



Special Service Area #33
Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Wicker Park Bucktown MILWAUKEE AVE BUMP OUT MURAL SERIES

Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service Area #33 is seeking qualifications and proposals for a series of murals to be painted within six (6) traffic bump outs located along the 1200-1500 blocks of N. Milwaukee Ave. within WPB Special Service Area #33 boundaries.

Project Description

These pieces of public art will be highly visible located along one of Wicker Park Bucktown's most popular commercial corridors and in close proximity to murals by other renowned artists such as CZR PRZ, Jake Merten, Lisa Wronski, and Hebru Brantley. The purpose of this mural is to welcome visitors and commuters to the Wicker Park neighborhood by highlighting the charm and local character of the community with a cohesive mural series featured along Wicker Park's stretch of N. Milwaukee Ave. All proposals will be reviewed by the Arts Committee of WPB SSA #33.

Additionally, this project intends to take advantage of the street closure along this above-detailed stretch of N. Milwaukee Ave. taking place during the **Meet Me on Milwaukee** event series on and **October 25th from 10 AM – 4 PM**. For permitting ease and safety, **we are seeking relatively simple mural designs so as not to distract drivers and pedestrians, and to allow our artists to complete the mural within this 6-hour window.**

Murals and public art in Wicker Park Bucktown serve many purposes in the community including but not limited to:

- beautifying the streetscape
- increasing foot traffic and enhancing the pedestrian experience
- deterring vandalism
- supporting local Chicago artists by creating work opportunities and visibility
- fostering a sense of community, pride, place, and belonging for all residents of and visitors to the neighborhood
- establishing Wicker Park Bucktown as one of the most prominent arts communities in Chicago

As a highly visible part of our neighborhood fabric, all SSA #33 funded murals in Wicker Park Bucktown are intended to be displayed and maintained for a **minimum of three years**. Completed murals will be photographed and included in the WPB mural archive & database (on the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce website).

Mural Sites & Locations

We are currently seeking mural proposals and designs from six different artists for **SIX** painted bump outs of varying sizes located within the 1200-1500 blocks of N. Milwaukee Ave, within the Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service Area #33 boundaries. **Bump out locations (specified by most proximate storefront address) and photos can be reviewed in Attachment A.** The mural sites will be cleared of debris, and artists are responsible for any additional preparations they see fit.

These attached photos may be used by the artist to help create their mural design and proposal. Please email SSA33@wickerparkbucktown.com to request additional or larger format images if needed.

Budget

Selected mural artists will receive a stipend. Stipends will be distributed in two installments, the first 50% to be paid upon acceptance and the remaining 50% upon completion of the artwork. The stipend is intended to cover all costs of the project, including materials, equipment rentals, and artist fee. Unforeseeable circumstances aside, murals not completed in an appropriately timely fashion or according to approved proposals may receive reduced payment. Unfinished murals are ineligible for complete payment and artists may possibly be barred from receiving funding as part of any future SSA #33 arts programs.

Artist Requirements

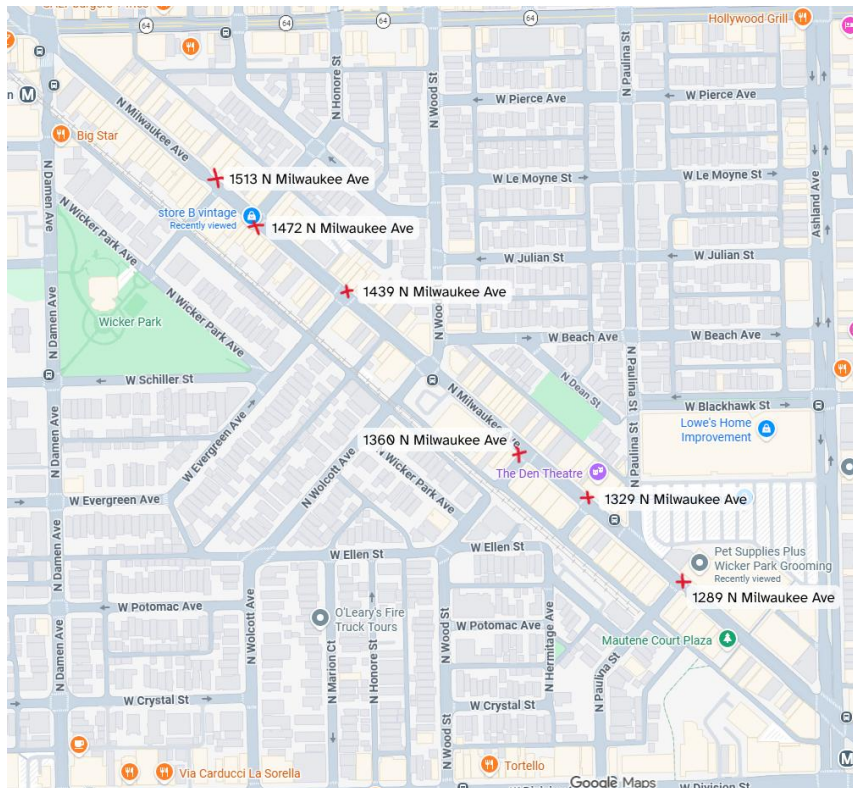
Special Service Area #33 will be responsible for the street closure permit for the Meet Me on Milwaukee event on October 25th from 10 AM – 4 PM, as well as the Make Way for People permit required by the Chicago Department of Transit to install artwork on the street and along the public way.

