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# Signal Cabinet Art Program Consideration

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Cultural Arts Commission Meeting  
March 4, 2026

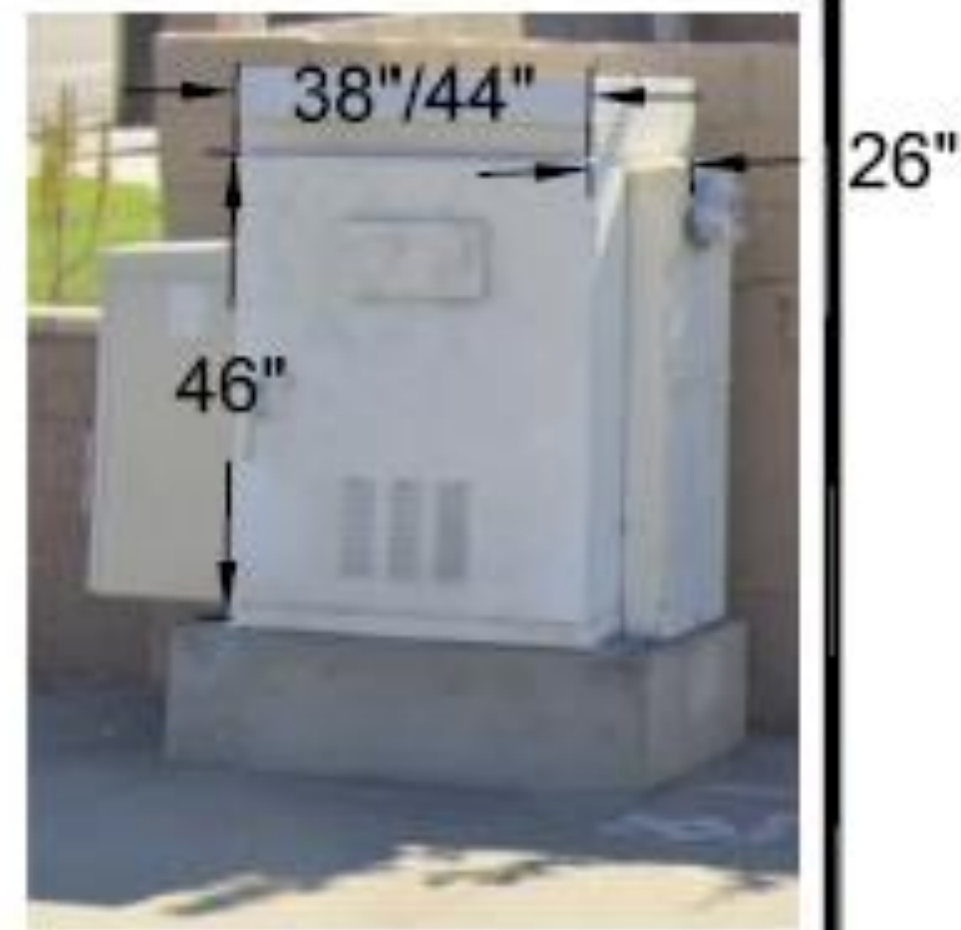
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## Cabinet Types

Traffic Signal Cabinet = 62



● Type 333  
Traffic Signal Cabinet (39)



● Type P  
Traffic Signal Cabinet (23)

