

Sign of the Times

Artist: Seyed Alavi

One of 31 Citywide utility boxes painted bright yellow and applied with a vinyl cut out of a whimsically designed pedestrian figure in a variety of different contexts.

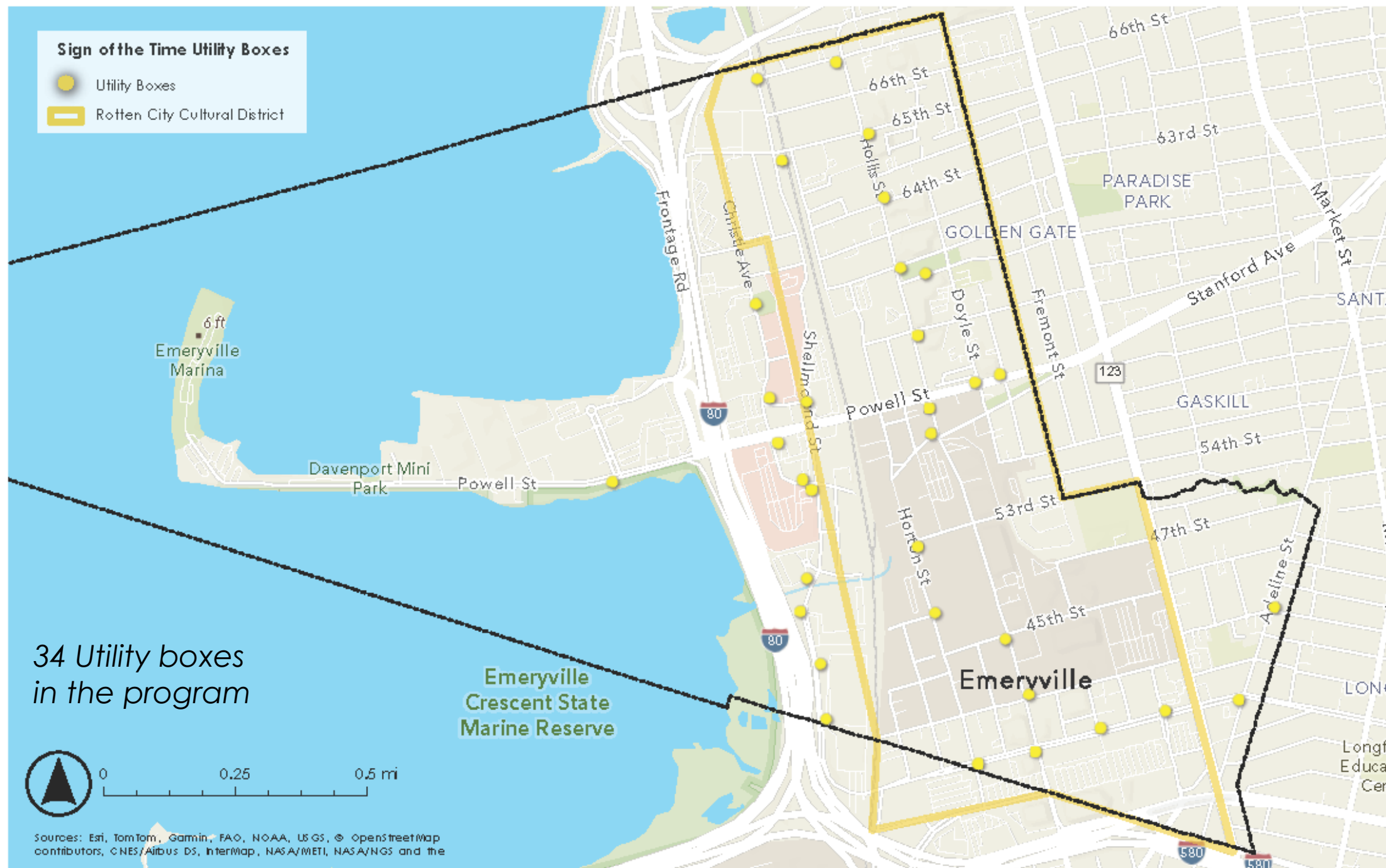


Info

- 34 Utility Boxes
- 32W x 24D x 65H
- Initially commissioned in three phases, twenty new images replaced the original works
- <http://here2day.netwiz.net/portfolio/public-art/signs-of-the-times/>
- <https://evilleeye.com/gallery/seyed-alavi-the-artist-behind-those-iconic-yellow-utility-boxes/> (has links)
- <https://publicartarchive.org/art/Signs-of-the-Times/14d5055a>
- <https://evilleeye.com/in-the-neighborhood/arts-culture/emeryvilles-sign-times-utility-box-public-art-getting-refresh/>
- <https://intranet.americansforthearts.org/by-program/networks-and-councils/public-art-network/public-art-year-in-review-database/sign-of-the-times-phase-ii>

Sign of the Time Utility Boxes

- Utility Boxes
- Rotten City Cultural District



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Flashlight down removes head

- **Location:** Powell St at Watergate
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts person without a head and instead has a flashlight down their body. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Half is Traced Half full

- **Location:** Shellmound St & 67th St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person where their silhouette is half traced and half filled. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Hiking with a House

- **Location:** Shellmound St & Ohlone Way
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person hiking with a house and hiking stick. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.
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Pigeon shadow of man

- **Location:** Hollis St & 67th St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person in the shadow of the pigeon. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Lightning

- **Location:** Hollis St & 65th St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person running from a lightning strike. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Mirror Image Handshake

- **Location:** Hollis St & 62nd St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a mirror image of a person shanking their own hand. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



