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# City of El Paso Adopts 10-Year Public Art Master Plan and 2026 Public Art Plan

**EL PASO, Texas**—El Paso City Council approved two major plans for the City's Public Art Program, reinforcing the City's long-term commitment to arts and culture and continuing to invest in quality of life.

The 2026–2036 Public Art Master Plan Update provides the 10-year roadmap for the Public Art Program, while the 2026 Public Art Plan focuses on this year's priorities and adds three new projects.

"Approval of these plans supports our award-winning Public Art Program and advances our vision of giving voice to the City's creative spirit," said Quality of Life Managing Director Ben Fyffe. "El Paso's robust public art landscape reflects this community's enduring connection to the arts."

The Public Art Program commissions, acquires, and maintains a diverse collection of public art; supports the inclusion of public art in private development and infrastructure projects built by others; promotes community access to, appreciation of, and enjoyment of visual art; and supports the public art ecosystem in El Paso. The program is funded through a two-percent set-aside from the budgets of City capital improvement projects.

Since its adoption in 2006, the Public Art Program has completed 95 projects and worked with 206 artists, 72 percent of whom are local. Recently completed projects include El Paso Faro, a 16-foot-tall mixed-media sculpture installed at the Paso del Norte roundabout in 2025. The program also administers the Art Purchase Program, which expands the City's collection through acquisitions, and the Allied Artist Program, which pairs local artists with more experienced artists commissioned for major projects.

## **About the 2026-2036 Public Art Master Plan Update**

El Paso's Public Art Master Plan provides strategic direction for the Public Art Program and City Council on the expansion of public art and its impact on the cultural and visual landscape of El Paso. Building on the 2014 Public Art Master Plan, the update was developed in partnership with public art consultants Via Partnership, LLP and Todd W. Bressi, along with El Paso-based Kerry Doyle.

The planning process was shaped by community input and included roundtable discussions with local artists and members of the art, design, and civic community, an online questionnaire, and open houses across El Paso. The 2026–2036 Public Art Master Plan Update builds on the program's success while expanding access to public art, strengthening community engagement, and supporting the local arts ecosystem.

## **About the 2026 Public Art Plan**

The 2026 Public Art Plan provides updates on the program and its current projects. The plan adds three new projects in partnership with the El Paso International Airport, including Boarding Bridges Murals and installations at Concourse A1 and the EPIA sterile area. The Public Art Program also has 20 additional projects in progress, with five nearing completion.

For more information about the Public Art Program, including an interactive dashboard of completed projects, visit [www.epmcd.org/experience-art/public-art](http://www.epmcd.org/experience-art/public-art).

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