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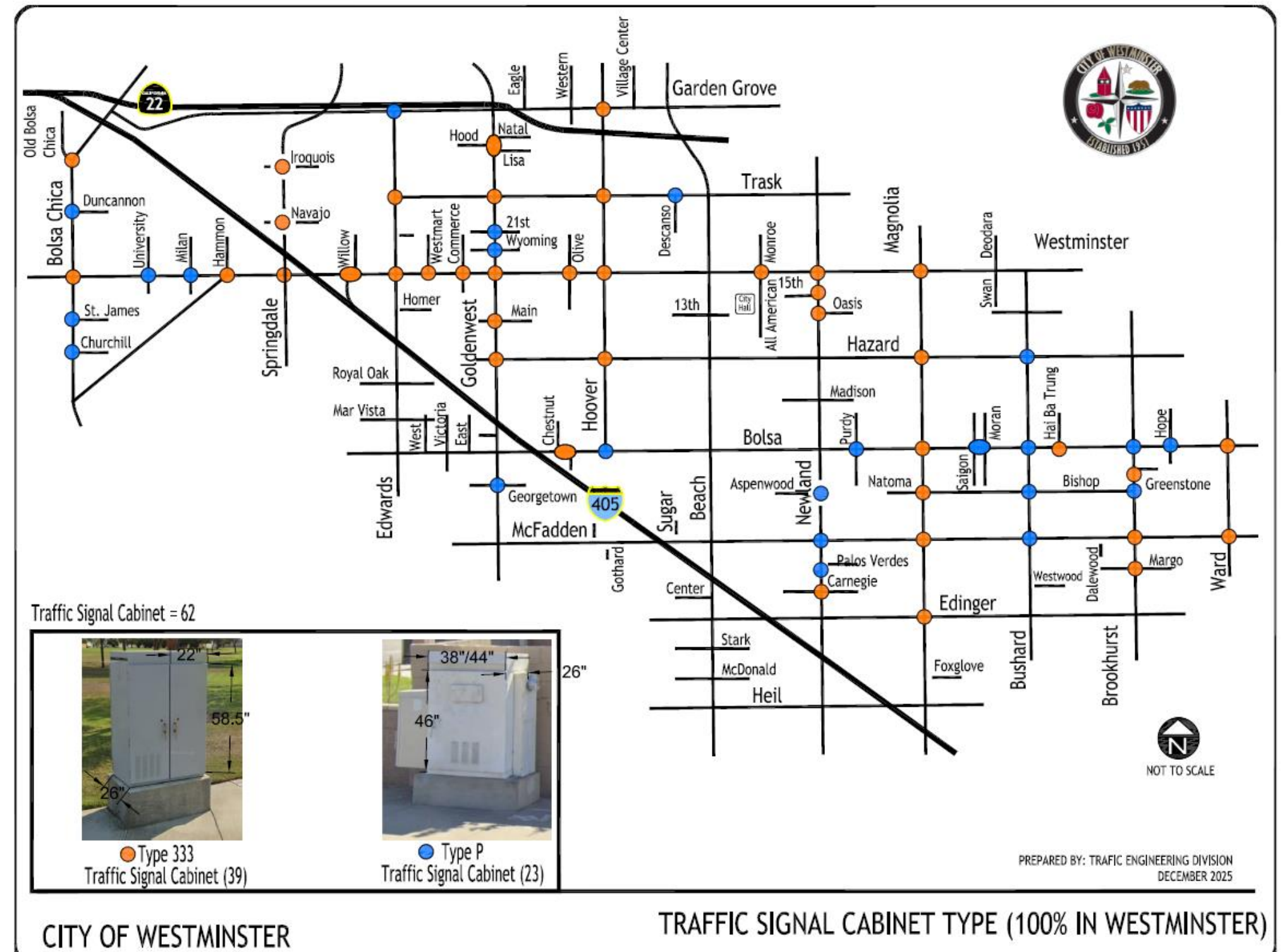
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- Type P

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# Background and Discussion

- Definition
  - Art program within the City
    - Engage artists
    - Promote community pride
    - Create neighborhood or district identity
    - Reduce Blight & Graffiti