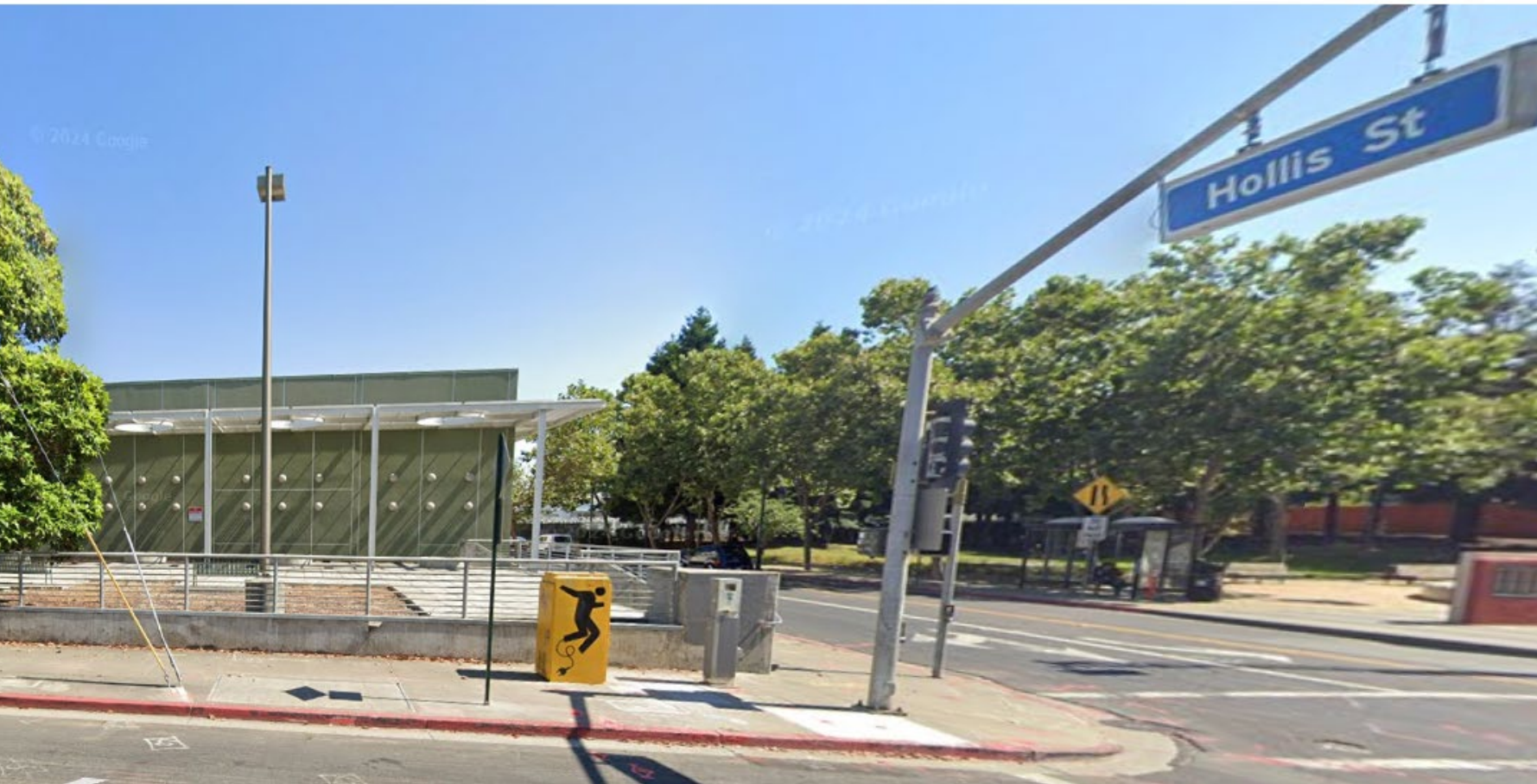
Protest

- **Location:** Hollis St & Stanford Ave
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person with a poster with a person with a headshot of another person. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