Artist will be responsible for securing any equipment necessary for completion of the artwork. These expenses should be noted in the proposed budget submitted with the application. All necessary labor must be secured by the artist. Mural cannot require structural alterations to the hosting property and should not cause any lasting damage. Selected artist should have reliable experience and demonstrate a sound ability to take on public art projects from initiation through to completion.

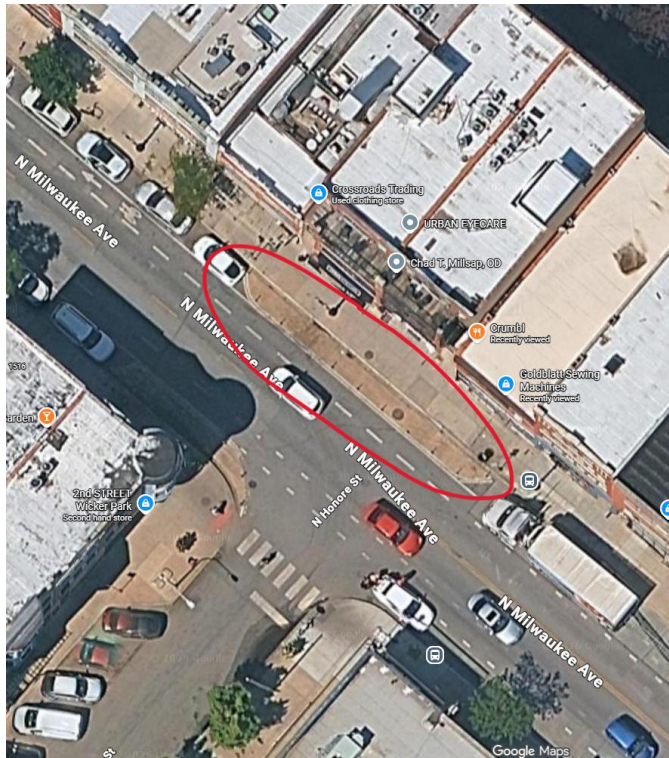
Additionally, **artists must guarantee that their proposal and equipment for the murals are in accordance with the Chicago Department of Transit's Paint Installation Requirements.** Those requirements can be reviewed [HERE](#) and bump out schematics can be viewed [HERE](#).

Proposal Details and Requirements

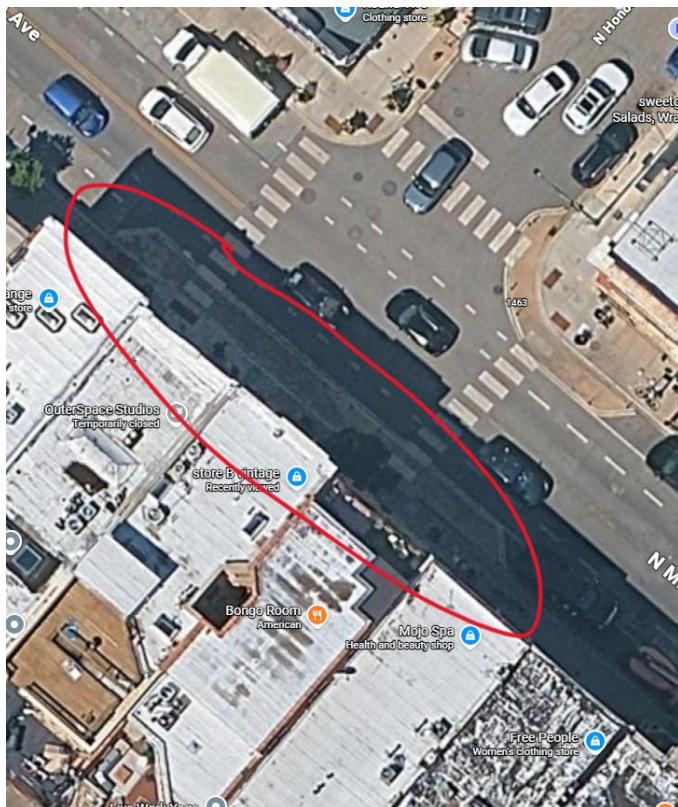
To be considered, artists should submit the following as a single PDF or similar file no later than **11:59pm on Thursday, October 8th.**



