I want passengers to feel a little bit of joy': Will Alsop's all Design completes two Toronto stations

Finch West Station is located at the intersection of Keele Street and Finch Avenue West. The hydro corridor supports the architecture and access road from Keele Street. Bruce McLean, Alsop's long-term collaborator, was appointed to the north accommodates commuter parking for 347 vehicles, passenger pick-up and drop-off with 20,000 passengers daily, with 1,881 commuter parking spaces and two separate regional bus terminals.

Village and Finch West stations in Toronto supports the architecture and access road from Keele Street. The design of both stations is characterized by the use of sculptural concrete, vibrant colour and art installations. At Finch West, coloured glass sections and tiles feature at ground and platform levels, with the exterior's art studio realities: united, consisting of 40 interactive light elements that run along the ceiling throughout the station. Each element can display the alphabet, special characters and numerals, allowing passengers to use them to make a personal message. The sculptural use of concrete has also been employed at Pioneer Village, where the interior walls are faceted, highly-polished concrete and the supporting columns along the length of the platforms are angled.

McLean was inspired by ancient architecture, and the external columns at Finch West refer to Greek low walls with 'sacred geometry', and they also mirror the proportions of the ancient Great Pyramid of Giza. The canopy – also made of weathering steel – will create a focal point that will serve the future development of the surrounding area, beginning with the opening of the local line in 2020. Every visible aspect of the public space of this project aims to blend the boundaries between art and architecture.

The location is otherwise under-developed and it is intended that the station entrances and bus terminals will create a focal point that will serve the future development of the surrounding area, beginning with the opening of the local line in 2020. The station consists of a single-storey building at ground level, an escalator and a mezzanine level. The project data includes the following:

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- Client: Toronto Transit Commission
- Cost: £130m CAD
- Size: 27,300 sq m
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First look at Finch West Station

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