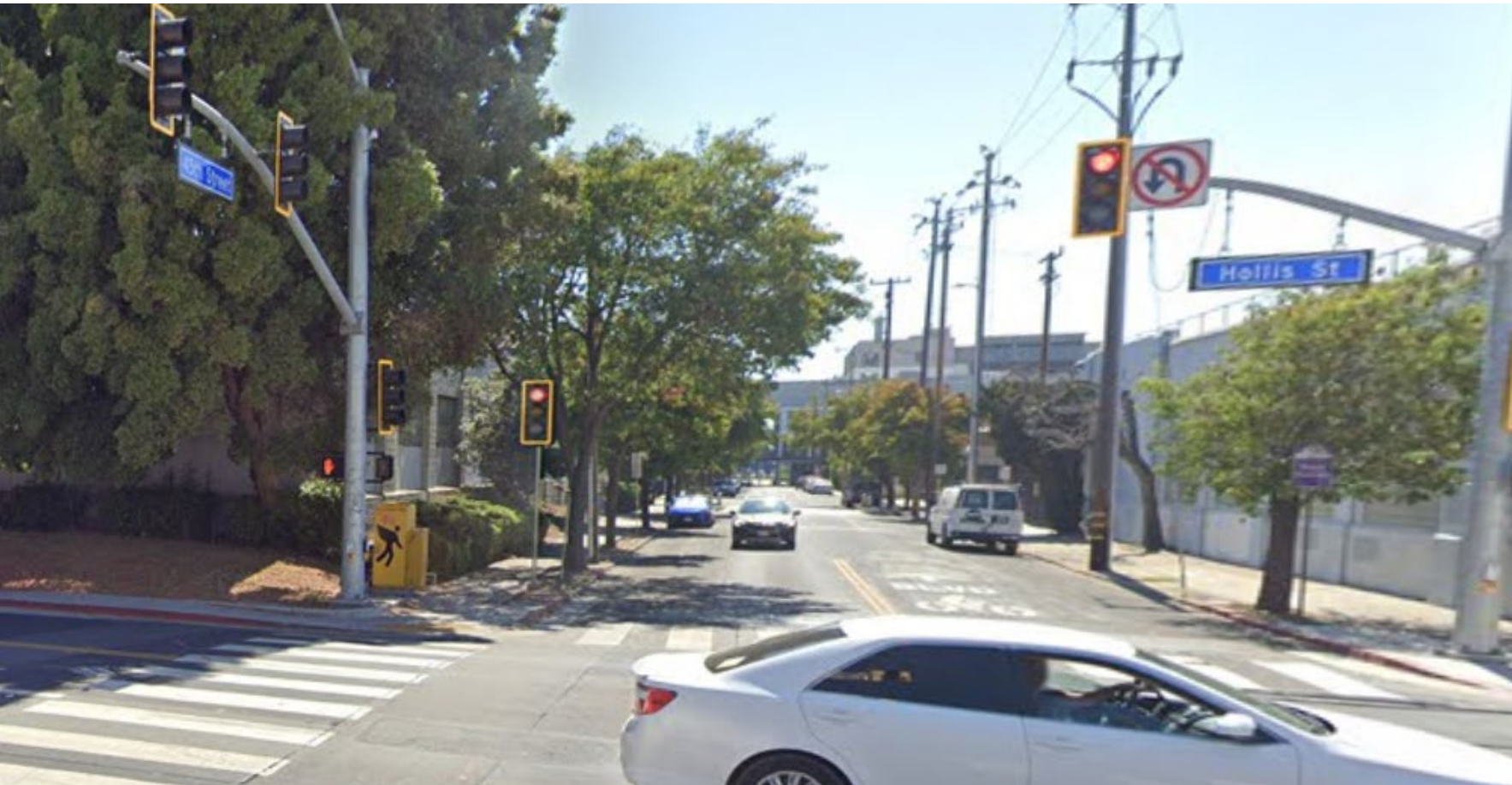
Jumping over the Plug

- **Location:** 53rd St & Hollis St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person Jumping over a Plug extension cord. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



