

Project Updates

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Bellevue Arts Commission

1E-113 or Zoom Meeting, 4:30 pm

City of Bellevue, WA

Project Updates

Funding

Cultural Facility Grants Program

No update to report.

2025 Grants Program

No update to report.

2026 Grants Program

No update to report.

Planning Projects

BelRed Arts District

Update: On July 10th the Neighborhoods division will be hosting a “Neighborhood Walk” in the Arts District. Members of the community are invited to sign up. The BelRed Arts District alliance held an event called Pride on the Corner on June 28 with their new Executive Director, Sandy Vo, and in partnership with Pride Across the Bridge. They created a Pride Wall in the BelRed Arts District, consisting of a community-led art project weaving ribbons together to create a 200-foot-long pride flag. The location of this flag is at 134th Ave NE and Spring Blvd.

Economic Development Plan

Update: Staff will give an update at this meeting.

Public Art

Yonder Sky by Po Shu Wang

Update: The sculpture will be installed in July. The tech components of the work will be operational once the street is fully open.

Rooted by Jill Anholt

No update to report.

Crossroads Public Art by Anna Mlasowsky

No update to report.

Grand Connection

Update: Staff are planning the launch of community outreach for the Grand Connection Crossing Art Plan and Preliminary Artwork Concept.

The City of Bellevue is also officially launching an Office of the Grand Connection, equipping itself to activate the city's main pedestrian corridor through downtown fully. The Office of the Grand Connection will include a centralized team of expert staff and a newly hired director to streamline decision-making and advance the program's I-405 crossing component.

Portable Art Collection

Update: The newly acquired artworks are hung and will be celebrated at an artist's reception on July 9 at 6 pm, immediately following the Arts Commission meeting. Please join us!

Temporary Public Art Projects

Update: Staff received two concept designs from the top two artists in the selection pool. After consulting with the broader team, including Transportation staff, it was decided to amend the project to include both. Each artist will develop four designs and be compensated as advertised in the call – they will then be tasked with creating two options for two crosswalk locations. Any designs not installed now, the city will own and could potentially install later if the outcome of the traffic safety study is positive. Outreach, including design input for both artists' concept designs, is expected to occur in August.

The call for artists for utility box wraps has closed, with 176 applications received. Next steps will be selecting up to 12 artists, determining final box locations, and then working with artists to develop designs for installation in 2026.

Public Art Collection & Maintenance

Update: Summer maintenance is underway – so far, *Piloti* has received a comprehensive gentle scrub and wash, *Salmon Woman & Raven*, *Double Inquiry* and *Apostle of Peace (Gandhi)* received a pressure wash and scrub, torch and waxing. *Hatching Bird* and *Menace de Moderisme* received a coating of a wood preservative. *Giga Now* and *Arc with Four Forms* were also cleaned. Additional artworks will be maintained in the coming weeks and months, with a total of 30 artworks planned for maintenance this year.

Eastside Artist Roster

Update: 176 submitted applications, 55 in progress.