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Public Art Committee Report to the City Council

March 18, 2025

Presentation by
Taryn Walker, PAC Chair

Thanks to all PAC members:

Taryn Walker, Chair
Ronald Davis, Vice Chair

Salam Arastu
Michael Haggerty
David Ridelhuber
Dr. Laura Rifikin
Vickie Jo Sowell
Rick Tejada-Flores
Judith Wetterer

Jess Cook's Bus Shelter Art install in Fall 2024 – fourth of Phase VII

Additional thanks to members serving in 2024 no longer on the committee:
Edythe Bresnahan and Harley Jensen

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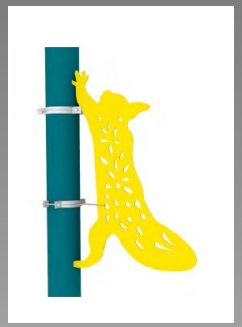
2024 Accomplishment

40th Streetscape Public Art RFQ/RFP & Artist Selection

Sought artists for Public Art on 40th Streetscape to:

- Design an icon for wayfinding
- Create a repeating or serial installation along 40th
- Produce unique art installation in the new plazas

Selected Sijia Chen Studio for the project



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2024 Second Priority
Neighborhood Convergence Restoration

- Relocation and restoration of 11 painted sculptures on Powell Street under Interstate 80 - delayed due to adjacent transportation project

Louise Stanley
Vickie Jo Sowell

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PAC Retreat

Facing significant turnover after decades of stable leadership, the PAC spent a day sharing ideas, learning program history and about each other, and a group art activity

All agreed it was a success

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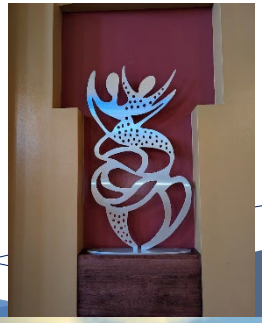
2024 Accomplishment

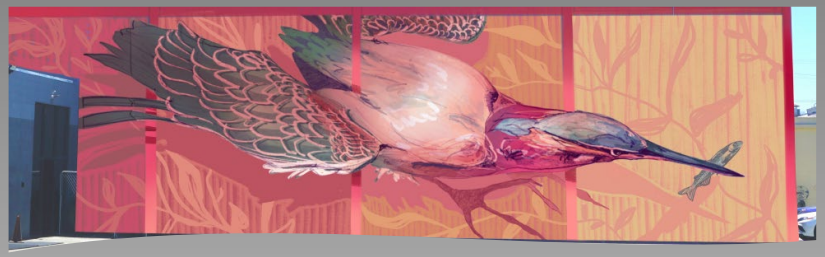
Visual Arts Grants

Six implemented in 2024:

- Salma Arastu
- Juan Lopez
- Rachel Wolfe Goldsmith
- John Patrick Thomas
- Sean Griffin
- Joey Rose