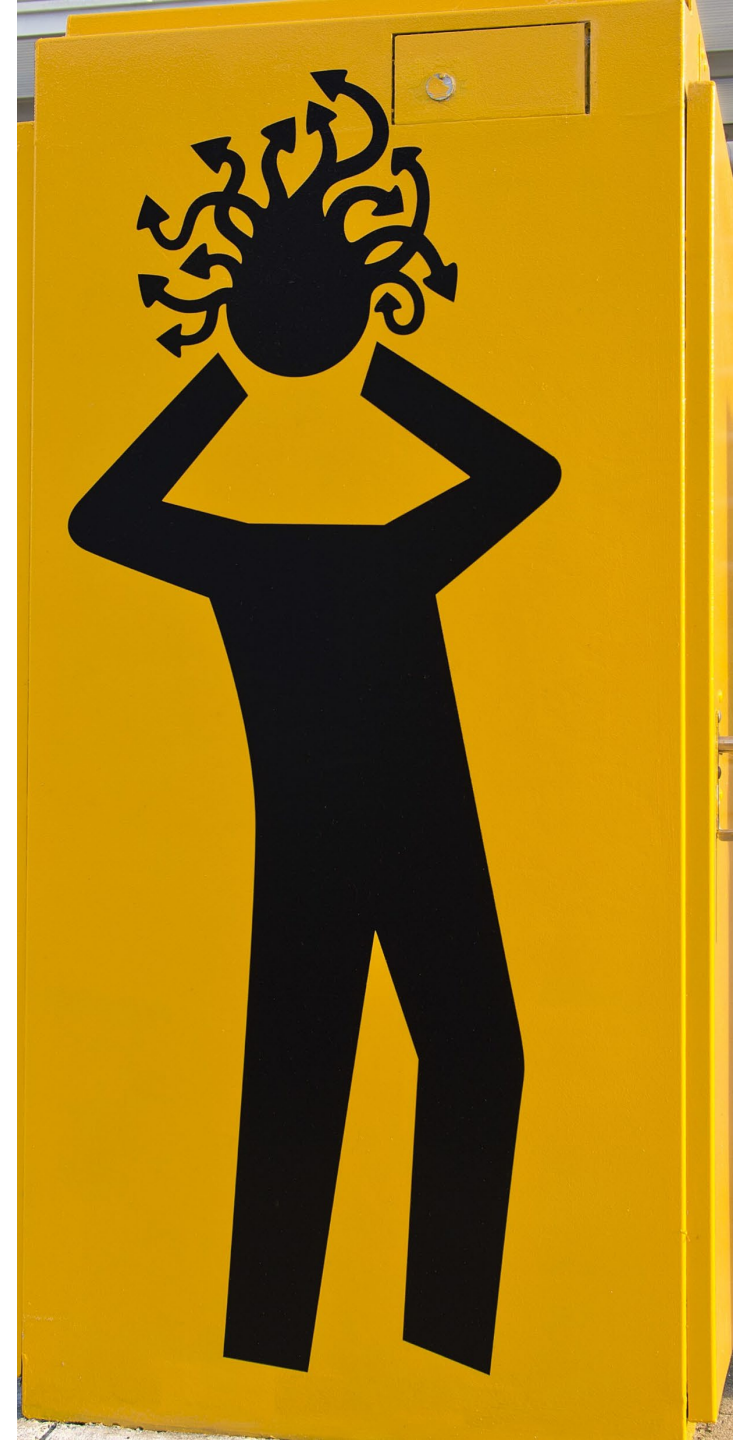
Flying

- **Location:** Hollis St & 45th St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person flying with wings. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Medusa

- **Location:** Hollis St & Park Ave
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person holding their medusa head in the air. Snakes are sprawling and waving in the air. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Tree from Foot

- **Location:** 40th St & Hollis St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts person that is upside down with a tree growing the out of their leg.



Elevator

- **Location:** 40th St & Adeline St
- **Blurb:** Inside a box are two figures, one upright and one upside down. Above the box, two arrows point in opposite directions. The image implies that the figures are in an elevator.



Zipper

- **Location:** 40th St & Emery St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person split by zipper, running from the top of the head down to the end of the body, partially unzipped at the shoulder. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Makeshift Person

- **Location:** 40th St & Harlan St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. A figure's silhouette composed of various shapes and sizes.



Light the Way

- **Location:** Powell St & Christie Ave
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person holding a staff in one hand and the lantern in the other, casting rays of light. Sitting near the person's feet is a dog, looking up attentively at the lantern. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Candle

- **Location:** 40th St & Horton St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person standing upright with their head a flame. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Flag head

- **Location:** Hollis St & 59th St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person waving a flag that is in place of their head. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Tree from Head

- **Location:** Doyle Hollis Park along 61st St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility boxes depicts a person seated with a tree for a head. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



