The City of Tampa’s Art Programs Division partnered with the Westshore Alliance in commissioning a gateway that welcomes motorists arriving to Tampa from West Hillsborough County, Tampa International Airport, and Pinellas County. The gateway, titled, Kinetic Ring, sits 24’ tall, just southwest of Westshore Plaza. Also on this site is the home to a memorial listing names of Hillsborough County veterans who died in World War I.

Local artist Catherine Woods designed Kinetic Ring to reflect the vibe of Westshore: colorful, lively and active. The 24’ sculpture will feature four C-shaped glass panels that form a windmill, mounted on a coated steel frame. The shape of the glass suggests a kinetic appearance, and is designed for a drive-by experience. The glass is painted and etched with images taken from the area.

“Westshore is a vibrant and diverse neighborhood where businesses, residents, visitors, and commuters intersect with a lively collection of restaurants, shopping areas, and hotels all in the proximity of Tampa’s International Airport, a regional hub for the Tampa Bay area. I wanted ‘Kinetic Ring’ to reflect that activity - to be bold and have a sense of movement. The ring form appears to deconstruct and coalesce as the viewer moves by. I am utilizing the flat, colored glass panels as modular elements to create three-dimensional form. Using colored glass, as one might use a piece of steel plate, brings an interesting aspect of translucency to the sculpture.”

The mission of the City of Tampa, Art Programs Division is to bring free access to artistic excellence.