



Neighborhood Traffic Calming Street Mural Program

Street murals can help calm traffic by adding visual interest to a neighborhood street or intersection. Often, residents come together with an idea to paint a mural or design on the roadway as a way to promote a sense of community and ownership in the neighborhood.

The City of Vancouver has developed a streamlined process for implementing street murals in residential areas.

On the City's web site at www.cityofvancouver.us/street-murals you will find examples of other projects, the required documents for your application packet and tips on how to successfully implement your street mural project.

The City's Traffic Engineer will review all proposed street mural designs for final approval. Remember that once your final design is approved, you are permitted to paint only that design.

The City also requires that the property owners who are directly adjacent to the intersection or location of the street mural provide written approval in support of the project. This can be done through either a formal petition, letter or email to trafficalmingprogram@cityofvancouver.us

Here are just a few things to keep in mind as you think about a potential street mural project:

Mural designs

As you think about what design you would like to choose, here are a couple things to keep in mind:

- Any words that refer to traffic control such as "Slow" "Yield" or "Stop" **can not be included** in a street mural.
- Words that refer to your neighborhood, school, or community pride may be used.
- Street murals will be seen by drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users; small details may not be readily noticed.
- A simple design will take less time to paint and will be easier to maintain.
- Future maintenance will be needed to keep your mural looking fresh and maximize traffic calming benefits. Only certain kinds of paint can be used for street painting, and colors can be limited.

What you will need

- An insurance policy for event coverage
- Certified flaggers for any traffic control
- Street use permit application
- Right of way art display agreement
- Traffic control plan application
- Block party hold harmless agreement