With one underway by Chris Granillo and one outstanding by Packard Jennings





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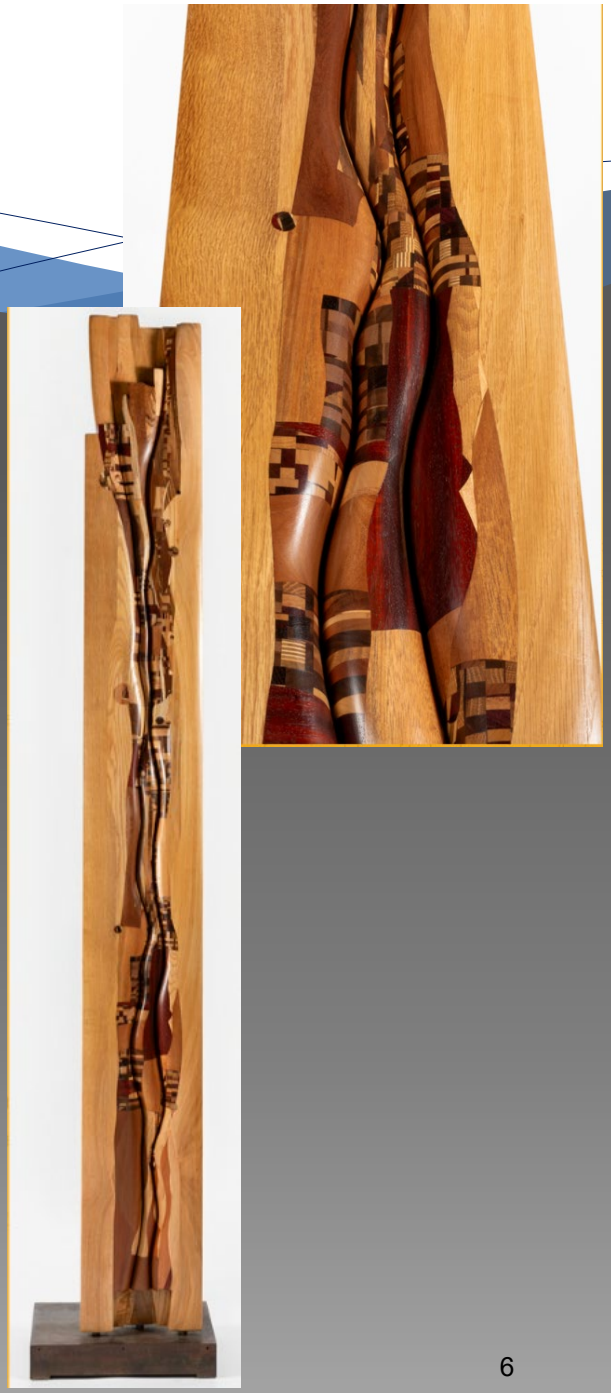
2024 Accomplishment
Purchase Award

- Roberto Gastelumendi
- White oak and mixed hardwoods
- Created in 2019
- 104″x11″x4″
- $30,000
- Installation in 2025



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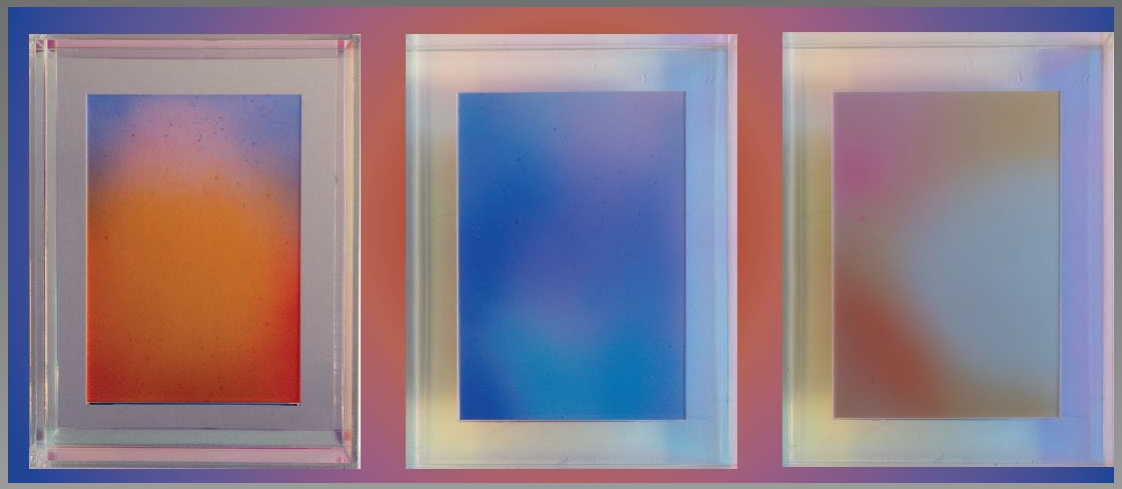
2024 Accomplishment
2023 Purchase Award

- Installation and celebration of three works purchased in 2023:
  - "Chroma #1, 3, and 4" by Erin Fong at the Senior Center



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2024 Accomplishment

Phase VII Bus Shelter Art

- Phase VII of *Sharon Wilchar Bus Shelter Art Program* - 2023 Call
- Local artists installed in 2024 were:

Lisa Rock

Gregoire Vion

Jess Cook

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2024 Accomplishment

Installed Commission by Ned Kahn

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2024 Accomplishment

Initiated Phase VIII Bus Shelter Art

Prepared application, Request for Proposal, Activity Guide article and Website to prepare for an early 2025 call for artists for Phase VIII

