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Art Mural Fence Reflects Expo Line Project

Los Angeles, California- November, 2008—More panels have been added to the community art mural fence surrounding the construction field office for the Expo Light Rail Line project. Artwork from the Junior League and Sunday School Class youth at Trinity Baptist Church has been installed on the art mural fence sponsored by the Exposition Construction Authority (Expo) and its design-build contractor FCI/Fluor/Parsons (FFP). Youth from community and faith-based organizations, including local schools, were invited to take part in the art project. Foshay Learning Center was the first to complete their art mural in March of 2008 which included designing and painting wood panels to cover the field office fence located at 3792 2nd Avenue near Exposition and Arlington. To date, more than 60 students and youth group members have participated in the art project.

“Working on the mural was an educational experience about light rail transit not only for the students involved but also their parents,” says Mac Billups, coordinator for the art project at Trinity Baptist Church. “They are happy to see the train being built in their community and look forward to riding it.”

The theme for the art mural is the “*Transit Parkway*” which complements the design elements of the rail line project. By integrating station design, artwork and landscaping, the Expo Line will create a linear parkway connecting the neighborhoods in which it will travel. The project also includes improvements and upgrades for bike paths and pedestrian crossings. The art project provides an opportunity for area youth to express their thoughts and ideas on the “transit parkway” theme. It also provides awareness of the benefits of transit alternatives.

The Expo Light Rail Line is an 8.6 mile corridor connecting downtown Los Angeles to Culver City. Construction on the Expo Line began in October 2006 and is expected to be completed in 2010.

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