




PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara St. Clair, CEO, Creative Pinellas 

FROM: Thomas Washburn, P.E., Transportation Division Director, Public Works

SUBJECT: Graffiti Abatement FY21 Program Outline and Modifications

DATE: April 6, 2021

Pinellas County Government and Creative Pinellas entered into a Memo of Understanding (MOU) on December 13, 2019, for the renewal of the County's Graffiti Abatement Program through September 30, 2022. The program concept derives from the use of public art to deter graffiti vandalism on public infrastructure. Limitations in resources has required the following modifications to be made to the terms of the current MOU for the FY21 program year:

Program Terms:

- Section 2. A. - Pinellas County Responsibilities and Obligations: Provide at least four locations of which at least two must be selected for use by Creative Pinellas as part of the Art Program;

Program Modifications for FY21:

- The County received permission from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to complete murals on the entryway walls at two tunnels located on the Pinellas Trail:
 - Pinellas Trail tunnel at Alt U.S. 19 in Palm Harbor
 - Pinellas Trail tunnel at U.S. 19 in Tarpon Springs
- Prior to work related to the Graffiti Abatement Program being completed, FDOT requires a (1) Community Aesthetics Feature agreement to be executed by the County and FDOT (2) Conceptual Submittal Letter that includes the proposed mural designs for each of the four entryway walls be submitted to and approved by FDOT
- Through a current agreement with FDOT, Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources maintains the tunnels located on the Pinellas Trail, including vandalism repair

The funding for the Graffiti Abatement Program has been supported by the Board of County Commissioners from FY19-FY21, with an annual sum of \$36,000 through the Transportation Trust Fund. Creative Pinellas leads the mural project with an emphasis on community outreach. The County supports this effort by identifying potential locations and preparing the site while also sharing in communications through its social media channels, website and media releases. Completion of the two entryway walls is dependent on the work being able to be done within the \$36,000 available. Should this change, Creative Pinellas will advise Pinellas county and a joint determination will be made of how to proceed.

Attached: Pinellas Trail Tunnel Locations, Graffiti Abatement Program MOU