

RTC transit vehicle parades young student's winning anti-graffiti artwork-

Pamela Torres artwork will drive home the message for one year

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In Clark County, NV, fifth grader Pamela Torres of Ruby Thomas Elementary watched agape as a 40-ft bus from Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) rolled up wrapped in her artwork.

Torres had come up with the winning design in an annual poster contest aimed at educating local children on the importance of creating a graffiti-free community. Her visual message will travel the RTC routes for one year to promote the anti-graffiti message. She also received a \$150 gift certificate from 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 Southern Nevada Graffiti Coalition was formed in 1997 to reduce graffiti vandalism. The coalition meets regularly to discuss methods of reducing graffiti through education, enforcement and eradication.