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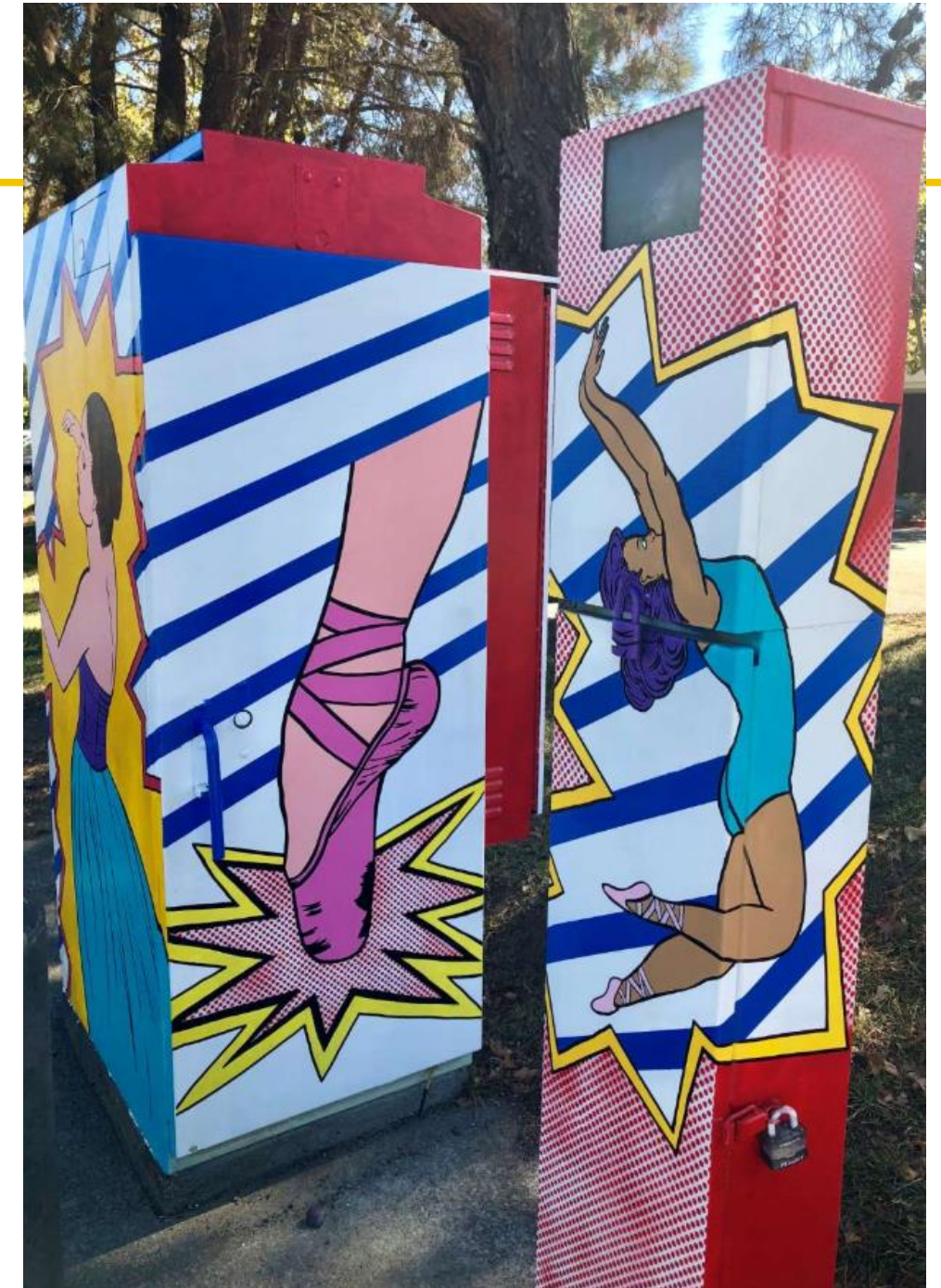
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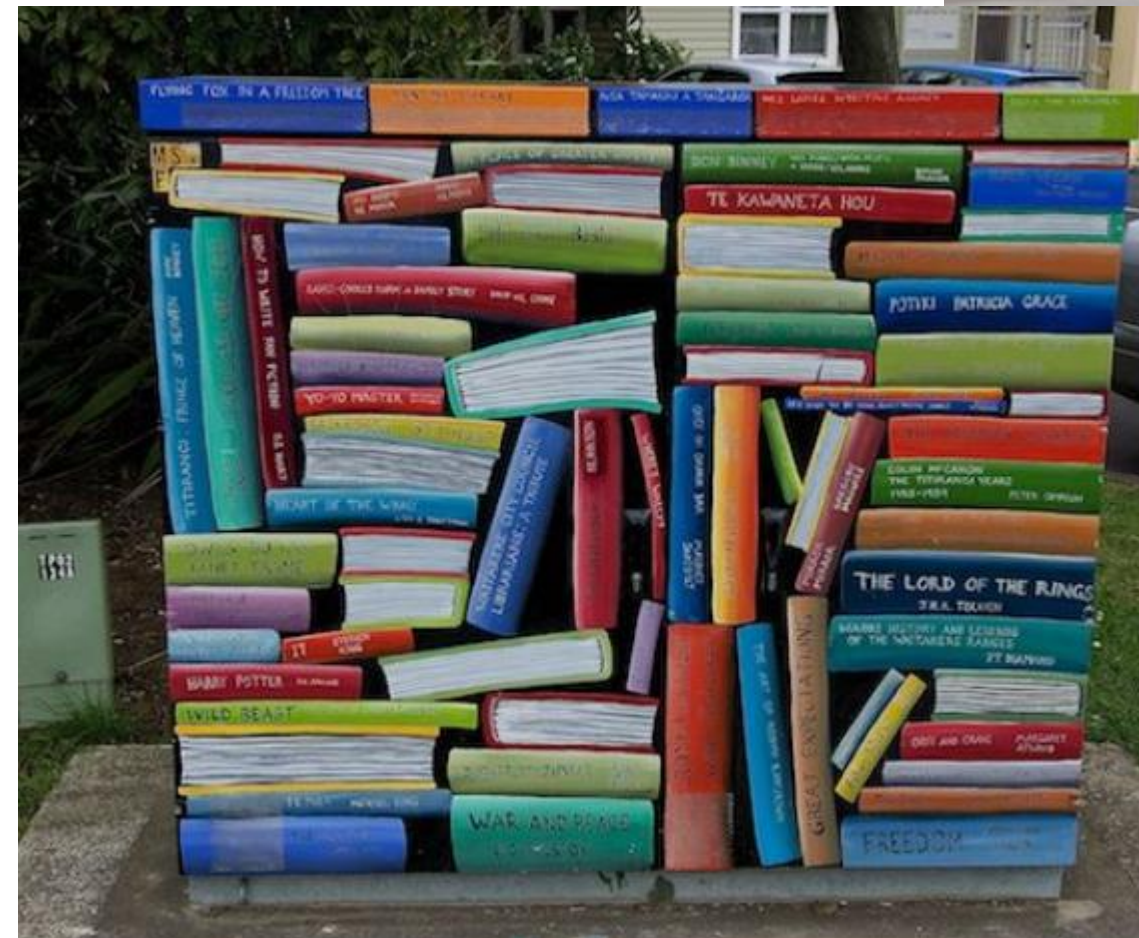
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- Types of Installation
  - Individually painted by Artists on-site
  - Vinyl Wraps digitally produced
  - Photorealistic Wraps
  - Hybrid models