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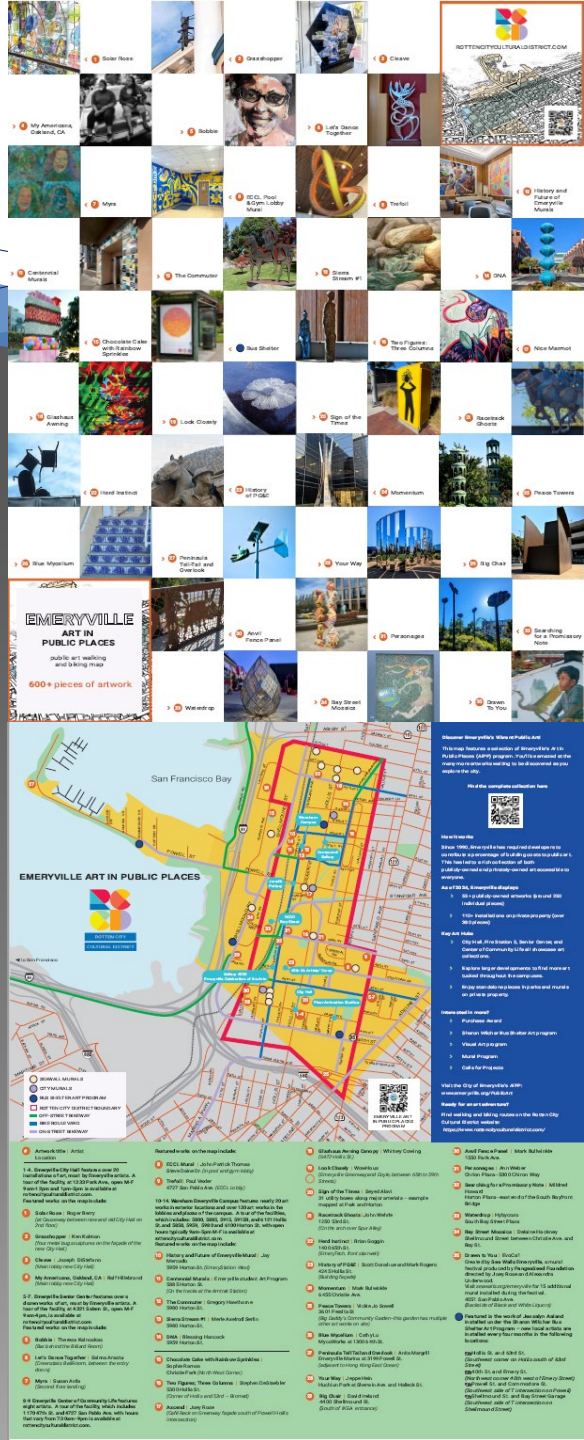
New Public Art Map Printed

- PAC reviewed and made recommendation:
  - Which programs to include on the map with iconography
  - Which works to include
  - New photography to include
  - Integrate Rotten City Cultural District Assets
- Distribution underway



