



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2026 CHARLESTON ARTBUS PROJECT

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The City Charleston Office of Public Art in collaboration with FestivALL Charleston, and the Kanawha Regional Transit Authority (KRT) seeks an artist to develop a vibrant, bold concept that will be used as part of a wrap on a KRT Bus to create the 2026 Charleston ARTbus.

PROJECT GOALS

- To commission a strong concept that will be used to create a bus wrap
- To enhance Charleston with a mobile art experience that can be enjoyed throughout the city.

THE CONCEPT DESIGN SUBMISSION SHOULD BE:

- A color drawing, painting, or digital rendering of your concept
- Original, one of a kind, new work.

PROJECT TIMELINE

AUGUST 19, 2026 – RFP ANNOUNCED

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 5:00PM – RFPs SUBMISSION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 – ANNOUNCE SELECTED ARTIST

OCTOBER 9, 2026 – FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN DEADLINE

CONCEPT DESIGN SPECS

SEE SAMPLE TEMPLATE ATTACHED

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be West Virginia residents 18 years and over

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submissions MUST include:

1. Title of Bus Wrap with brief description of imagery meaning/concept
2. SINGLE PDF or JPG File of concept design. The concept does NOT have to be the final print ready design. Once the artist is selected, they will be working with the Director of the Office of Public Art to finalize their design.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Clarity of design
- Color choices
- Originality

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee will consider the concept proposals submitted and select artists

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STIPEND

The selected Artist will be paid \$1,750 in one payment once the final design has been submitted and approved.

Artist will be responsible for all applicable taxes and fees.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Submission may be emailed to:

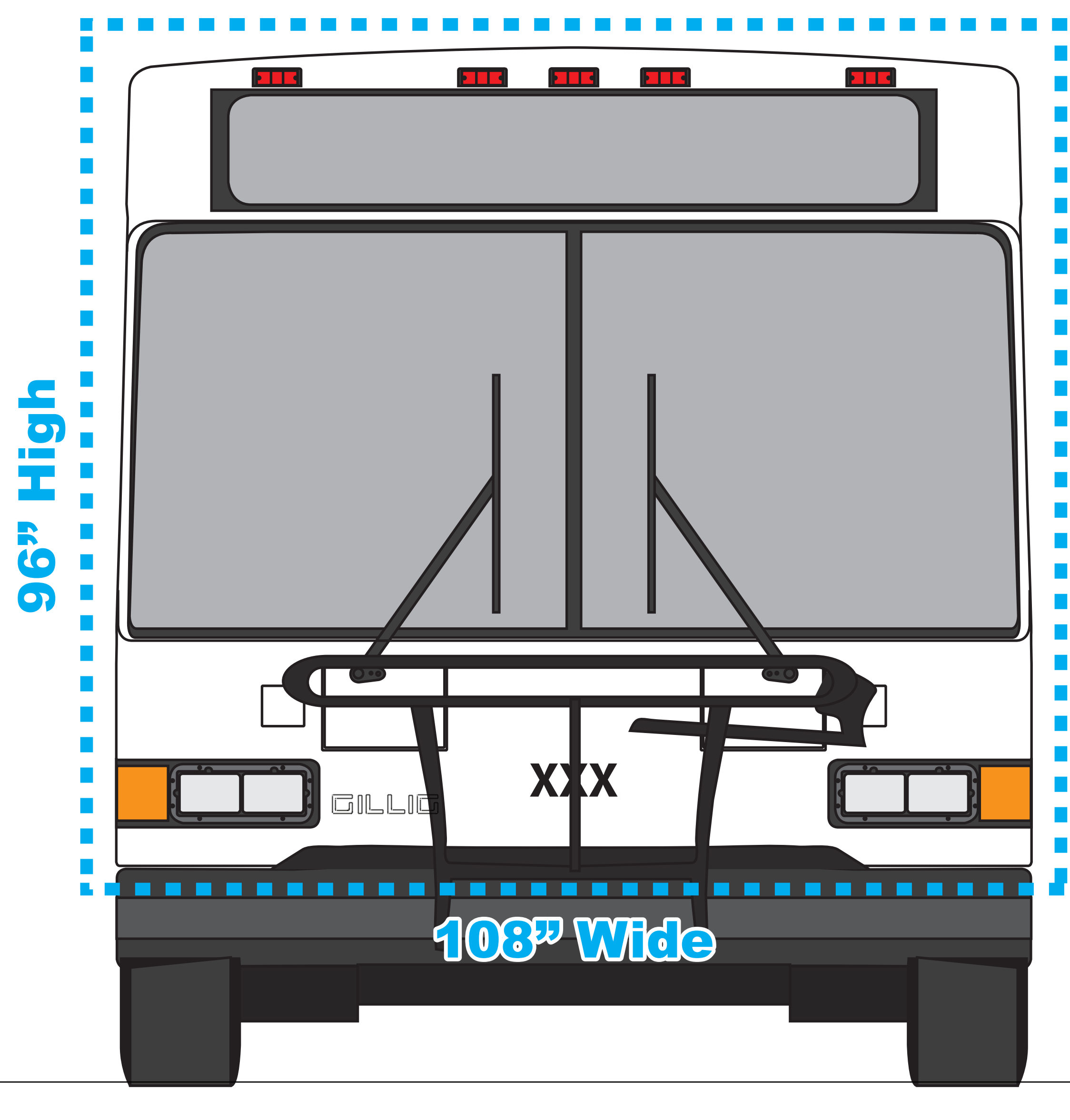
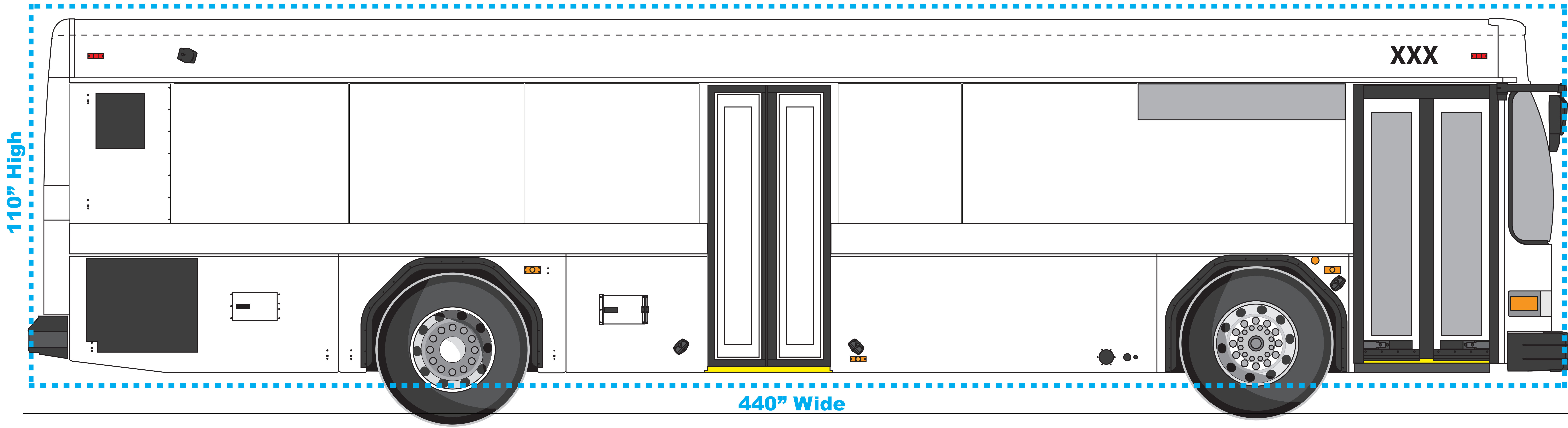
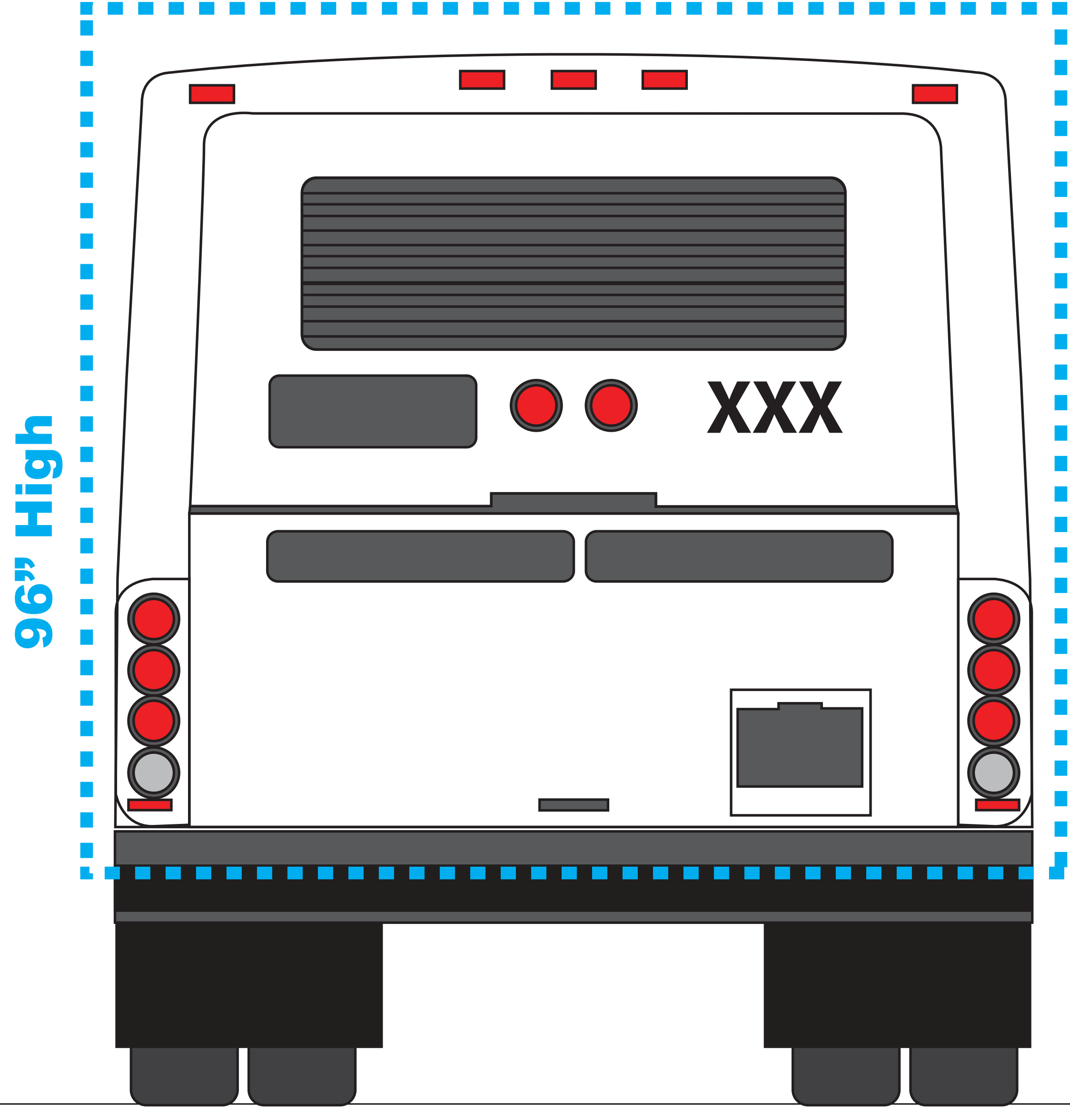
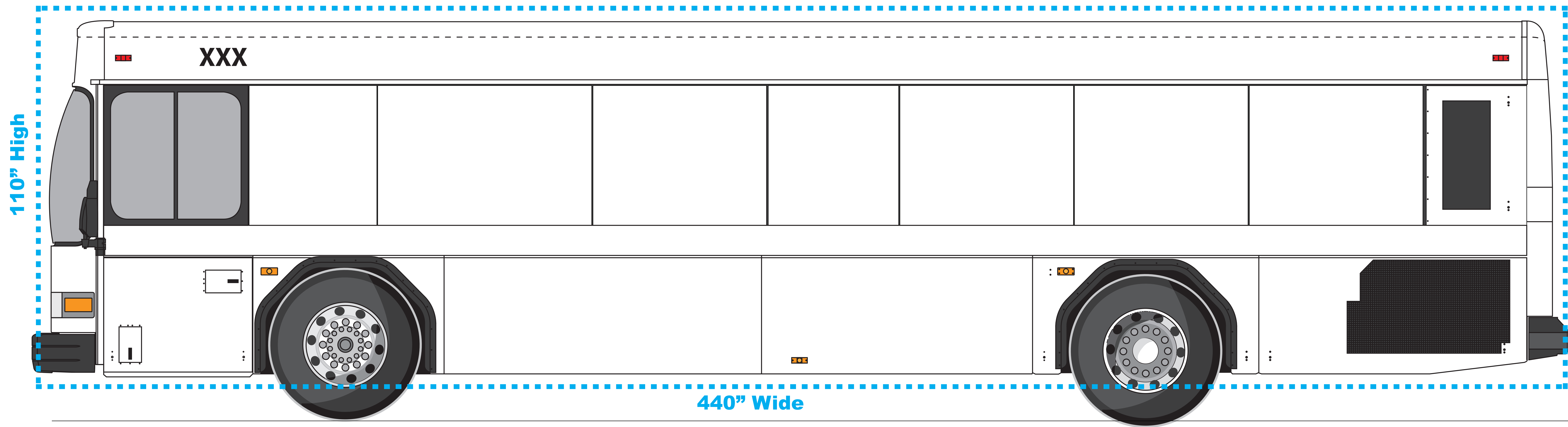
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ARTBUS SAMPLES



Charleston, WV - 35' Gillig-LF-2015 - Full Wrap

1/10th Scale - 720 ppi (final output at 72 ppi @ 100%)



*Graphics may shift up to 4" upon installation. Please do no place critical elements any closer than 4" from uncovered windows, obstacles and edges of vehicle. No graphics or small type allowed near GRAY or BLACK areas of this template. These areas will get cut out. Keep copy at least 1.5" all sides from obstructed areas.

