

RAPID Transit Shelter Art



About the Rapid Transit Project

London's rapid transit system has been designed to make travel along major corridors faster and more efficient. In addition to improving traffic flow, the project also enhances streetscapes and provides upgraded, comfortable stations for passengers.

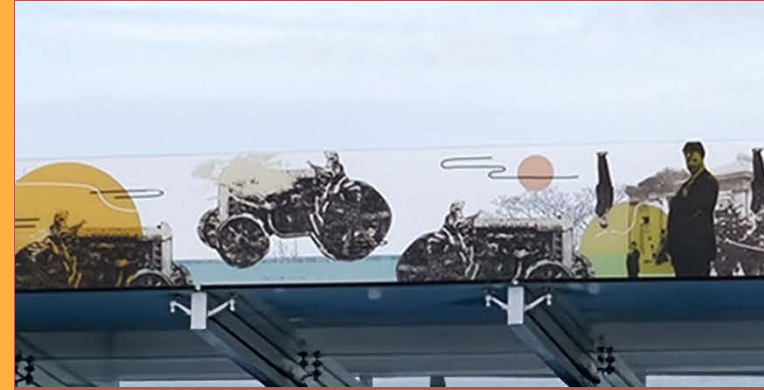
Current rapid transit projects

There are currently three rapid transit projects underway in London:

- The Downtown Loop, which was completed in 2025.
- The East London Link, expected to be completed in 2027.
- The Wellington Gateway, expected to be completed in 2028.

Public art on Rapid Transit shelters

As part of these projects, public artwork from local artists will be featured on the new Rapid Transit bus shelters. This initiative responds directly to feedback collected during the Rapid Transit Environmental Assessment. Residents expressed a strong desire for shelter designs that reflect the cultural heritage and character of each neighbourhood.



The importance of transit art

Transit is a vital part of city life, and incorporating public art can have a positive and transformative impact.

Local artists are at the heart of this project, and their work will be permanently integrated into the city's transit system.

As new shelters are installed, beginning with the Downtown and East London lines, each neighbourhood will be complemented with artwork that highlights themes identified in the Environmental Assessment.

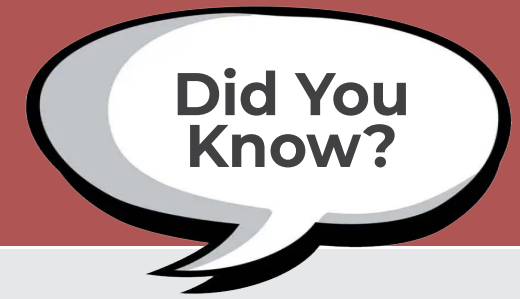


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London's first Rapid Transit shelter was installed at Ontario Street and King Street in spring 2024 and is the first to receive public art.

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Indigenous culture:

Reflects the traditions, stories, and contributions of Indigenous peoples.

Diversity:

Celebrates the variety of communities, backgrounds, and cultures in the area.

History:

Highlights important local events, places, and people from the past.

Arts and culture:

Focuses on visual arts, performances, and cultural activities in the community.

UNESCO music designation:

Showcases the city's recognition for its musical heritage and global contribution.

Transportation:

Explores the role of transit, roads, and movement in the city's development.

Wellness:

Promotes health, wellbeing, and community quality of life.

Education:

Recognizes learning, schools, and knowledge-sharing in the community.

London, Ontario is Canada's only UNESCO City of Music.

This designation recognizes the city's rich musical heritage, vibrant live music scene, and contributions to music education and culture on a global level. It highlights London as a city where music plays a central role in community identity, creativity, and international cultural connections.

The UNESCO City of Music designation is part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, which recognizes cities around the world for their outstanding contributions to culture and creativity



Bus shelter locations



Bus Rapid Transit Projects

- ■ ■ Wellington Gateway
- ■ ■ Downtown Loop
- ■ ■ East London Link

Bus Shelter (Public Art Installation Stages)

- Rollout 1 (2026)
- Rollout 2 (2026)
- Rollout 3 (2027)
- Rollout 4 (2028)

Landmarks

- H Hospital
- P *Park and Ride
- Fanshawe College (Main Campus)



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