

Guidelines

Art on traffic signal boxes

Traffic Signal boxes are the small rectangular boxes near intersections where there are traffic or pedestrian lights. The boxes measure 1440(H) x 786(W) x 414(D), although they can range in size depending on their age and function.



Standard NZ signal box

Wellington City Council is supportive in principle of traffic signal boxes being used for the display of art. The following guidelines **for artwork on traffic signal cabinetry** have been drafted to ensure that artwork does not compromise the core function of the signal boxes.

Artwork will:

- be designed to be printed on a **lamine coated vinyl** and adhered to the cabinet
- be **conceptually and aesthetically appropriate** for the area
- be **visible** to those driving and walking past, particularly to the visually impaired
- be **approved by Council** before going to print (contact details below)
- be regularly inspected and maintained to counter graffiti, postering etc.

If you are interested in proposing an artwork on a traffic signal box, please email arts@wcc.govt.nz for more information and to seek permission.

Artwork won't:

- be painted onto the cabinet as paint may get into the cabinetry and components and is difficult to maintain
- cover vents, hinges, or locks
- be entirely (or mostly) black as this colour is not visible
- cause driver distraction as some colour/linework can be jarring to the eye

Funding

You may be eligible for grant funding to support the development of an artwork on a traffic signal box. For more information about what Council funds please have a look at Council's **website** and at the following arts grants, **Creative Communities Scheme** and the **Arts and Culture Fund**.

Maintenance

Signal boxes are inspected and maintained by WCC to counter graffiti. If an artwork is damaged, WCC won't repair or replace it, however, will remove it and return it to the original condition. Artworks on signal boxes are temporary public artworks, lasting up to ten years.

Information for print companies:

- Large format sign and print companies, for example **SignBiz** or **SignFoundry** can print and install artwork on signal boxes.
- The vinyl will be an adhesive vinyl with a 5-10 year lifespan depending on the site.
- When installing artwork, the print company must ensure that:
 - the signals contractor can open the cabinet door without needing to cut away the artwork
 - the artwork does not cover vents, hinges or locks