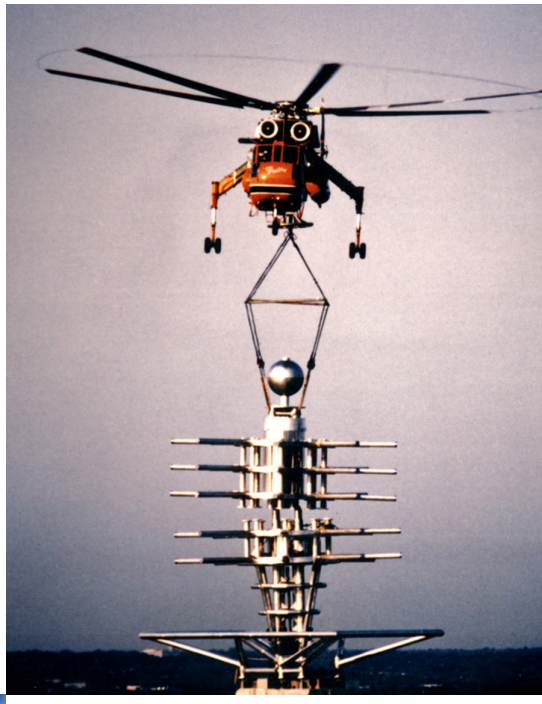
KANSAS CITY CONVENTION CENTER

Removal on May 8, 2016 | Repair | Reinstall on Sept. 11, 2016

Bartle Hall Sky Station Project



The Bartle Hall Sky Stations have adorned the Kansas City skyline since their completion in 1994.

During a recent inspection of the Sky Stations on top of the pylons at the Kansas City Convention Center (Bartle Hall), damage to the easternmost Sky Station sculpture was identified. After further investigation, it was determined this damage was due to a recent lightning strike. The study also suggested the easternmost sculpture is to be removed from the pylon and disassembled, repaired or replaced at a fabrication shop, and then reinstalled atop the pylon.

The City of Kansas City, Missouri is actively planning the complex removal, inspection, restoration, and reinstallation processes of the Bartle Hall Sky Station.

The City is working with A. Zahner Company, a family-owned firm based in Kansas City, Missouri to conduct the work on the Sky Station project. Since 1897 and across four generations, Zahner has worked with a variety of clients from developers and building owners to designers and artists, including artist R.M. Fischer when they teamed up to fabricate and install the original symbolic and iconic sculptures.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Eric P. Bosch, AIA | City Architect | Architecture Division
General Services Department | The City of Kansas City, MO
T: 816-513-2517 | M: 816-564-0877 | eric.bosch@kcmo.org

ZAHNER®

FACT SHEET: Bartle Hall Sky Station

DESCRIPTION:
The City of Kansas City, Missouri is repairing the easternmost Bartle Hall Sky Station atop the 300' pylons. The project includes the removal (on May 8, 2016), disassembly, repair and fabrication, and reinstall (on Sept. 11, 2016) of the stainless steel and aluminum sculpture.

ADDRESS:
301 W. 13th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105

LOCATION:
Second District

DEPARTMENT:
Architecture Division in the General Services Department

START AND END:
April – September 2016

REMOVAL DATE:
Sunday, May 8, 2016

REINSTALL DATE:
Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016

SCOPE:
Planning, field prep, helicopter/air crane, design, testing, repair/fabrication, painting

PROJECT LEAD:
A. Zahner Company

VALUE:

- ORIGINAL: $1.2M cost for the four Sky Stations and the 50 other R.M. Fischer sculptures that are within the Kansas City Convention Center
- TODAY: $5M appraisal for the four Sky Stations and other sculptures

BUDGET:
Estimated at $1.3M with repairs covered by City's insurance policy with Zurich Insurance Group

SIZE:

