



# 2024 ART IN THE LOOP PROJECT: Convivencia

## CALL FOR VISUAL ARTISTS

**Deadline for submissions: Monday, March 18, 2024, 11:59 p.m.**

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The Art in the Loop Foundation (ALF) is in search of artists to bring their creativity to Downtown Kansas City for the 2024 Summer Public Art program (11th Annual).

Through a competitive, open-call process, ALF selects local artists to create temporary, site-specific work along and near the KC Streetcar route in Downtown Kansas City. Your artwork will be viewed by thousands of KC Streetcar riders and Downtowners daily! Selected artists will receive funds and project support to bring their big ideas alive for a 6-month outdoor program.

### **2024 Theme/Prompt: Convivencia**

This year's theme is *convivencia* (Spanish: to coexist with others through practicing the way we share space and resources despite our differences. To be "at ease" with difference.)

Convivencia is a space between harmony and conflict. It expresses a shared life with others that is a constant practice, effort, negotiation, and joint achievement while recognizing friction or opposing energy. We recognize that artists and creatives are very familiar with navigating space, energy, and time amongst one another and within their communities.

Throughout Downtown Kansas City and on board the KC Streetcar, we observe moments of Convivencia through the interactions of visitors, residents, workers, and commuters.

This year we invite artists to share how they practice or observe convivencia. We challenge artists to explore moments that demonstrate the act of joint achievement and negotiation, whether that be in an abstract or a representational sense.

We ask artists to consider the following prompts: Can we be at ease with difference? How do we share space with our community while balancing both harmony and conflict? How does this tension inform our work and practice?

We are looking for artists to respond to this word, feeling and experience and to explore their vision of convivencia.

### **Eligibility, Requirements & Schedule:**

Professional visual artists, or artist teams, art students, at least 18 years of age residing within 50 miles of Kansas City are eligible. [Click here](#) to learn more about the selection process, requirements, and schedule.

### **Art in the Loop Mission:**

The mission of the Art in the Loop Foundation (ALF) is to contribute to the visual identity, enrichment, and revitalization of Downtown Kansas City, create new opportunities for artistic development, and expand public interaction with new art of excellence. ALF values an equitable, diverse, and inclusive art community.

### **To be considered, artists may submit a proposal for ANY of the FOUR following categories:**

Please review the details below. You may submit artwork for multiple categories; however, if you are selected, it will be for only one location.

#### **A. KC Streetcar Wrap**

- B. KC Streetcar Shelter (Within the Frame)
- C. KC Streetcar Shelter (Live Painting)
- D. KC Streetcar Sculpture + Shelter

To see examples of previous projects, please visit our [website](#).

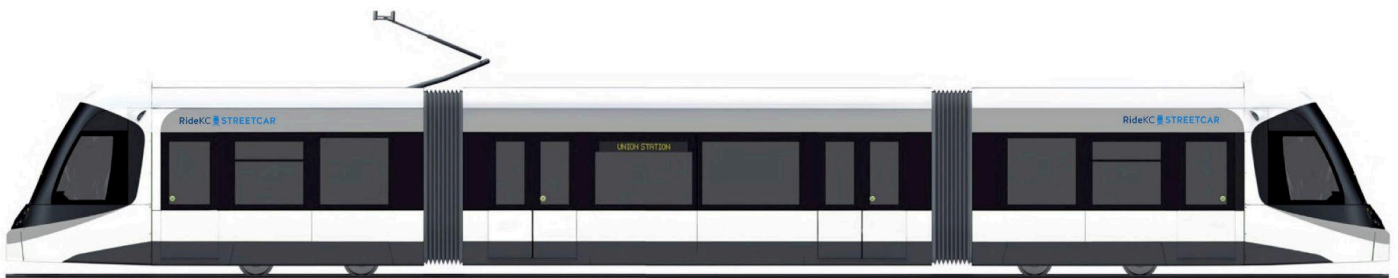
## A. KC STREETCAR WRAP (Art Car)

Artists are invited to wrap one KC Streetcar vehicle with their artwork. If accepted you will be asked to provide a print-ready file at the appropriate dimensions. Click [HERE](#) for a downloadable pdf template and helpful tips to wrap the KC Streetcar. Please superimpose your idea on the streetcar digital file. This helps the selection committee see your artwork as you envision it on the streetcar.

**One** artist/artist team will be selected to wrap one streetcar.

The selected artist will be paid a fee of **\$2,500** to create the print-ready artwork. Art in the Loop will pay for printing, installing, and removing the artwork.

Click [HERE](#) for a downloadable pdf template and helpful tips on how to design a KC Streetcar.



