

The Blue Tree Project

Greenmeme

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This exhibition is comprised of artifacts and experiments which have engaged the need for removal of a tree from the University campus. This loss of the tree has been deemed necessary for the development of the new bus shelter on the line of the Omnitrans sbX Bus Rapid Transit system, currently being built in San Bernardino.

As part of this development, a series of public art opportunities were made available. Our shelter will be here at CSUSB and our artwork integrated within a series of glass panels within a new shelter. The subject matter for the imagery within these panels will be based on this series of reflections between us, the tree and the students and teachers of the University.

The tree will fall this spring. Until then, our goal is to give the tree a second life through a series of research projects and creative studies which place the tree in a variety of venues. The first will take place with the tree on site, where it will be cubed, trimmed to the dimensions of its new (temporary) home within the museum. The second is the painting of the tree to sky blue, wherein the tree becomes a barometer to local air-quality and is studied and documented over its remaining standing period. The sequence of experimental studies which then take place will be both qualitative and quantitative. These studies are the subject of this exhibition and content for the future artwork within the shelter.