# Background and Discussion

- Artist Selection Process
  - Formal Call for Artists
  - Partnership Program
  - Sponsored Program



# Background and Discussion

- Cost Considerations
  - Artist Stipends
  - Vinyl Wrap Production
  - Graffiti resistant coating/UV protection
  - Program Administration
- Program Considerations
  - Goals
  - Timing
  - Number of boxes
  - Potential Partners
- Sponsorship Frameworks
  - Direct Box Sponsor
  - Artists find their own sponsor
  - Program Sponsor



# Examples

## City of Dublin

- <https://dublin.ca.gov/1928/Utility-Box-Art>

GOVERNMENT ▾ SERVICES ▾ BUSINESS ▾ I WANT TO... ▾ EXPLORE

Home > Government > Departments > Parks & Community Services > Public Art Programs > Utility Box Art

### Utility Box Art


**Utility Box Art Program**  
This popular Public Art Program has added color and character to Dublin's streets, while deterring graffiti and other forms of vandalism. The City of Dublin currently has over 75 painted utility boxes spread throughout Dublin.

*Look for these the next time you are out and about in Dublin.*

**2026 Program**  
The City of Dublin invites qualified professional artists and student artists working under the supervision of a professional artist or art teacher to submit designs for painted utility boxes.

Utility Box Art is popular throughout the Bay Area as a cost-effective way to bring public art to City streets, define neighborhoods and deter graffiti. All the boxes are traffic signal cabinets owned by the City of Dublin. Boxes will be awarded to up to ten different artists based on design.

