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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## CALL FOR ARTISTS: SolTrans Seeks Creative Minds for Zero Emission Bus Art Project

**Solano County, CA** –Solano County Transit (SolTrans) takes the wheel towards a greener tomorrow with its Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) fleet, the call for artistic now spans across the Bay Area and beyond. Extending its reach beyond Solano County, SolTrans is now inviting artists from Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Yolo, and Sacramento counties to submit their work to help the agency celebrate sustainable transit.

Embracing the theme of sustainability and connectivity within the Bay Area, artists are encouraged to weave narratives that resonate with passengers and onlookers alike, reflecting SolTrans' dedication to advancing a greener transit future.

Mandi Renshaw, SolTrans Planning and Marketing Manager, emphasized, "Integrating art into our transit infrastructure not only enhances aesthetics but also supports a sense of safety and community. By adorning buses traveling throughout our local community, we extend the canvas of art to all."

Artists interested in this public art opportunity are encouraged to submit their entries before Wednesday, June 24, 2024. Up to three finalists will be handpicked to craft preliminary designs, with one artist ultimately selected to bring their digital masterpiece to life on a SolTrans all-electric bus.

"We are thrilled to provide another platform for artists to showcase their talent while contributing to our community's efforts towards sustainability," added Renshaw.

This marks SolTrans' third Call for Artists in the past decade, following successful collaborations with local art communities, including wrapping the inaugural all-electric bus in 2015, adorning the revamped Operations & Maintenance Facility in Vallejo in 2016, and introducing six art installations at the Vallejo Transit Center in 2021.

For further details on the Call for Artists, visit SolTrans.org. Join us in leaving a mark on the journey towards a zero-emission future in transportation!

Solano County Transit (SolTrans) has been the public transportation provider for south Solano County since July 2011. SolTrans provides local and SolanoExpress fixed routes and complementary paratransit. The agency is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) governed by a six-member Board of Directors, composed of two representatives from the cities of Benicia and Vallejo, Solano County's representative on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and a representative from the Solano Transportation Authority.