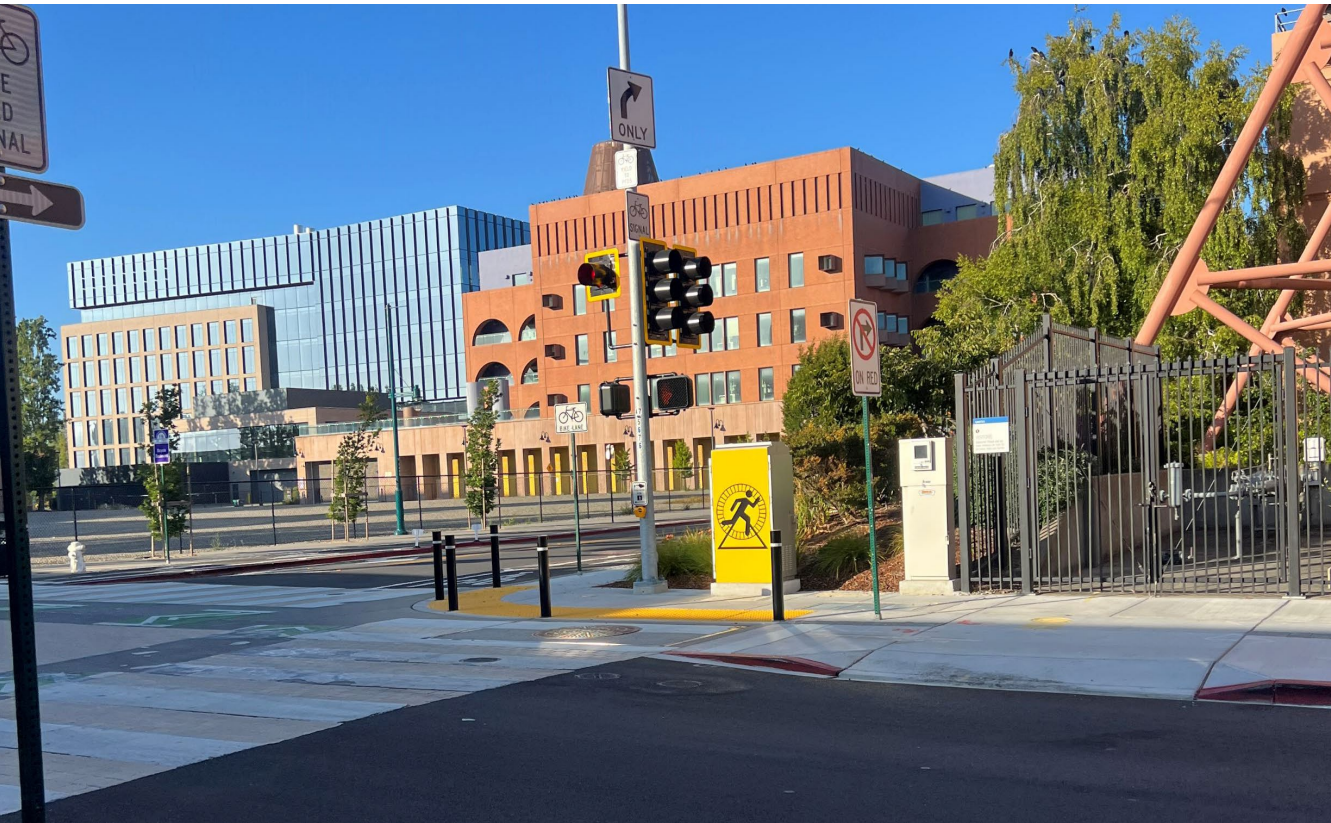
Trace upside down with suitcase

- **Location:** Hollis St & Powell St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a persons' silhouette is traced upside down anchored by a suitcase. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Man in Hamster Wheel

- **Location:** Hollis St & 53rd St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person jumping with a plug waving below them. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Painting a Picture

- **Location:** Christie Ave @ Christie Park
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person drawing a picture. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.
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Taking a brain

- **Location:** Powell St & Christie Ave
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person whose head is partially shaved and bent down to take the brain from another person. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



