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VCTC Partners with Ventura County Boys & Girls Clubs for Youth Art Contest

Five VCTC Intercity buses proudly display artwork from young local artists

Ventura, Calif. – The <u>Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)</u> has partnered with all seven Boys & Girls Clubs in Ventura County for a youth art contest. The goal of the contest was to encourage young people to think about the role of transportation in their lives and communities. Winning artwork, created by kids ages 10-13, is now proudly displayed on five VCTC Intercity buses.

Using small grants from VCTC to cover the cost of art supplies and materials, the Boys & Girls Clubs conducted the contest over the summer of 2019 with hundreds of kids creating original artwork inspired by the theme, "Oh the Places You'll Go." Each club then used its own process to select a winner.

"Partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs is a great way for VCTC to connect with young people in Ventura County," said VCTC Chair Manuel Minjares. "These talented young artists are not only our region's future drivers and transit riders; they are also our future leaders."

VCTC extends its appreciation to the following Clubs for their participation in the contest: Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Conejo Valley, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura, Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley and Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley.

Buses displaying the winning artwork will travel throughout VCTC Intercity Transit's service area for the next few months. For more information on the contest and to see a behind-the-scenes video of the installation of the artwork visit <u>goventura.org</u> or call (800) 438-1112.

About the Ventura County Transportation Commission

The Ventura County Transportation Commission is the regional transportation planning agency committed to keeping Ventura County moving. Program information is available at <u>goventura.org.</u>



Representatives of Ventura County's seven Boys & Girls Clubs are recognized by the Ventura County Transportation Commission for their participation in the agency's youth art contest.