

Call for Artists

Burien Traffic Signal Control Box Project



Call Out—Mid-April, 2020

Call Due—May 18, 2020

Submissions to:

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Project Goals: To invigorate and energize the Burien community through the arts. Adding art to traffic signal control boxes (signal boxes) showcases our neighborhoods and business district's identity and can discourage graffiti. This project is made possible by the Burien Art in Public Place Fund.

Criteria:

- Artist Selection Criteria: Artists should be invested in Burien or have ability to immerse themselves in Burien culture and community to develop this project.
- Theme: Proposals should be based on themes of Burien Identity, Burien Cultural Character, and/or Burien Community Pride.
- Design: Applicants are encouraged to create designs of abstract representations that contribute to the visual quality of the streetscape. For example, consider using a limited palette of colors and simple graphic images to avoid visual clutter. Avoid artwork that could create a driver distraction or be confused with traffic signs.
- Medium: Chosen artwork will be transformed into vinyl wraps that will be professionally installed. Artists chosen will be required to work with city staff and vinyl wrap company representative to fine tune artwork for final product.
- Signal Box Specs: Art will cover 3 sides of the signal box. Work can be one single image that will cover three sides of the box, or 3 related images in a triptych format.

Commission: \$750 per box. Finalists will be chosen by a jury panel.

How to apply:

- *Read through this document thoroughly.*
- E-mail submissions to ginak@burienwa.gov. Include your:
 - name (first and last)
 - phone number
 - e-mail address
 - mailing address
 - Design description
 - Images for up to 3 signal boxes can be submitted. This can include:

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- An image that can each be wrapped around three sides of a signal box
- A triptych (3 images per signal box that relate to each other)
- A combination of single images and triptychs for 3 boxes total
- Box Size is approximately:
 - Front panel --50-65" high by 44" wide
 - Side panels (2) --50-65" high by 26" wide
- Please submit images as (these images for review only, not for final signal box art):
 - Less than 1MB file size
 - Submitted as JPEG
- You will be notified if application is accepted in summer of 2020.
- Please e-mail ginak@burienwa.gov with questions about this process.

If your work is selected:

- If your artwork is selected, you will be provided a digital template by the vinyl company for final layout. Final image(s) of the piece need to be in the following format to be transferred to vinyl.
 - side 1: at least 16" X 24" at 300dpi image file
 - side 2: at least 12" X 24" at 300dpi image file
 - side 3: at least 12" X 24" at 300dpi image file
 - all files will be discussed with the individual artists as the power boxes may vary.

Design/Installation Information:

- Artwork shall not distract motorists, be designed in a manner that allows them to be confused with traffic signs, or block views of pedestrians.
- Vinyl wraps will be professionally installed by City of Burien contractor.
- If artwork is damaged, the City of Burien will be responsible for repair.
- The city retains the right to graphically reproduce the image of the artwork for municipal purposes.
- The artwork is intended to remain on signal boxes for a period of five to ten years. However, the city reserves the right to paint out, remove, reuse the installation, or control boxes at any time without notice.