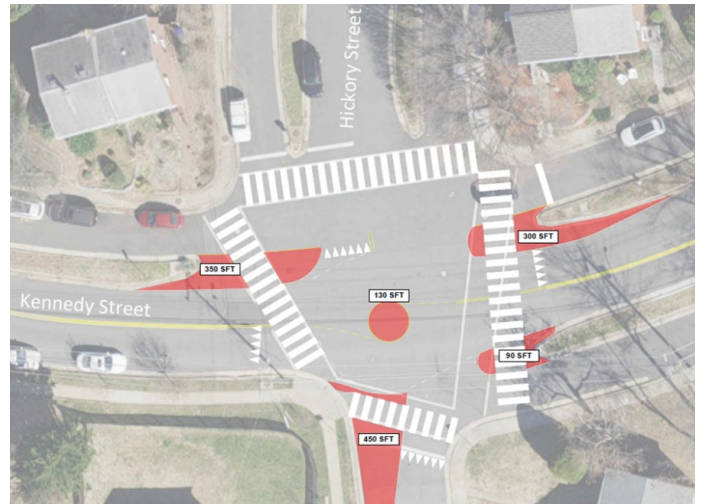


Warwick Village Mini-Roundabout and Street Mural

Frequently Asked Questions

Why was this location chosen?

The intersection of Hickory Street and Kennedy Street was identified as a location of concern by Warwick Village residents in February 2023. City staff coordinated with residents on identifying options to address safety for all users, and curb extensions, high-visibility crosswalks, and a mini-roundabout/neighborhood traffic circle were implemented to address safety concerns. During the coordination with City staff on the improvements, staff shared that there was an opportunity to engage with the City's Public Art Program and include asphalt art in the project, in lieu of standard grey curb-extension paint. Community members expressed interest in the idea and the public art project was initiated.



The areas shaded red show the location of the street mural.

Which areas are being painted?

The center circle of the mini-roundabout and the curb extensions will be painted with the street mural. The crosswalks and travel lanes will not be painted.

What is the purpose of the street mural?

The use of art driven interventions in the streetscape can facilitate slower, calmer, and more attractive streets for residents. An Asphalt Art Safety Study, conducted in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies, found significantly improved pedestrian safety performance across a variety of measures during periods when asphalt art was installed on city streets. Additionally, the public art project has the following goals:

PUBLIC ART PROJECT GOALS

*Elevate the importance of safe intersections for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. *Incorporate artwork that is reflective of the neighborhood's identity and celebrates the culture, spirit and/or history of area. *Help strengthen the sense of community by engaging the local community and neighbors in the public art project. *Create safer streets for people that follow federal and industry guidance on best practices and address ADA guidelines. *Develop a pilot project that contributes to research and the larger knowledge base about public art and transportation.*

Who is doing the art project?

The street mural project is managed and funded by the City of Alexandria's Public Art Program. Chalk Riot is the artist group that was selected through a competitive, open-call process to design and install the street mural. Chalk Riot is an all-women mural crew specializing in pavement art.

What materials will be used for the street art?

Chalk Riot will use Street Bond pavement coatings to implement the project. The coatings are water-based and include skid-resistance. Street bond is a leading product in the pavement coating industry. It is praised for its durability, ecological properties, and low VOC.

How long will the mural last?

There are many factors that will affect the longevity of the street mural. Based on the materials chosen, and the location of the artwork, which is outside of the main driving lanes, it is anticipated that the mural will last several years. The Street Bond product will hold its integrity for 1-3 years. The City will monitor for needed maintenance that will add to its longevity.

What are the themes in the street mural and how was the design selected?

The mural includes themes of nature, native plants, and references to the history and culture of Warwick Village. The center circle of the roundabout is inspired by a train wheel, referencing train and railroad history in the area. An additional section of the mural references the annual Luminaria event in the community.

In order to prepare the concept, Chalk Riot prepared a community input questionnaire to hear from residents about what makes Warwick Village special and discuss elements they might like to see incorporated into the mural design. The responses to the questionnaire were taken into consideration in the preparation of the proposed mural concept. The concept was recommended for approval by the Public Art Task Force for the project following a presentation by Chalk Riot. The concept was also presented at the September Warwick Village Citizens Association meeting and was approved by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts in September.

When will the art project be completed?

The street mural will be installed during the first week in October.

Who will maintain the art?

The artwork will be maintained by the City of Alexandria's Public Art Program.

Are any further changes proposed to the alignment of the mini-roundabout?

As of September 30, all physical changes have been made to the roundabout, and the site has been prepared for the street art installation. The following modifications to the mini-roundabout were made in September 2024:

- Adjusted the Kennedy Street westbound approach (going up the hill).
- Added Flexible posts on the double yellow line.
- Added arrow pavement markings.
- Adjusted the size and slightly adjusted the shape of the devices in the circle.

No further adjustments will be made; however, the intersection will continue to be observed after the installation of the street mural.

Where can find more information about the street mural?

For more information, please visit the project website for Vision Zero Public Art: www.alexandriava.gov/go/5745.

Who should I contact if I have further questions about the street mural project?

Additional questions about the public art may be directed to arts@alexandriava.gov.

Who should I contact if I have further transportation-related questions?

If you have transportation-related questions, please contact Ryan Knight, Project Manager with the Transportation Engineering at Ryan.Knight@alexandriava.gov.