The City will pay a stipend of \$1,000 to each artist or, if the artist is a student or student team, to the supervising professional artist or art teacher. The stipend is intended to cover the cost of the artist's design fee as well as the materials that will be necessary to paint the utility box.



## City of Santa Clara

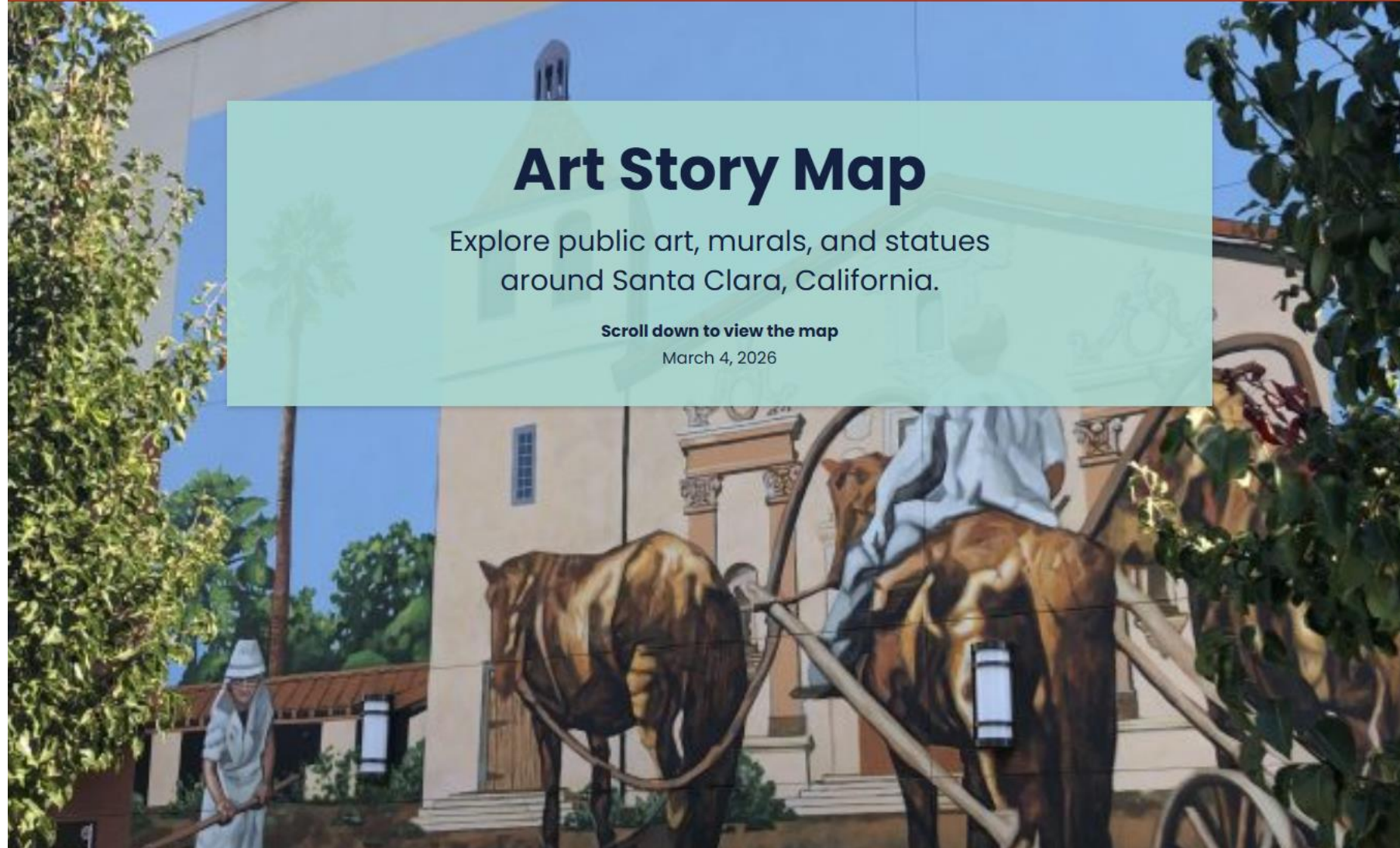
- <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/13fed34308194177b4628e30d66586d2>

Art Story Map

### Art Story Map

Explore public art, murals, and statues around Santa Clara, California.