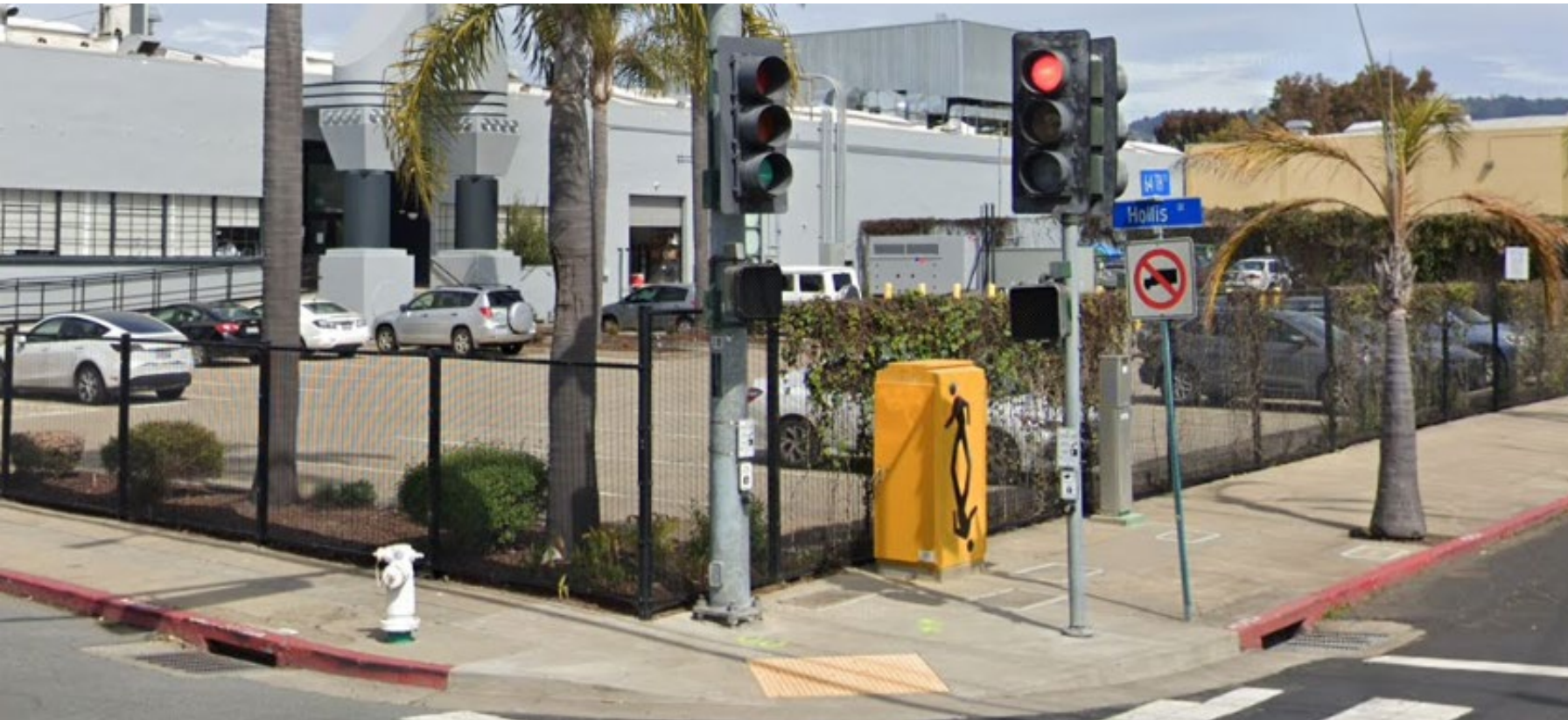
Sign of the Times- Man with a ?

- **Location:** 53rd St & Horton St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person holding a question mark. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Mirror Image at Feet

- **Location:** Hollis St & 64th St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person is mirrored from their feet where they are the reverse of one another. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Puzzle head

- **Location:** Powell St & Beaudry St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts person walking with a puzzle piece as their head. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Crystal Ball

- **Location:** Powell St & Doyle St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person looking and holding a crystal ball. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Walking with a Mask

- **Location:** Adeline St & 43rd St
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person walking with a mask on a stick. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Painting Leg

- **Location:** Shellmound St & Christie Ave
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts person painting their leg. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



