



Federal Highway Administration
Federal Transit Administration
present the

Transportation Planning Excellence Awards

2008 Awards Program

Co-sponsored by the American Planning Association

at the Welcome Reception of the Transportation Research Board's
Joint Summer Meeting of the Planning, Data, Finance,
Administration, Freight, and Management Committees

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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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NJ Department of Transportation

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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University of California Transportation Center

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Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

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Sacramento Area Council of Governments

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Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

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ITS & Safety Program Manager
Maricopa Association of Governments

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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.