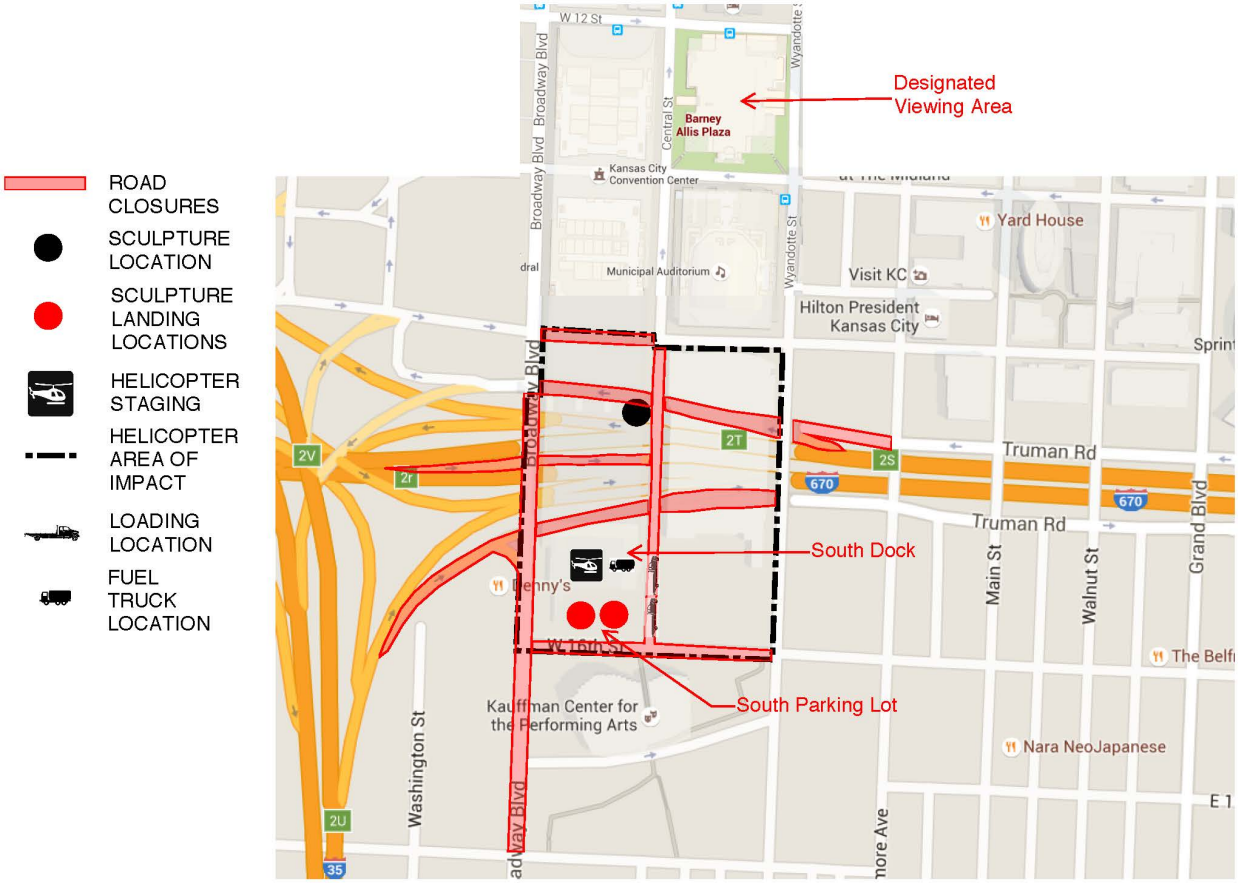
- Two sections of the sculpture weigh total of 24,000 pounds
- 40 feet tall, 35 feet wide (with the "arms")

MUNICIPAL ART COMMISSION:

The City has a nationally recognized public art program. Today, there are 44 commissioned public art projects (some that include multiple pieces) in the collection, which is appraised at more than $20 million. Completed in 1994, the original Sky Stations have helped to bring iconic art to the skyline of Kansas City.

The Bartle Hall Sky Stations have helped establish Kansas City's reputation as an "Art City."

Removal Event on May 8, 2016 | 4 AM Start; Done by 8 PM



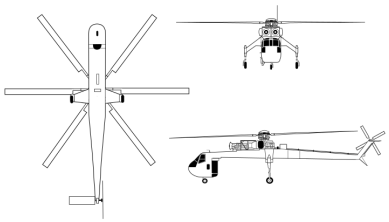
Closing Streets

MAY 8, 4:00 AM-8:00 PM:

- Interstate 35 northbound off-ramp to Broadway Blvd.
- Interstate 670 westbound.
- Interstate 670 eastbound off-ramp to Central St.
- Truman Rd. from Baltimore Ave. to Broadway Blvd.
- Broadway Blvd. from Truman Rd. to 17th St.
- Central St. from 14th St. to 16th St.
- 16th St. from Broadway Blvd. to Wyandotte St.
- 14th St. from Broadway Blvd. to Central St.

Heavy Lifting

Removal of the two sections of the 24,000-pound Sky Station sculpture is made possible through the expert use of a helicopter, a Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane specifically engineered for heavy lifting that is provided by Erickson Air-Crane, Inc.



Viewing Areas

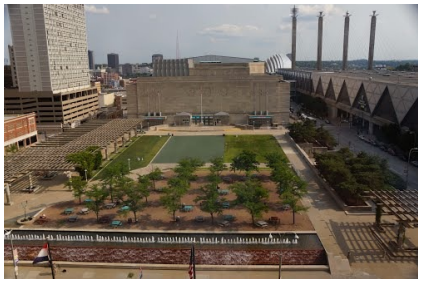


Photo Credit: Peter Watts

Barney Allis Plaza at 13th St. and Central St. offers a great view of the Sky Station removal! Parking is available under the Plaza in the Auditorium Plaza Parking Garage.