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## MURAL AT MTA'S CYPRESS PARK BUS DIVISION OFFICIALLY DEDICATED

Los Angeles artist Margaret Garcia-De La Paz was joined by elected officials and by master of ceremonies Danny De La Paz, February 3, to officially dedicate a colorful mural by Ms. Garcia-De La Paz painted on the north wall of MTA's Cypress Park bus division.

The mural entitled "Puro Cypress," portrays the Cypress Park community, its transportation and houses, and flowers native to the region. It was painted with the assistance of local youths, and is part of MTA's A-R-T program.

"The artist's work is another excellent example of how our art program helps our rail and bus facilities reflect the spirit of the communities they serve," said MTA Chief Executive Officer Franklin White.

Margaret Garcia-De La Paz, a Los Angeles resident, holds a master of fine arts degree from USC. She has won several awards, and has taught and lectured extensively on art in different cultures. She and her work also have been featured in numerous publications, including the Los Angeles Times, Artscene magazine and the Los Angeles Times Magazine.

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