**2019 Illinois Tollway Map Cover Art Contest Rules and Entry Instructions**

1. Send Submissions to:

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This year’s contest theme is: **Diversifying Our Roadways**

Recognizing the Illinois Tollway's commitment to diversity, the theme for the 2019 contest calls on student artists to submit artwork that illustrates the importance of diversity and inclusion. Areas of focus for the 2019 Tollway Map Cover Art Contest may include, but are not limited to, the following themes:

* Diversity as it pertains to employees and the businesses and individuals that work for the Tollway
* Diversity as it pertains to the communities and customers the Tollway system serves
* Diversification of skilled and construction trades via workforce development and training

2. Purpose: The purpose of this contest is to provide a venue for displaying young artist talents while also engaging students in transportation issues. Cover artwork should reflect the student’s perspective as it relates to their vision or experience of the category above.

3. Eligibility: All high school students (grades 9-12).

4. Deadline: To be eligible, all submissions must be postmarked no later than October 12, 2018.

5. Teacher/parent guidelines: Teachers, parents and caregivers are prohibited from assisting the student with his or her artwork. If the judges deem this rule to have been violated, they reserve the right to disqualify the student’s artwork. **Each entry must include a Release and Waiver of Liability signed by the applicant’s parent or legal guardian.**

6. Materials: Drawings, paintings and other two-dimensional works of art must be no larger than

8” x 16” (actual map artwork is 4” x 8”) and should be created on paper, canvas, cardboard or foam board using materials such as markers, colored pencils, paint pens, watercolors, ink, oil, pastels, acrylic and/or tempera paint. All submissions should have portrait orientation. Please be sure not to use any trademarked or copyrighted images or phrases in the artwork or it will be disqualified (e.g., McDonald’s golden arches, Mickey Mouse, etc.).

7. Selection of winners: Each school will be required to select no more than its top four entries and submit those to the Illinois Tollway for judging. Each school must complete a registration form and send a list of all students who participated in the contest before the October deadline. High school students are eligible to participate in the contest even if their school chooses not to participate. The student’s parent or guardian can submit the drawings to the Tollway directly. All students who participate in the contest will receive a certificate of participation. A Tollway committee will initially judge the entries to determine the top 10 semi-finalists. All semi-finalists’ submissions will be posted on the Illinois Tollway’s website, where the public will vote to determine the top four finalists. An executive committee comprised of members of the Tollway Board of Directors and representatives from MB Real Estate (MBRE) will select the grand prize winner and three runners-up from the top four finalists.

8. Contest and information**: A Release and Waiver Liability Form must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian for each submission to the Illinois Tollway**. The following must be typed or written legibly on the back of each submission: the student’s name, grade, title of the artwork, teacher, school name, school address, school phone number and the teacher’s email address.

9. Notification/awards: Winners will be notified in writing in November 2018 and will be recognized at the November Tollway Board of Directors meeting scheduled for November 29, 2018. There will be one map cover winner whose artwork will appear on the 2019 Illinois Tollway map and three runners-up. The four winners will receive recognition in the Tollway’s 2018 annual report. In addition to having their artwork published on the cover of the 2019 Tollway map, the grand prize winner will receive a $400 gift certificate from Blick Art Materials and a $200 gift certificate from MBRE to use at Tollway oases retail shops and restaurants. The three runners-up will receive $200 gift certificates from Blick Art Materials and $100 gift certificates from MBRE.

10. Use of artwork: Artwork becomes the property of the Illinois Tollway and may be used at the

Tollway’s discretion for future promotions or other purposes.

11. For more information: Contact Dawn Rohrback, Communications Department, Illinois Tollway at drohrback@getipass.com. Visit illinoistollway.com to download contest information, rules and waivers.