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MLK Freeway Mural Brings Art and Music to Local Commuters
Visual and musical artwork debuts in southeastern San Diego

WHAT: Community concert of an original musical composition and celebration of the unveiling of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. mural just completed on the MLK (94) Freeway at Home Avenue.

WHEN: **Saturday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m.**

WHERE: Market Creek Plaza Amphitheatre
404 Euclid Ave.
San Diego, CA 92114

WHO: San Diego City Council President Tony Young;
Councilmember Marti Emerald;
Caltrans District Director Laurie Berman;
City of San Diego Arts and Culture Commissioners;
Local artist Philip Matzigkeit; and
SDSU music professor Richard Thompson and orchestra musicians.

WHY: The community concert and mural unveiling celebration culminates a six-year effort by local and state agencies to improve and enhance the neighborhood as well as honor an important historic civic leader.

HOW: Made possible by a \$300,000 grant from federal Transportation Enhancement Act funds, the San Diego division of Caltrans sponsored the project and the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture administered the artistic contract.

It is both a **visual and musical artwork** comprised of a colorful, large-scale mural and an original musical tribute to Dr. King, Jr. Community involvement has been instrumental in developing the artwork that reflects diversity, teaches Dr. King's message of equality and will be a prominent long-lasting local landmark.

DETAILS: Interviews available with both artists; and tours/access to freeway mural available upon request.