Festival

- Also since 2004, curator and visiting lecturer/artist at various colleges and arts venues such as: Reed College in Portland, Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, and Elizabeth Foundation Gallery in NY

- Featured in leading publications some of which include: NY Times, NY Daily News, Artcat and La Repubblica
Aerial view from 47th to 45th streets

Before

After (rendering)
On top of TKTS staircase, near 47th Street, looking south

Before

After (rendering)
Near 43rd Street, looking north

Before

After (rendering)