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WARD 5 RECEIVES TRANSPORTATION ART BY YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM AWARD

Three new murals will enhance buildings in Ward 5 thanks to the efforts of Council Member Richard Fimbres after he received funding through the Transportation Art by Youth Summer Program. The \$50,000 award from the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) will be split between the artist involved in the project and local students from the area. This project is a partnership with the Ward 5 Council Office, the Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona, the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), and PAG.

Council Member Fimbres has elected to have three murals in the City of Tucson's Ward 5 jurisdiction. The first location for the proposed artwork will be at the Quincie Douglas Center on the northwest corner of 36th Street and Kino Parkway, and the second location will be near the Ward 5 Office on Fair Street and Park Avenue.

There will be two murals at the Quincie Douglas Center - a mural honoring Quincie Douglas and another of the highly regarded Buffalo Soldiers. There will be another mural at the Ward 5 Office representing the strong military heritage of the area.

These projects will give the youth an opportunity to design and produce artwork in a public transportation setting. The students will work for an eight-week period during summer break from school, mid-May to mid-July 2017, commencing with project preparation and meetings with TDOT and Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona in early April 2017.

The project goal is to provide youth with an opportunity to be employed and participate in all phases of the design and installation of public artwork under the guidance of a professional artist. The selected artist and students, in collaboration with staff from TDOT, Ward 5 City Council Office, and the Arts Foundation will determine the design of the artwork. The PAG Youth Art Project will be completed during the summer of 2017.

For more information on this project, please visit the Arts Foundation website:
<http://artsfoundtucson.org/call-to-teaching-artists-pag-youth-art-project-summer-2017/>

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