

Murals on the Weston Section of the Mass Central Rail Trail

Call for Proposals

Project Description

Approximately 30 thousand people a year pass through the historic underpasses on the new Mass Central Rail Trail in Weston. The Friends of the Legacy and Rail Trails (FLRT) seeks proposals for murals on two of these underpasses.

Candidates

We look forward to proposals from any public or private high school student, or teams of students, in Weston.

Locations

There are three underpasses (also called “tunnels”) on the Mass Central Rail Trail in Weston. This Call for Proposals is for the underpass under Church Street and the one under Concord Road. The two side walls of the Church Street Underpass are approximately 48 feet long and 9 feet high. The two sides walls of the Concord Road Underpass are approximately 34 feet long and 9 feet high. There are a total of four walls. We expect proposals to be for a single wall. We do not expect the ceilings or the “wing walls” to be painted.

Selection Process

The Weston Rail Trail Murals Committee will include a representative from:

- The Weston High School Art Department,
- The Weston Art and Innovation Center,
- The Friends of the Legacy Rail Trail,
- The Weston Rail Trail Advisory Committee, and
- The Weston Historical Society

In addition, the Murals Committee will include a local mural artist who will also be supervising the mural painting. The Committee will meet in March to review the proposals and select one or more of the designs. The final selected design will need to be approved by the Mass Department of Transportation and the Weston Select Board.

The Committee is not restricting the type of artwork proposed. It can be abstract or realistic. Multicolored or more mono-chromatic. It can include text or not. The only constraints are that:

- It should roughly cover the wall space provided,
- The artist should be able to implement the design with latex paint, and
- The painting can be completed in the time allotted (see below)

It should be noted that because this is public art on *public property*, both the Mass DOT and the Weston Select Board will probably not approve artwork that would be considered offensive by many or promotes political parties or candidates.

Timeline

February 1: Call for Proposals. Mail to mural@WestonRailTrail.org.

March 1: Proposals received (see attached), *by close-of-business on Monday 3/1*.

April 1: Applicants notified

May 1: Painting of murals begins, to be completed by June 1.

Early June: Opening reception for the murals.

Support

The cost of all supplies and materials up to \$1000 will be provided.

Storage for materials and trash will be provided. The walls will be washed ahead of time.

Submission Form

Please email to mural@WestonRailTrail.org by March 1, 2021.

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| Name | |
| School | |
| US Postal Address | |
| Email Address | |
| Submission Date | |
| Will you be able complete the mural between May 1 and June 1? | |

Sketch or Drawing

(attach gif or jpeg)

Description of Proposed Art Work

(Is there any information that would help the selection committee better understand your proposed painting?)

Materials and Supplies Necessary to Implement Drawing

(Type of materials with rough quantities.)

Other Comments or Questions (Optional)