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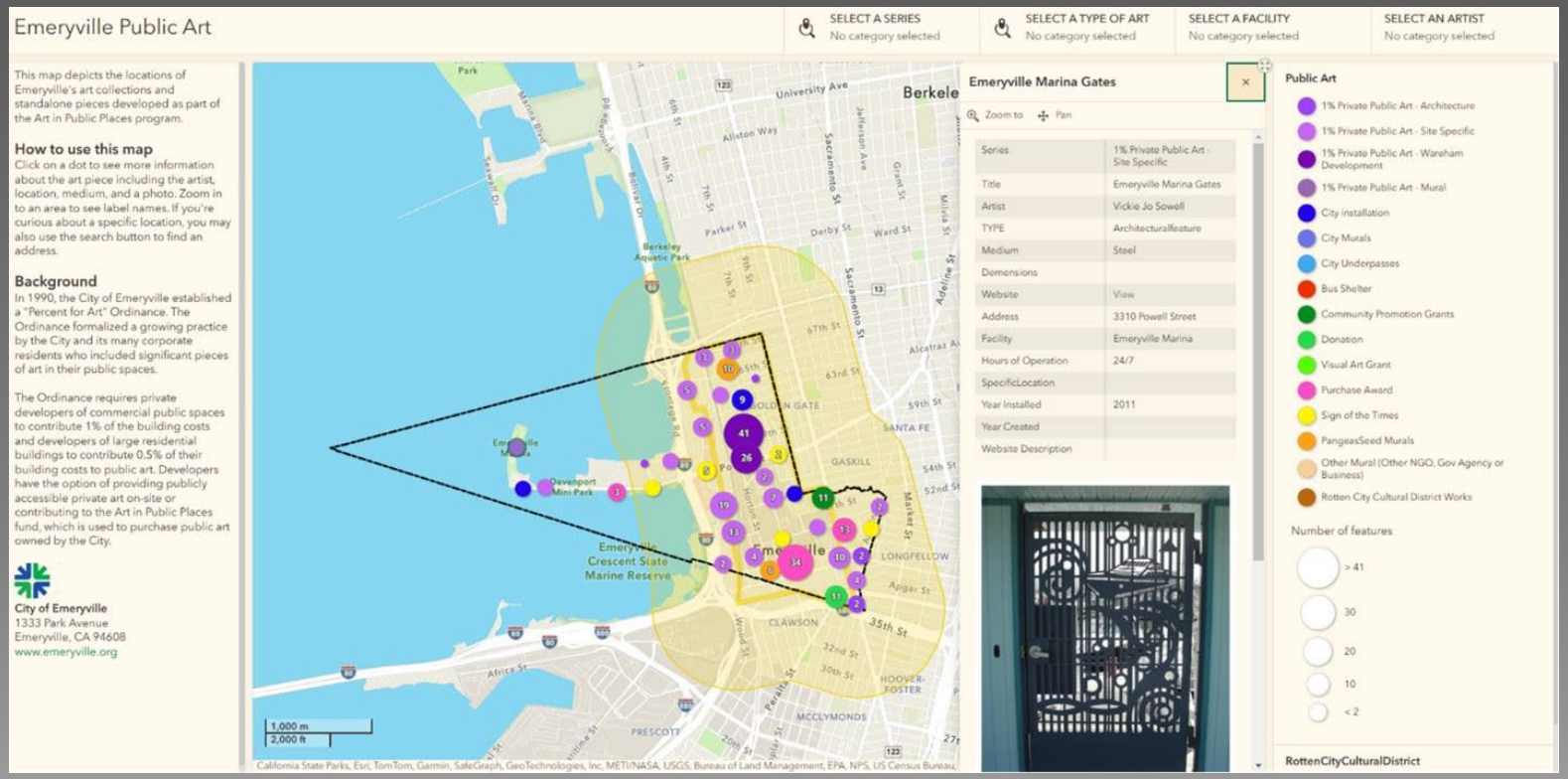
GIS Mapping of the Entire Collection

[GIS MAP OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE ART COLLECTION]



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Social Media Campaign

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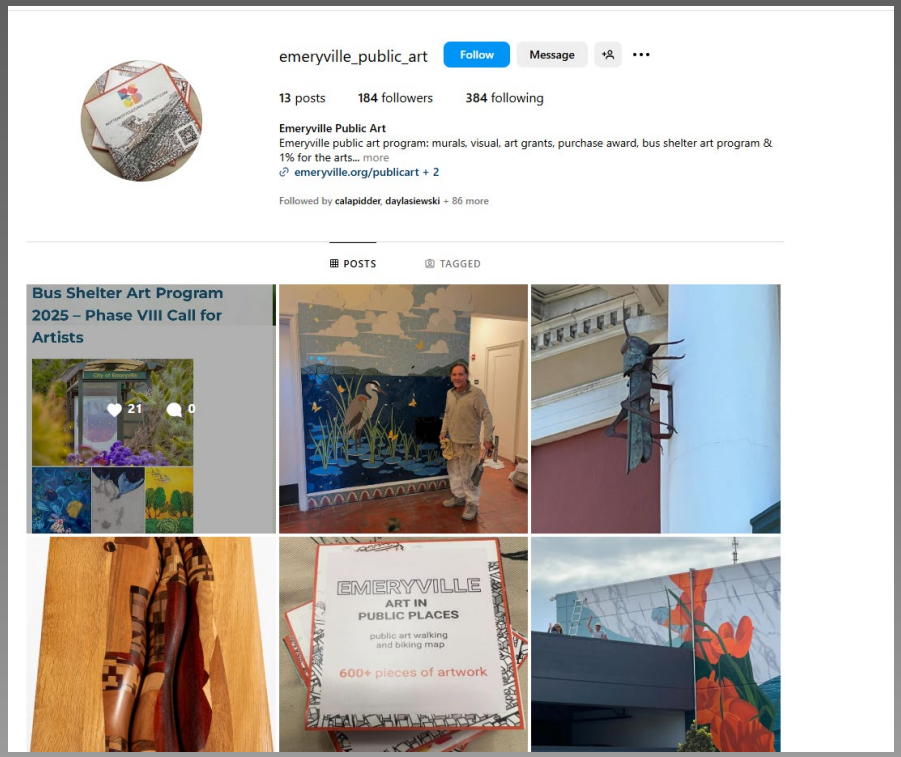