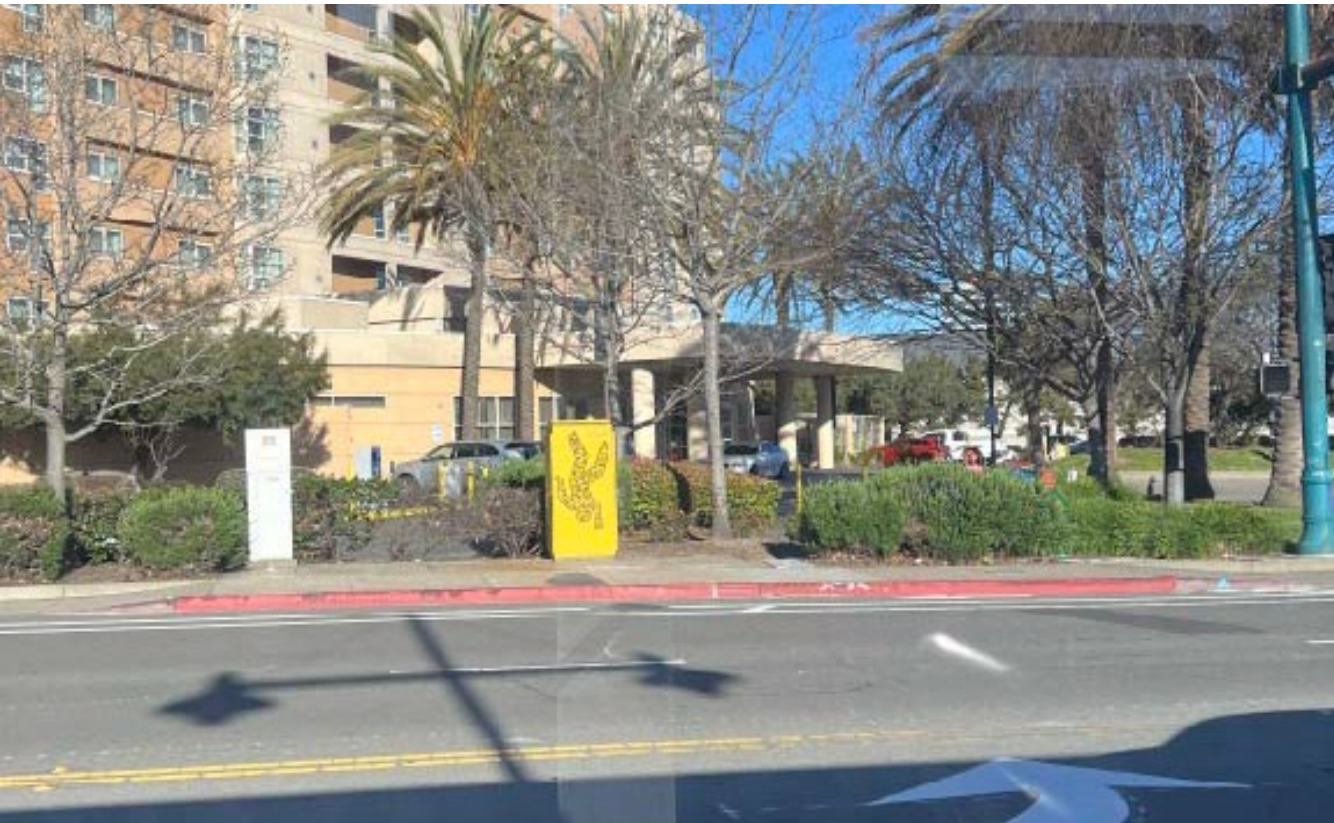
Balancing on Infinity

- **Location:** Shellmound St & Christie Ave
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person balancing with a staff on an infinity. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Harrington Maze

- **Location:** Shellmound St & Ohlone Way
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person upside with a maze labyrinth in the style of the artist Harrington. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Hanging their Clothes

- **Location:** Shellmound St @ Bay St Garage by Bus Stop
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts person with their silhouette traced and hanging their body. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Map

- **Location:** Shellmound St @ Ikea Exit
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a figure ground of Emeryville in the person's silhouette. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Painting the Box

- **Location:** Shellmound St @ Ikea's Entrance & Parking Structure
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts person painting the box. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



Surveillance camera on selfie stick

- **Location:** Shellmound Ave & Shellmound Way
- **Blurb:** The image shows a bright yellow utility box with a simple, black, minimalist mural painted on it. The utility box depicts a person walking with a surveillance camera on selfie stick. The artwork has a clean silhouette-like style.



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- New Installations

