

SamTrans Honors 2022 Art Takes a Bus Ride Winners

SamTrans has announced the winners of the annual county-wide student art competition [Art Takes a Bus Ride](#). The awards ceremony also marks the beginning of Transit Month, which celebrates the role of transit in the Bay Area.

The artists, who are in first through 12th grade, were asked to illustrate the theme "**San Mateo County Reopens.**" This is the 16th year that SamTrans has partnered with the [San Mateo County Office of Education](#) to sponsor the contest, which engages students in the classroom and emphasizes arts in the community.

More than 150 submissions were received this year from schools throughout San Mateo County. A panel comprised of members from the San Mateo County Arts Commission selected the winning contestants.

The students, accompanied by their families and teachers, were honored by SamTrans Board Chair Peter Ratto, and were then treated to the unveiling of two special SamTrans buses featuring the students' works of art. The two wrapped buses will be operating in regular SamTrans service for the next year throughout San Mateo County.

The winning artists received a framed copy of the bus ad card showcasing their art and SamTrans gifts. Their teachers received a gift certificate for arts supplies.

Winning Entries

Chloe Leung, first grade
West Elementary School, Hillsborough

Ryu Suzuki, fourth grade
Meadow Heights Elementary School, San Mateo

Lucy Docampo Pham, fourth grade
Marjorie H. Tobias Elementary School, Daly City

Siyona Jain, fifth grade
Foster City Elementary School, Foster City

Jiayu Xu, sixth grade
Tierra Linda Middle School, San Carlos

Caitlin Regan, seventh grade
Hillview Middle School, Menlo Park

Hanna Docampo Pham, ninth grade

Westmoor High School, Daly City

Eslin Ilay San, 10th grade
San Mateo High School, San Mateo

Giankyle Lopez, 10th grade
Westmoor High School, Daly City

Nikaella Mariano, 12th grade
El Camino High School, South San Francisco

Maya Pham, 12th grade
Oceana High School, Pacifica

Wing Tsang, 12th grade
Westmoor High School, Daly City

Art Takes a Bus Ride is one of the many ways SamTrans engages with the communities that it serves. Youth riders have long been a major part of SamTrans service, and introducing people to transit at a young age greatly increases the likelihood that they will continue to use transit throughout their lives.

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About SamTrans: SamTrans operates 70 routes throughout San Mateo County. Funded in part by a half-cent sales tax, the San Mateo County Transit District also provides administrative support for Caltrain and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. SamTrans has provided bus service to San Mateo County customers since 1976.

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