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'I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE METRO' MURAL TO BE DEDICATED AT MTA'S VERMONT/SUNSET SUBWAY STATION CONSTRUCTION SITE

Art mural panels created by area children and their parents and featuring the theme, "I've been working on the Metro," will be dedicated by the MTA at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 12, during ceremonies at the Metro Rail Vermont/Sunset subway station construction site. The panels stretch almost 250 feet.

The unique mural designs were created over the past several months by pupils from Los Feliz Elementary School and local families who participated in painting sessions sponsored by the MTA at Barnsdall Art Park Junior Art Center. Artist Gayle Gale, Metro Mural project director, provided guidance to the amateur artists.

"This mural project has been a cooperative effort between the MTA and the City of Los Angeles," said Charles Stark, MTA project manager for Metro Rail Segments 2 and 3. "Our goal was to encourage community involvement by sponsoring family participation in a beautification project."

The MTA will have 50 of the 60 4-foot by 8-foot mural panels in place for Monday's ceremony. The remaining panels will be installed in January. The art mural fence surrounds the construction site located at the corner of Vermont and Maubert avenues, one block north of Sunset Boulevard (1994 Thomas Guide, Pg. 594, A-4).

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Joining Los Feliz Elementary pupils at the ceremony will be Councilmember Jackie Goldberg and city arts and community affairs officials. Local families and merchants from the Barnsdall Shopping Center also are expected to attend.

"The mural fence is part of the MTA's effort to minimize the disruption of community life during construction of the Metro Rail project," said Franklin E. White, MTA chief executive officer. "Our neighbors have taken on this task and have created something that ties us all together."

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