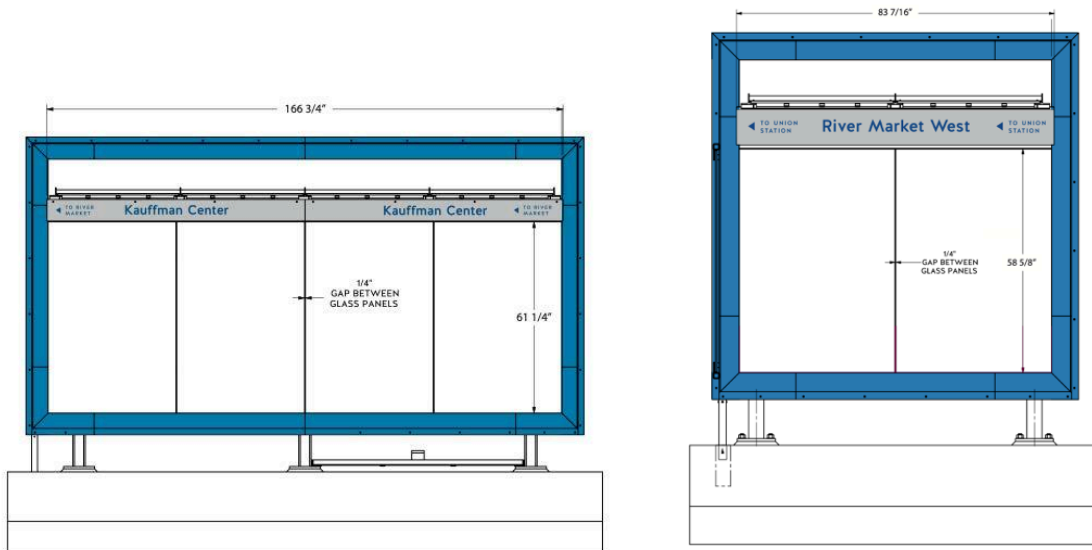
## B. KC STREETCAR SHELTER (Within the Frame)

Artists are invited to propose a 2-dimensional work to be displayed on a KC Streetcar Stop. Two artists/artist teams will be selected to install their works at a KC Streetcar Shelter.

If accepted, you will be asked to provide a print-ready file at the appropriate dimensions. The display area dimensions are 61.25" x 166.75" for the larger streetcar stop shelters and 58.63" x 83.44" for the smaller streetcar stop shelters. The area for artwork on KC Streetcar shelters is on the back-panel glass. The printed graphic may take an organic shape, or fit within the standard dimensions. Artwork does not need to take up the entire back-panel glass. The artwork is not to encroach on the blue frame.

We suggest considering the ambient light at the stops. Please note the artwork will be viewed from both sides of the shelter and should be visually interesting from either view. (Hint: check out previous artwork at KC Streetcar stops to get ideas [HERE](#).)

Selected artists will be paid a fee of **\$1,000**. Art in the Loop will pay for printing, installing and removing the artwork. Art in the Loop will also manage the installation process with the printing and installation company.



### C. KC STREETCAR SHELTER (Live Painting)

One KC Streetcar stop will include a Live Painting installation. Artwork may be applied directly to the glass of the shelter. Artwork may also be installed in the area around a KC Streetcar stop; however, provisions must be made for accessibility and safety as well as permission granted by the KC Streetcar Authority and/or property owner. Additionally, all artwork must be able to be removed from the streetcar stop or adjacent area.

Proposals based in social practice and/or community engagement are encouraged. Social practice includes any artform that directly engages the community in collaboration and social interaction. Social practice works are often co-created with the public, with that collaborative aspect holding equal importance as the artwork itself. (Hint: check out previous artwork at KC Streetcar stops to get ideas [HERE](#).)

Selected artists will be paid a fee of **\$1,500** (includes artist's time, materials, installation, and removal costs).

### D. KC STREETCAR SCULPTURE + SHELTER

One KC Streetcar stop will include a 3-dimensional installation/artwork. Artwork will be installed in the area around a KC Streetcar stop; however, provisions must be made for accessibility and safety as well as permission granted by the property owner. Additionally, all artwork must be able to be removed from the installation area and the streetcar stop. In addition to the Sculpture, we are asking artists to include an artwork or written artwork proposal for a KC Streetcar Shelter that amplifies their design and connects the audience with the artist and their artwork. (Hint: check out previous artwork at KC Streetcar stops to get ideas [HERE](#).)

Selected artists will be paid a fee of **\$2,500** (includes artist's time, materials, installation, and removal costs).

**Deadline for application is March 18, 2024 [Click here to apply](#)**

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