



PROPOSING INTERSECTION MURALS IN OKLAHOMA CITY



What is an intersection mural?

- It's a large work of art painted on the pavement at a neighborhood intersection.
- Community building tool—murals are generally designed by artists working with the neighborhood, and represent the local community.
- May have impact on traffic speeds.
- Signature for community identity.



Where Can I Find Them?

- Portland: City Repair Project
- Minneapolis: Paint the Pavement
- Milwaukee
- San Francisco
- Seattle
- Ft. Lauderdale
- Denver





What can be considered?

- Intersection paintings will only be considered on residential (non-arterial) streets. They will not be considered at intersections with existing traffic control devices, such as stop signs or traffic circles.
- Only the driving area can be painted, not the crosswalk/curb/gutters/sidewalks.
- Only latex paints with grit additive to increase skid resistance are allowed.
- Some street area should be left unpainted to increase skid resistance.



Are there other design parameters?

- Gain community support
- Cannot mimic “official pavement markings, such as stripes or traffic signs, so drivers are not confused
- No words or logos to advertise a business, product, or service
- Cannot be harmful to minors



What is the process to gain approval? (1 of 2)

1. A scale drawing of proposed design shown on actual aerial view of labeled intersection that includes a project plan is submitted to the City's Arts Liaison.
2. The design, materials, steps and timeline (project plan) must be pre-approved by Public Works' Traffic Division in order to proceed to next step.
3. An application and VARA waiver will be presented at a public meeting of the OKC Arts Commission and must be approved in order to proceed to the next step.



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1. Finalize your design with any changes requested and make formal application for a revocable permit. This will require 3 copies of full color scaled pre-approved drawings. Provide a minimum of 10 business days for review and issuance of a (conditional) revocable permit.
2. Conditional upon receiving City Council approval of an Art Installation and Maintenance Agreement.





What is an art installation and maintenance agreement?

1. Allows installation and ownership of work.
2. Specifies that maintenance and removal are responsibilities of applicant/neighborhood.
3. Requires installation/maintenance plan 30 days in advance of mobilization for work.
4. Includes parameters for insurance, indemnification, warranties, non-allowable chemical substances/hazardous materials, termination, coordination, governing law, removal, notices and other standard language.



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5. Limited to a one-year pilot period with limited options for renewal based on good performance.
6. Requirement for applicant to provide written notice to property owners and tenants on the blocks surrounding the intersection no less than 30 days prior to closure for installation and maintenance (include timeline for work).
7. Maintain access to properties throughout duration of work completion.
8. Provide traffic control and street barricades from vendor approved by City and create a traffic control plan (submit 30 days prior) showing barricades and advance warning signs needed for safety.



What you can expect.....

1. New projects with safety and maintenance concerns will be subject to many changes along the way depending on the design, materials, and timeline proposed.
2. Traffic volumes and weather conditions may impact art and increase maintenance costs.
3. Street work (utility or street repair) are performed with standard materials and community groups sponsoring intersection murals will need to agree in advance to accept responsibility for restoring intersection murals after maintenance and repairs.







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