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RTC unveils a transit vehicle featuring anti-graffiti artwork from local student

Fifth grader Pamela Torres of Ruby Thomas Elementary was stunned as a 40-foot Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) vehicle was unveiled featuring her anti-graffiti artwork. Pamela's design was selected as the best piece in an annual poster contest aimed at educating local children on the importance of creating a graffiti-free community. Pamela's artwork will travel the valley's streets on the RTC vehicle for one year to promote the anti-graffiti message. She also received a \$150 gift certificate courtesy of Veolia Transportation.

The RTC has teamed up again with the Southern Nevada Graffiti Coalition, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department D.A.R.E. and anti-graffiti units, Vector Media Las Vegas and Veolia Transportation to host the poster contest. Sixteen local elementary schools participated in this year's contest with 182 entries. The entries were narrowed down to 10 and the community was able to vote on their favorite.

Four additional posters were also honored and will be displayed in various RTC transit vehicles courtesy of Vector Media. The students responsible for these pieces received gift cards and certificates of achievement.

- First runner-up: Alyssa Mireles of Iverson Elementary School
- Second runner-up: Daisy Lopez, Sahara Hussein and Fabiala Vejar of Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School
- Third runner-up: Jade Joyce of Thomas O'Roarker Elementary School
- Fourth runner-up: DeShawn Timberlake of Sister R.J. Bailey Elementary School

The Southern Nevada Graffiti Coalition was formed in 1997 to reduce graffiti vandalism. This public-private partnership consists of staff from Clark County, the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City, the Metropolitan Police Department, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, the Clark County School District and interested citizens. The coalition meets regularly to discuss methods of reducing graffiti through education, enforcement and eradication.

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning agency and regional traffic management agency for Southern Nevada. The RTC's vision is to provide a safe, convenient and effective regional transportation system that enhances mobility and air quality for citizens and visitors. The RTC encourages residents and visitors to use alternate commute modes to help reduce traffic congestion, clean the air and improve the quality of life in Southern Nevada. For more information, visit rtcsonv.com.

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