Scroll down to view the map  
March 4, 2026



# Examples

## City of Costa Mesa

- <https://www.costamesaca.gov/government/departments-and-divisions/parks-and-community-services/arts-culture/public-art/utility-box-art-program>

The screenshot shows the City of Costa Mesa website. The top navigation bar includes 'Costa Mesa City of the Arts', a search bar, and a 'HOW DO I...' dropdown. Below the navigation bar are tabs for 'Trending', 'Government', 'Business', and 'Community'. The left sidebar menu lists 'PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES' with sub-items like 'Arts & Culture', 'About Us', 'Arts Opportunities', 'Programs & Events', 'Public Art', 'Donation Policy', 'Murals', 'Utility Box Art Program', 'Resources', 'Programs', 'Events & Activities', 'Facilities', 'Map of City Parks & Facilities', 'Parks & Community Services Staff and Programs Directory', and 'The Spotlight'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Government > Departments and Divisions > Parks and Community Services > Arts & Culture > Public Art'. The title is 'UTILITY BOX ART PROGRAM'. Below the title is a paragraph: 'The City of Costa Mesa is dedicated to incorporating art into public spaces and is especially interested in incorporating the work of local artists in such spaces whenever possible. A Utility Box Art Program was launched in early 2015, spotlight a handful of utility boxes as beautiful art pieces. Over sixty distinct, artistic designs are now spotlighted throughout Costa Mesa.' Below the text is a map titled 'Utility Box Art Around Costa Mesa' showing various art locations marked with icons.

