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***Long Beach Transit Launches Public Art Installation at
First Street Transit Gallery***

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA (October 23, 2020) – Long Beach Transit is launching a new public art installation at the First Street Transit Gallery on National Art Day, Sunday, October 25, 2020. The First Street Transit Gallery is located in the heart of Downtown Long Beach, serves as the hub for LBT’s major bus routes and is a connection to local, regional and interstate transit systems. A series of eight transit shelters form the First Street Transit Gallery running along 1st Street between Pine Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard.

Since its opening in 2010, each transit shelter in the First Street Transit Gallery has featured a permanent public art collection of Lithomosaic designs by artist Robin Brailsford, as well as poetry by various authors with a connection to Long Beach. The permanent artwork reflects the City as a vibrant and diverse coastal community.

This month, there will be an additional, new public art installation, with new art exhibits each quarter. Each transit shelter in the First Street Transit Gallery will feature art in partnership with local cultural and educational institutions.

“The First Street Transit Gallery is an important transportation hub for the City of Long Beach and the region,” said LBT Board Chair Colleen Bentley. “LBT’s longstanding commitment to the communities it serves is reflected along First Street with beautiful public art and the connections to many places in Long Beach and beyond.”

The first installation is in partnership with the Arts Council for Long Beach and will feature images of the mosaics made by Long Beach Unified School District students through the [Eye on Design Program](#). Eye on Design is a 15-week public art education program for third-graders that encourages civic involvement, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving through a customized residency program.

“The arts play a critical role in the development of students and communities, and arts education strengthens creativity and critical thinking, and inspires innovation,” said Bentley. “I encourage the community to wear a mask, hop on a bus and stroll the Transit Gallery to see the existing and new public art.”

For more information about the public art installation please visit <https://ridelbt.com/art>.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit is dedicated to connecting communities and moving people, making everyday life better by providing transportation services in Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, as well as Artesia,

Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, Norwalk, Paramount and Seal Beach. For more information, visit www.ridelbt.com.

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