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SunLine Transit Agency Celebrates Earth Day with Free Rides & Solar System Commissioning This Friday

(Thousand Palms, CA) SunLine Transit Agency – one of the of the most environmentally-conscious agencies in the Coachella Valley – is pleased to announce it will be celebrating Earth Day this Friday, April 22nd, by offering free rides all day as well as hosting a special commissioning of its new solar system installation at 10:00 a.m. – which is expected to provide 33% of the agency’s energy delivering 266 kW of power.

Installation of 888 solar panels at SunLine Transit Agency has just been completed by Renova Solar – which has partnered with SunLine in a number of initiatives including the Student Art Contest that showcases environmentally-friendly artwork created by local student winners.

“At SunLine, Earth Day is every day as we have a longstanding commitment to the environment with our clean fuels fleet – which helps us do our part to ensure our natural resources are preserved for future generations,” said Lauren Skiver, CEO/General Manager of SunLine Transit Agency. “We’re really looking forward to commemorating Earth Day with this special event.”

SunLine was one of the first agencies to pave the way for buses with low emissions and alternative fuels – including the Hydrogen bus and American Fuel Cell bus – and recently added long-range electric buses to its fleet, which produce zero emissions and the ability to operate 161 miles on a single charge.

The Solar Installation Commissioning Event will begin at 10:00 a.m. at SunLine Transit Agency’s facility located at 32-505 Harry Oliver Trail in Thousand Palms. Following the ceremony, tours of SunLine’s Learning Center and Thousand Palms Facility will be provided. Free rides will be available at all SunLine’s stops on Friday, April 22nd.

For more information, contact our Public Outreach Specialist, [Norma Stevens](#), at (760) 343-3456.

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SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley’s public transportation system. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired. Its fixed route and paratransit vehicles travel more than 4 million miles per year, covering over 619 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area, carrying approximately 4.82 million riders. SunLine Services Group regulates three taxi franchises who provide taxi services

throughout the Valley. SunFuels alternative fueling station offers compressed natural gas and hydrogen for SunLine and the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more, please visit www.sunline.org.