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Georgia DOT's Centennial Student Art Challenge *Call for Entries*

ATLANTA - Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) celebrates its 100th birthday in 2016 with a year-long Centennial celebration that explores GDOT's role in getting Georgia out of the mud – from the dirt roads of 1916 to the paved roads crisscrossing Georgia in 1939 to today's modern transportation system.

“While traveling through Georgia's transportation past is fascinating, it's also exciting to consider what may be in store for the future of transportation,” said Georgia DOT Director of Communications Karlene Barron. “One way we're doing this is through the eyes of Georgia's students with our Centennial Student Art Challenge.”

The contest challenges students in grades K-12 to visually answer the question: **What does the future of transportation in Georgia look like to you?** Art can be done by hand, digitally, photographically or a combination of these. A written statement and completion of an entry form are also required.

Georgia Department of Transportation Centennial Student Art Challenge

- THEME:** **What Moves You? Imagining Tomorrow's Transportation**
- OPEN TO:** Students in grades K-12, living in Georgia, and attending public, private or home-school.
- DEADLINE:** Postmark by **January 22, 2016**
- WINNERS:** Two winners (1st and 2nd Place) will be selected from each of 4 grade categories. Winners receive their original art framed; award certificate; and five sets of Centennial postcards showcasing the eight winning works of art.
- FOR DETAILS:** Click [HERE](#) or visit the Centennial Student Art Challenge webpage at www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/gdotcentennial/ArtContest.

GDOT's 100-year focus includes the new Centennial web page that ties together all facets of the upcoming 2016 Centennial celebration. There you can view old photos, maps, publications and historical documents; a decade-by-decade timeline; a calendar of Centennial events; video interviews and oral histories - with more to come as 2016 approaches.

2016 is Georgia DOT's Centennial. GDOT's work over the last century - its focus on maintenance; planning and constructing congestion relief projects; and ensuring the safety of the traveling public - has led to a treasured quality of life for residents and has contributed to the incredible economic development of the Peach State. Start your Centennial journey [HERE](#) or visit GDOT's Centennial webpage at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/gdotcentennial>.

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