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2008 Awards Program

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of the 2008 Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Transportation Planning Excellence Awards (TPEA) Program is to recognize outstanding initiatives across the country to develop, plan, and implement innovative transportation planning practices. The TPEA Program is co-sponsored by the American Planning Association.

AWARD SELECTION PROCESS

Awards were granted to projects, processes, and groups that have made outstanding contributions to the field of transportation planning. An independent panel of judges selected the award winners, using the following criteria: innovation; community and public involvement; partnerships and collaboration; multimodalism; equity; sustainability; demonstrated results/effectiveness/replication/transferability; and category-specific considerations.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominations were solicited in the following categories:

- Education and Training
- Freight Planning
- Homeland and Personal Security
- Linking Planning and Operations
- Modeling and Technology Applications
- Planning Leadership
- Participation and Consultation
- Safety Planning
- Transportation and Land Use Integration
- Transportation Asset Management
- Transportation Planning and Environment
- Tribal Transportation Planning
PROGRAM AGENDA

Welcome/Opening Remarks

Ms. Gloria Shepherd, Federal Highway Administration

Award Presentations

Mr. James Cheatham, Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Charles Goodman, Federal Transit Administration
Mr. Richard Lukas, American Planning Association

AWARD WINNERS

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Center for Environmental Excellence
Practitioner’s Handbooks Series

Montana Department of Transportation,
Rail, Transit & Planning Division
Montana Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan and Tribal Safety Planning

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
Regional Concept for Transportation Operations for Metro Detroit

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Wisconsin DOT Traffic Operations Infrastructure Planning

Kawerak, Inc., Transportation Department
Kawerak Tribal Transportation Planning

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
NOACA Regional Pavement Management System

Montana Department of Transportation;
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; and
FHWA Montana Division
Design of the US-93 Corridor Reconstruction from Evaro to Polson

The Town of Virgil, New York;
New York State Department of Transportation, Community Planning and Assistance Unit; and
Cortland County Planning Department
Town of Virgil: Land Use and Transportation Management Project

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission; Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; and
New Jersey Department of Transportation
Smart Transportation Guidebook for New Jersey and Pennsylvania

City of Charlotte, North Carolina
City of Charlotte Transportation Action Plan

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Project Region

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
I-430/I-630 Interchange Modification Project: Use of Modeling in the Public Involvement Process

Oregon Department of Transportation
2006 Oregon Transportation Plan – Modeling
HONORABLE MENTIONS

Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
Regional Planning for Rural Areas

Maine Department of Transportation; FHWA Maine Division Office; and General Services Administration
Calais, Maine – St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada New International Border Crossing

Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho
Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Moving Forward, Pikes Peak Area 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Planning
Georgia Truck Lanes Needs Identification Study

New Mexico Department of Transportation
Blazing a Trail for a Safer New Mexico

San Diego Association of Governments
Otay Mesa – Mesa de Otay Binational Corridor Strategic Plan

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
New Paradigms: The Strategic Regional Transit Plan for South Florida

Montana Department of Transportation; Rail, Transit & Planning Division
Performance Programming Process

2008 TPEA PANEL MEMBERS

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Director, Systems Planning & Research
NJ Department of Transportation

Nat Bottigheimer
Assistant General Manager, Planning and Joint Development
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Cheryl Cloud
Program Manager, Tribal Technical Assistance Program
Michigan Technological University

Elizabeth Deakin
Associate Professor of City and Regional Planning/Director
University of California Transportation Center

Theodore K. Dahlburg
Manager, Office of Freight Planning
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Gordon Garry
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Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Paul Hamilton
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Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

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Maricopa Association of Governments

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Executive Director
Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information can be found on the TPEA website at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/tpea/index.htm. A publication summarizing the 2008 TPEA winning projects will be available in the fall of 2008.