1513 N. Milwaukee Ave Bump Out



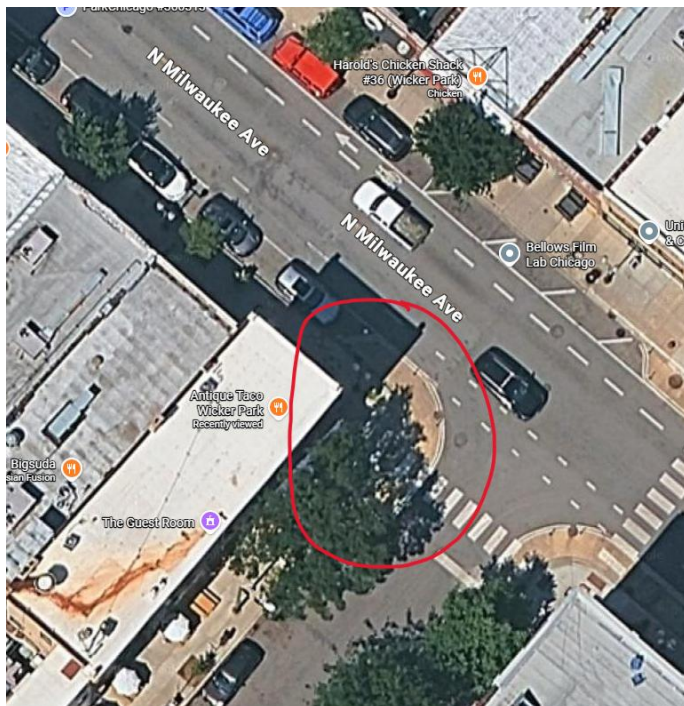
1472 N. Milwaukee Ave. Bump Out



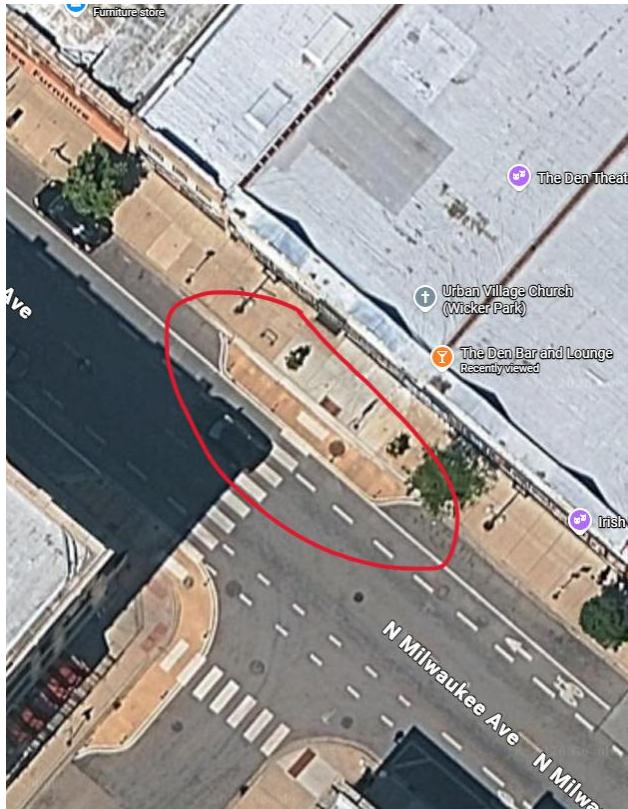
1439 N. Milwaukee Ave. Bump Out



1360 N Milwaukee Ave. Bump Out



1329 N Milwaukee Ave. Bump Out



1289 N. Milwaukee Ave. Bump Out

