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SunLine Transit Agency Announces Art Contest for Elementary School Students in Partnership with Desert Regional Medical Center

(Thousand Palms, CA) February 10, 2014 • SunLine Transit Agency, along with co-sponsor Desert Regional Medical Center, announces its first art contest for elementary school students in the Coachella Valley. The theme is “SunLine buses are good for the Coachella Valley and the environment.” Elementary school students from across the Valley are encouraged to submit their artwork that depicts public transportation, Coachella Valley landmarks and the environment. The winner will have his or her artwork fully wrapped on SunLine’s newest hydrogen fuel cell bus that is scheduled to be delivered later this spring, as well as inclusion in other promotional material.

Councilmember Glenn Miller, Chairman of the SunLine Board stated, “This is an outstanding way to support the local art programs in our schools, challenge the artistic skills and creativity of our local youth, and promote public transportation.” SunLine is planning a similar contest for middle school students later this spring with the winner’s artwork wrapped on a second hydrogen fuel cell bus scheduled to arrive later this year. Lauren Skiver, General Manager of SunLine said, “I’m committed to community involvement and excited to see how these students communicate public transportation and the environment through art. SunLine is very pleased to have Desert Regional Medical Center as a co-sponsor.”

More information about SunLine can be found at sunline.org. • Media inquiries contact Norma Stevens at 760-250-5366 or e-mail nstevens@sunline.org.

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SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley’s public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit sunline.org.