## City of Fountain Valley

- <https://www.fountainvalley.gov/1362/Art-on-a-Box-Program>

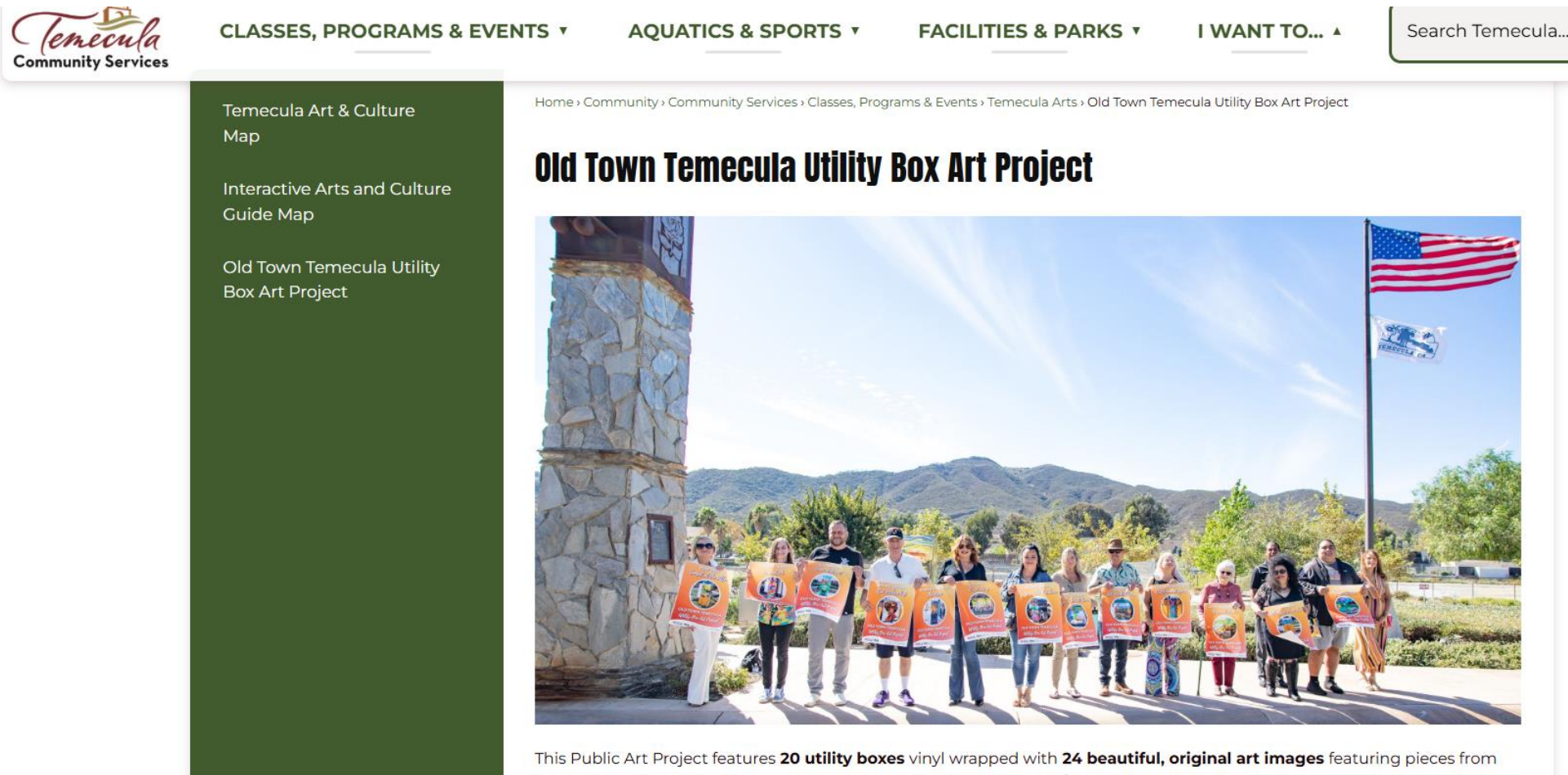
The screenshot shows the City of Fountain Valley website. The top navigation bar includes 'FOUNTAIN VALLEY', 'GOVERNMENT', 'SERVICES', 'BUSINESS', 'COMMUNITY', and 'HOW DO I...'. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a park with a pond. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > GOVERNMENT > Departments > Recreation & Community Services > Art on a Box Program'. The title is 'ART ON A BOX PROGRAM'. Below the title is a list of program details: 'Parks Master Plan', 'Art on a Box Program', 'City Parks & Facilities', 'Classes & Camps', 'Facility Rental Information', and 'Fountain Valley Community Foundation'. The 'Art on a Box Program' item is expanded, showing a sub-section 'What is the Utility Art Box Program?' with a paragraph: 'The City of Fountain Valley is proud to host a Utility Art Box Program, "Art on a Box," as part of a beautification project to promote local artists, local history, and create a sense of community engagement, civic pride and heritage. The program supports the creation of public art by sponsoring artists to improve the visual aesthetics and invigorate utility boxes in public right-of-way streets by turning City-owned utility cabinets into a canvas for art.' Below this is another sub-section 'What are the goals of the program?' with a bullet point: 'Distinguish the City of Fountain Valley as a nice place to live, work, and play.'