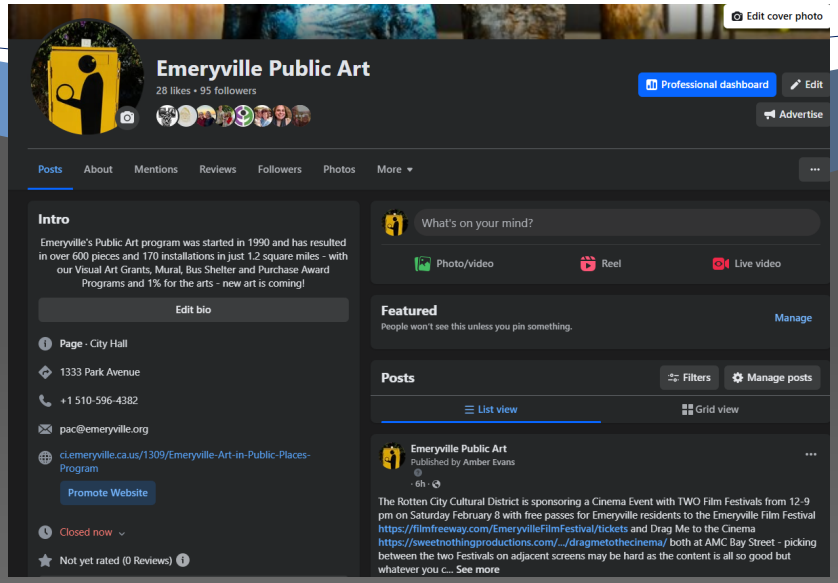

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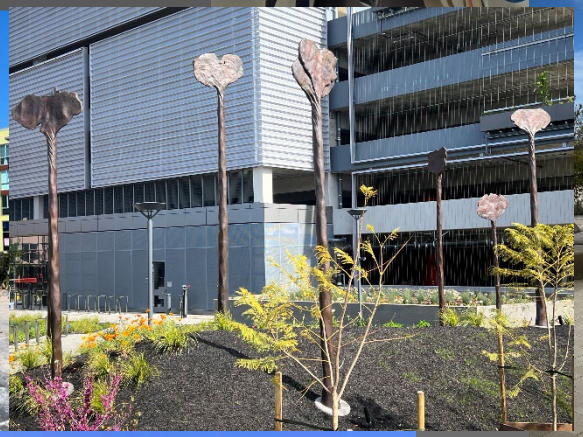
2024 Accomplishments
Private Development - AiPP



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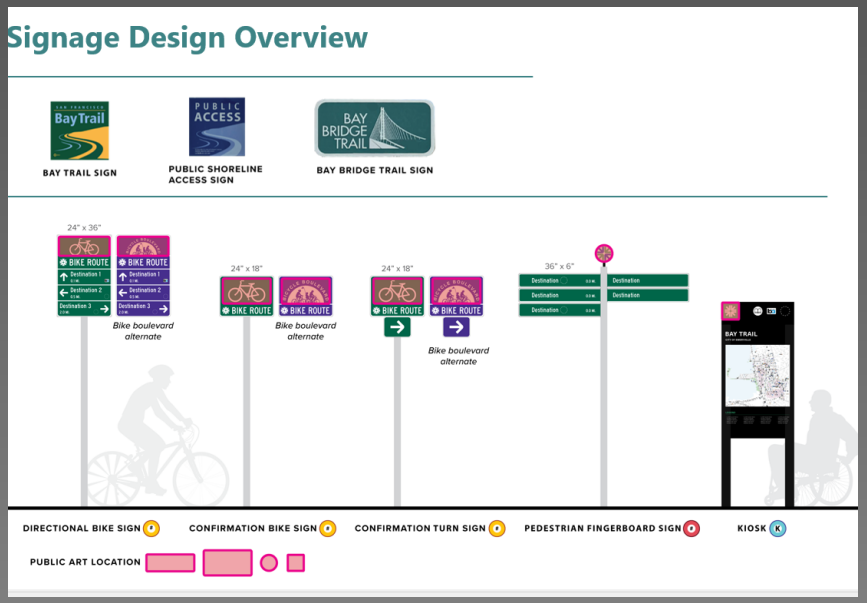
Top Goals for 2025

