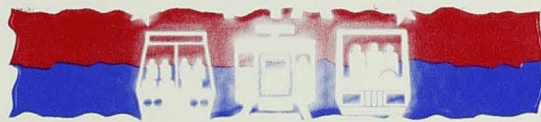


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**O F F T A**

*40th Anniversary*



*Celebration*

CHAMPIONS  
2000



# *Happy 40th Birthday*

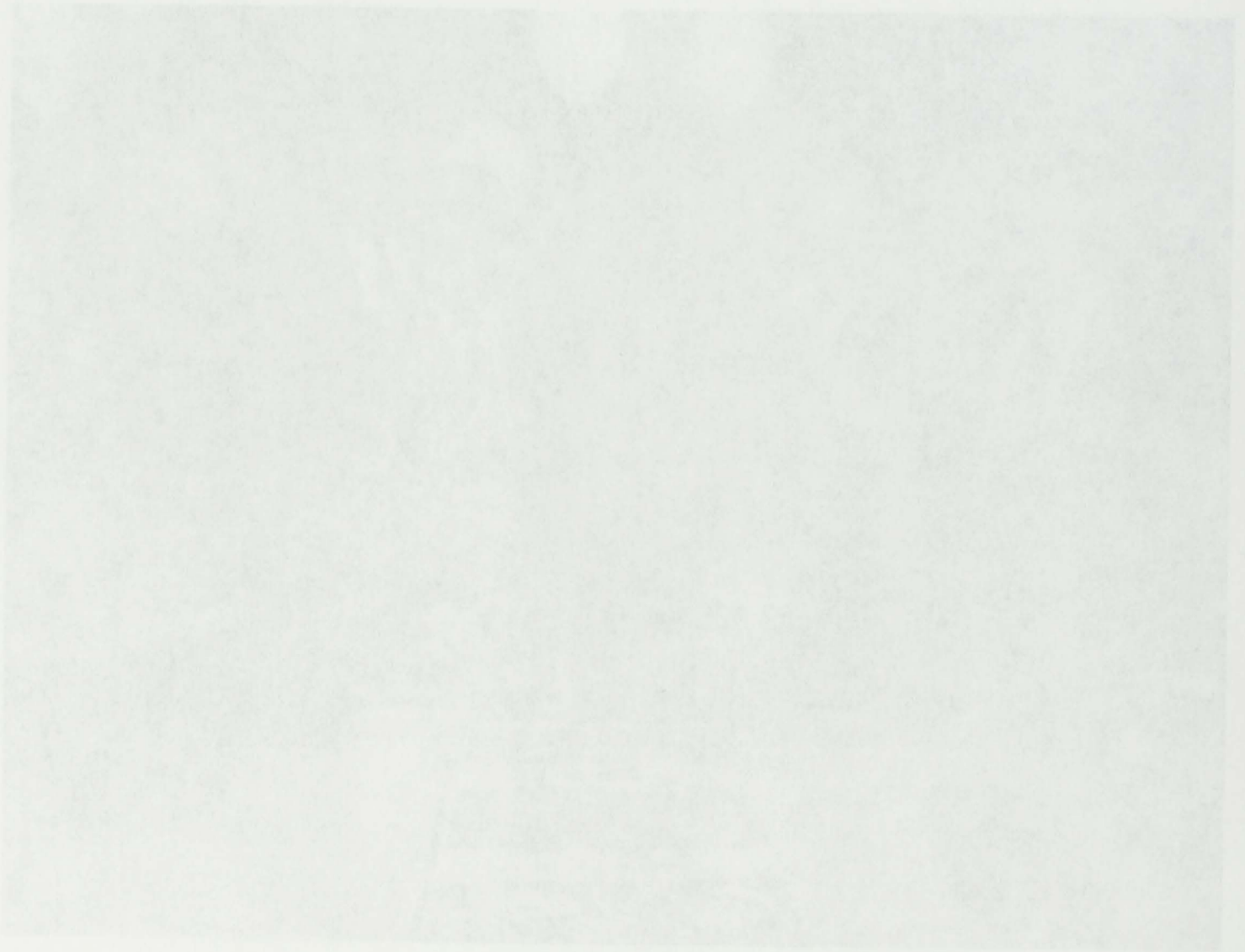
As we continue to grow, we are proud to

celebrate the milestone of our

40th anniversary.







## *A Message From the Secretary*

AS WE CONTINUE TO COMMEMORATE THE 40th year of federal investment in transit assistance, and as we celebrate the many accomplishments of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA), I want to thank you—each and every FTA employee—for the immeasurable contributions you have made to transportation, and to the Nation.

Last year, Americans took more than nine billion trips on public transportation, the highest level since the advent of the federal transit program. Safe, efficient, reliable public transportation improves the quality of life for all and helps protect the environment. Each of you has contributed to this progress and to making the department's ONEDOT vision a reality.

Today, we recognize and honor those outstanding FTA award recipients for their exceptional contributions toward achieving our ONEDOT vision for the 21st century. We commend those who have worked with vision for vigilance and whose outstanding achievements will continue to help rebuild America. Your gifts and talents have helped to make a difference all across America.

To each and everyone of the FTA staff, let me say, again, "Thank you" for your dedication, commitment and service to fulfilling our departmental purpose.

On behalf of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, let me also convey our sincere appreciation for your continued federal commitment and distinguished service to America. As the result of your hard work, loyalty, and commitment to always do your best, America's best days are truly yet to come! Congratulations.