# Examples

## City of Temecula

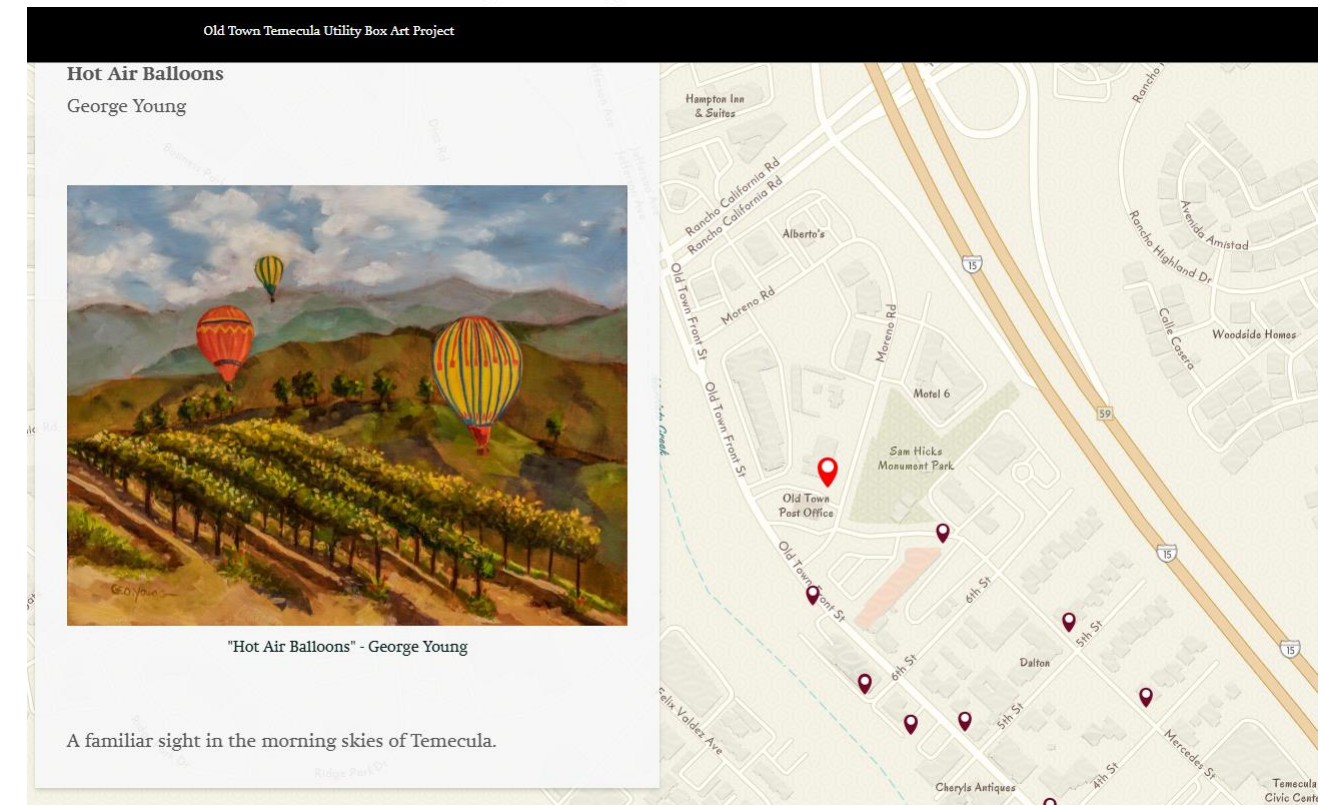
- <https://www.temeculaca.gov/1515/Old-Town-Temecula-Utility-Box-Art-Projec?>



The screenshot shows the City of Temecula website's navigation menu with categories: CLASSES, PROGRAMS & EVENTS; AQUATICS & SPORTS; FACILITIES & PARKS; and I WANT TO... A search bar is also visible. The main content area features a green sidebar with links to 'Temecula Art & Culture Map', 'Interactive Arts and Culture Guide Map', and 'Old Town Temecula Utility Box Art Project'. The main heading is 'Old Town Temecula Utility Box Art Project', with a breadcrumb trail: Home > Community > Community Services > Classes, Programs & Events > Temecula Arts > Old Town Temecula Utility Box Art Project. Below the heading is a photograph of a group of people holding art panels in front of a stone tower and an American flag. A caption below the photo reads: 'This Public Art Project features 20 utility boxes vinyl wrapped with 24 beautiful, original art images featuring pieces from'.



*Hot Air Balloons*  
George Young



The screenshot shows a map of Old Town Temecula with a red pin marking the location of the 'Hot Air Balloons' art project. The map includes street names such as Ramona California Rd, Alberto's, Moreno Rd, and Old Town Front St. A small inset image of the painting is shown on the left side of the map. The text 'Hot Air Balloons - George Young' is displayed below the inset image. Below the map, the text reads: 'A familiar sight in the morning skies of Temecula.'



# Discussion

- Program Framework & Goals
- Feasibility & Location Planning
- Selection of Artists & Review Process
- Funding Framework
  - State and [Federal Grants](#)
  - Non-profit partnerships
  - Sponsorship
- Maintenance & Protection Protocols





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## Questions

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