- 40th Streetscape Icon development and approval
- *Neighborhood Convergence* Restoration or other maintenance priorities



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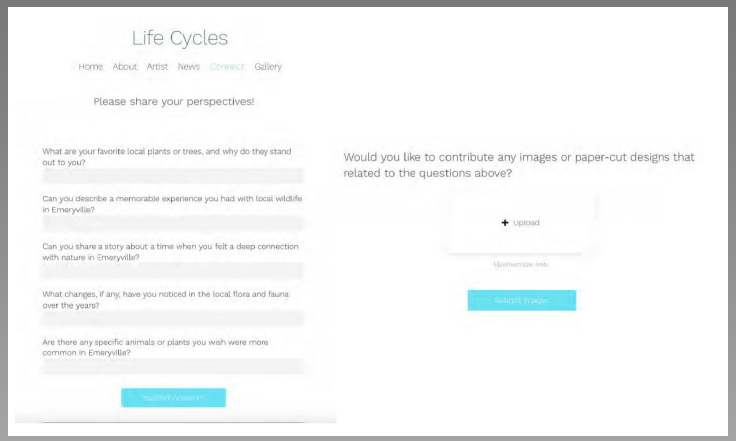
2025 Goal 1
40th Streetscape Icon

- Artist Sijia Chen will lead paper cutting workshops to gain community input on preferred elements including iconic flora, fauna and other images representative to Emeryville stakeholders and survey the public



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2025 Goal 2
Neighborhood Convergence Restoration

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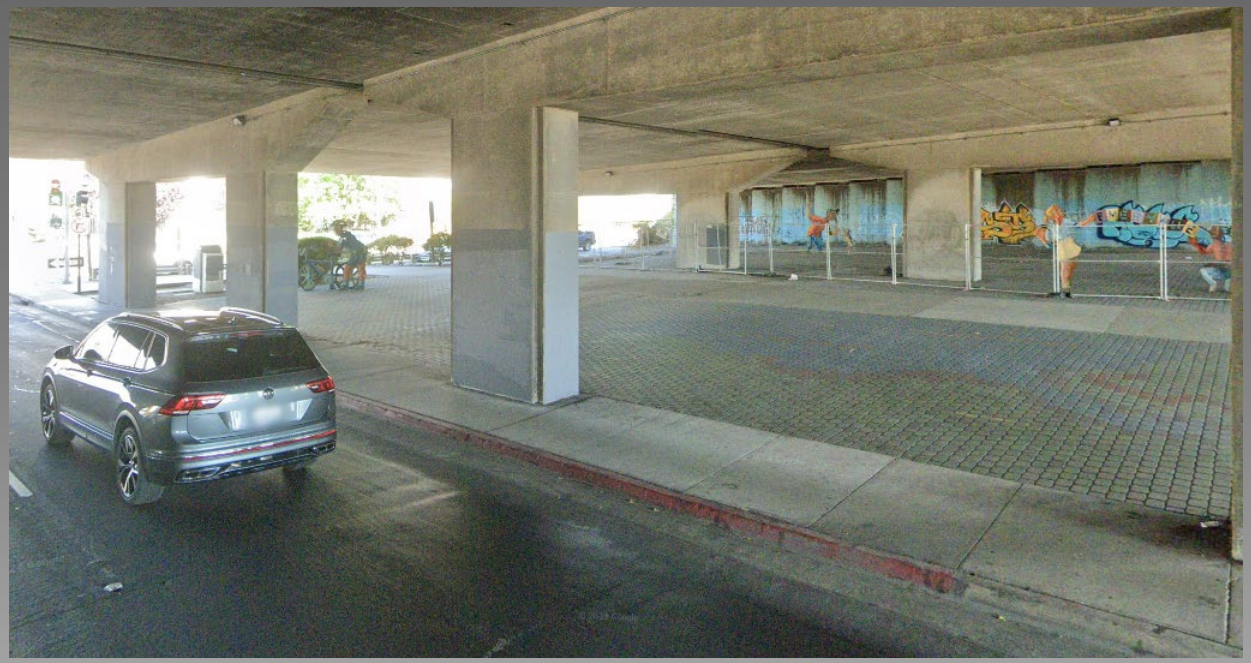

