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City of El Paso Adopts 2025 Public Art Plan Advancing Quality of Life through Arts and Culture

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso City Council approved the 2025 Public Art Plan, reinforcing the City’s commitment to enhancing public spaces through arts and culture. The plan introduces six new projects to the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department’s (MCAD) Public Art Program, adding to the 20 projects currently in progress.

The newly approved projects include an all-abilities playground, public art installations at El Paso International Airport, murals, and other initiatives designed to enrich the city’s visual landscape.

“The Public Art Program showcases the unique visual identity of El Paso,” said MCAD Director Ben Fyffe. “MCAD is proud to foster the growth of our local creative community while increasing opportunities for residents and visitors alike to enjoy public art.”

In addition to approving the 2025 Public Art Plan, the City Council received an update on both completed and in-progress projects. MCAD also updated City Council on the Public Art Master Plan, which is being updated for the next decade.

About the City of El Paso’s Public Art Program

The mission of the Public Art Program is to commission and maintain a diverse collection of public artworks; support the inclusion of public art in private development and infrastructure built by others; promote the community’s access to, appreciation of, and enjoyment of visual art; and supports the emergence of public art practice in El Paso. The program is funded through a two percent set aside from the budgets of every capital improvement project within the City.

Since it was first adopted in 2006, the Public Art Program has completed 94 projects and worked with 206 artists, 72 percent of whom are local. Recently completed projects include: *August Third Memorial* at Jim Crouch Park, *Convocation* and *Sun Eagle* at Police Department Eastside Regional Command Center; and *Seats of Hope* at the Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library. The award-winning program also includes a diverse collection of acquisitions through the Art Purchase Program and an Allied Artist Program, which partners local artists with more experienced artists commissioned for major projects.

For more information about the Public Art Program, including opportunities for community feedback on the upcoming Public Art Master Plan, visit www.epmcad.org/experience-art/public-art.

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