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Smart Personal Transit Station Design & Art Contest Announced

Over 100 Milpitas High School students have entered a contest depicting one of the 12 stations of the Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system proposed by LoopWorks. Green Design and Architecture teacher Paul Okoye is collaborating with Loopworks to engage students in a real-world, local transit project planned for the Metro Area of Milpitas.

Like a horizontal elevator, PRT will transport people quickly and quietly to and from any of the 12 neighborhood stations. PRT will promote transportation equity, mobility for handicapped, safety for elders, and convenience for families with children who can safely get to school without being driven – simply put, it will improve the lives of people. The dual-loop system serving the 1.4 square miles near the Transit Center is accessed through those stations. As such, it's important that the stations reflect a style or motif welcoming to people living in the area – and in Milpitas generally. Designs created by students will serve the community in choosing station appearance as the project materializes.

According to the contest rules:

Each contest submission shall depict a PRT station in 1 of the 12 locations shown on the LoopWorks map. Representations of the guideways and cabs shall approximate styles shown on the website. Each station is off-line, elevated, and must have stairs, a roof, and elevator. Stations may be outdoors or inside a building. ... Judging for the 3 prizes will be accomplished using ranked-choice voting by people involved in the project (art students, teacher, and LoopWorks liaisons).

First prize is a 350-watt, Smart Step folding e-bike from SONDORS Premium Electric Bikes, a company based in Malibu, California, that offers a range of high-quality, high-performance e-bikes. Second prize is a Wacom Intuos Pro – Medium pen tablet, and 3rd prize is \$200. Deadline for submissions is Friday, May 27, 2022; voting soon follows.

LoopWorks is a taxable non-profit mutual benefit corporation that is creating a smart transit system to serve the Metro Area around the Milpitas BART Transit Center using convenient and quick Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) technology.

For more information, visit MilpitasPRT.com/art-contest/ or email info@MilpitasPRT.com.

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