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Additional 2025 Goals

- Sharon Wilchar Bus Shelter Art Program Phase VIII
- Budgeting for and program development for 2026 Visual Art grants, complete 2024 Grants
- 2025 Purchase Award Selection and 2024 Purchase Award installation
- Consideration of a lending program for Purchase Award collection
- Updates to the new GIS map and expansion of the social media presence

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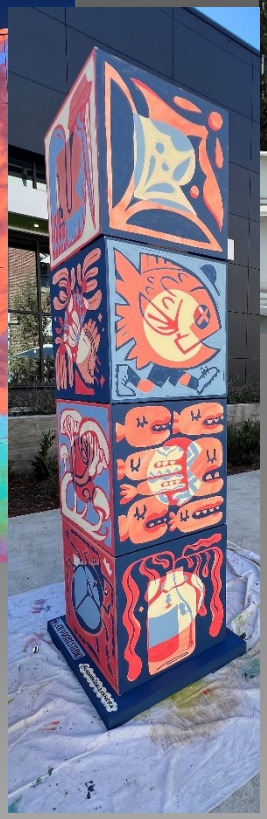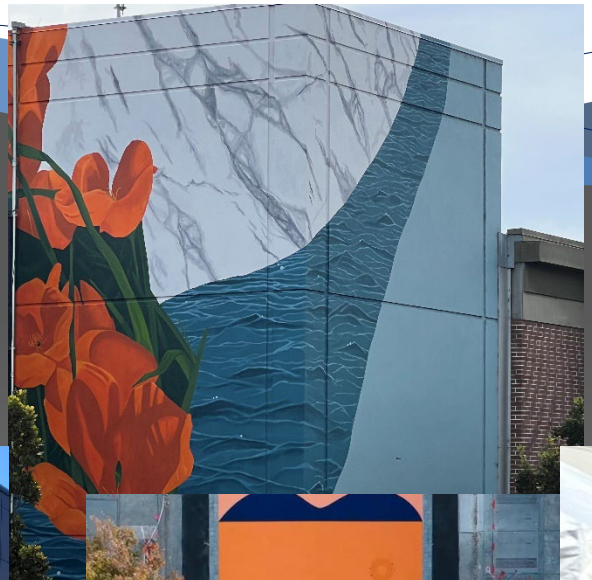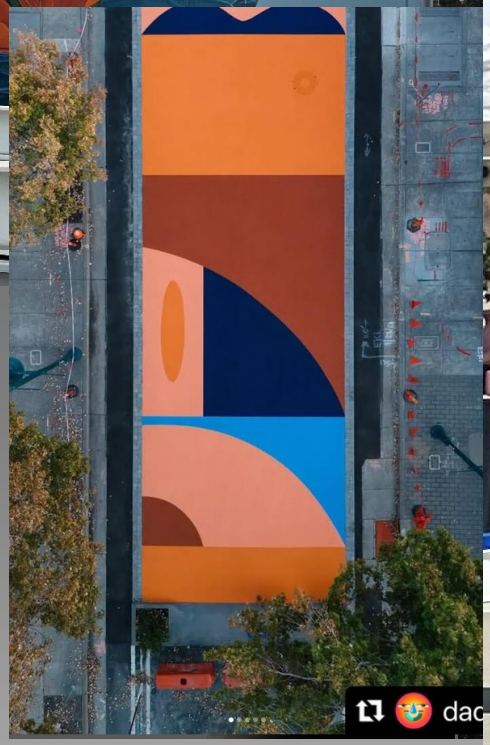
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