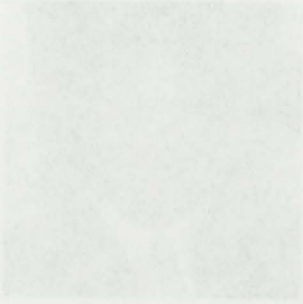


A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rodney E. Slater". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rodney E. Slater



# At a Glance From the Secretary



To each and every one of the  
FIA staff, let me say again:  
Thank you for your dedication,  
your commitment, and  
your hard work in making our  
department a better place.

On behalf of President  
Clinton and Vice President

Al Gore, let me also convey our sincere appreciation for  
your continued leadership and commitment to the  
FIA staff. As the result of your  
hard work, the FIA has made significant progress in  
achieving its goals, and we are proud to have  
you as our Secretary.

AS WE CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE THE  
this year of federal investment in road construction  
and as we continue the many responsibilities of  
the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal  
Transport Administration (FTA), I want to thank you—  
each and every FIA employee—for the important  
role you play in our new guide to transportation  
and the future.

Last year, your department made more than nine billion  
dollars in public transportation the highest level since  
the start of the federal transit program. This  
achievement is a testament to the hard work and  
dedication of the FIA staff and the private sector.  
I am proud of you for your commitment to the program  
and to making the department a better place to  
work.

Today, we recognize and honor those individuals  
FIA staff members for their exceptional contributions  
to the department. We commend those who have worked  
with us for guidance and advice, and those who  
have helped us to improve our services. We will continue to  
work together to make a better future for all Americans.

## *A Message from the Acting Administrator*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF the Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) staff for fulfilling the Department's vision of building transportation systems worthy of America. I applaud your support, hard work and everything that you do to ensure that transportation is a priority throughout the country. You all deserve a hand!

I greatly appreciate the outstanding contributions you have made to help America's communities by creating better ways of improving transportation systems as well as providing basic mobility for millions of Americans. As we continue working together as ONEDOT, let's strive to inspire each other to focus on tomorrow's transportation goals today!

We honor and recognize those outstanding FTA champions here for their exceptional contributions toward meeting the transportation challenges of the 21st century. We commend those who have demonstrated significant and superb contributions toward achieving the mission and the vision of the FTA.

Because of your hard work, allegiance and exemplary achievements, we are known across America as leading the way to transportation excellence in the 21st Century. We sincerely congratulate each of you and thank you for your strides toward improving public transportation for America.



To all FTA employees, and to those FTA Champions honored today, thank you for a job well done!

*Nuria I. Fernandez*

Nuria I. Fernandez



*"Champions of FTA"*  
*2000 Awards Ceremony*  
*Order of Ceremony*

***Musical Prelude***

***The National Anthem*** ..... Vocalist, Andrew Robinson, FAA

***Presiding*** ..... Patrick C. Reilly, Chief Counsel

***Address*** ..... Nuria I. Fernandez  
Acting Administrator

***Musical Selection*** ..... Vocalist, Andrew Robinson, FAA

***Presentation of Awards***

Honorary Awards (To be announced by Acting Administrator Fernandez)

Strategic Plan Outstanding Achievement

Supervisory Excellence

Making a Difference

Administrative Support

Team Awards

Customer Service Awards

Other FTA Champions. .... Various Executive Staff Members

***Closing Remarks***



## Honorary Awards

(To be announced by Acting Administrator Fernandez)

# *The FTA Strategic Plan Outstanding Achievement Award*

*In recognition of your dedication and special effort exceeding performance expectations and contributing significantly to the FTA mission to "Provide leadership, technical assistance and financial resources for safe, technologically advanced public transportation which enhances all citizens' mobility and accessibility, improves America's communities and natural environment, and strengthens the national economy."*

*New York Regional Office*  
James A. Goveia

*Office of Budget and Policy*  
William B. Menczer

*Office of Research, Demonstration & Innovation*  
Tim J. Johnson

*Office of Program Management*  
Mary Martha Churchman  
Francis R. McCarron

*Office of Civil Rights*  
Sandra Jackson McCrea

## *The FTA Award for Supervisory Excellence*

*In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources. Under your leadership, the Chicago Regional Office of Operations and Program Management provided exemplary oversight of Federally funded projects.*

*Chicago Regional Office*  
Louise P. Carter

*In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources.*

*Office of Civil Rights (TRO-7)*  
Gloria D. Dixon

*In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources.*

*Office of Budget and Policy*  
Douglas M. Gandy

*In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources.*

*Office of Budget and Policy*  
Sylvia L. Davis

*In recognition of your exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration and the management of personnel and resources.*

*Chicago Regional Office*  
Paul F. Fish

## *The FTA Making A Difference Award*

*In recognition of demonstrated ability to make a difference in the Office of Public Affairs by diligence to duties, willingness to assume additional responsibilities and responsiveness to office needs.*

*Office of Public Affairs*

*Alisha Neal*

## *The FTA Award for Excellence in Administrative Support*

*In recognition of extremely conscientious, reliable and proactive performance in all assigned duties in the Kansas City Regional Office.*

*Kansas City Regional Office*

*Irene E. Borland*

*In recognition of outstanding achievement for all major duties in the Office of Administration.*

*Office of Administration*

*Marlon M. Harris*

*In recognition of outstanding achievement for the administrative duties of tracking grants, inputting grant data in TEAM, coordinating with the Department of Labor for 5333 (b) agreements, maintaining urbanized areas/state formula fund balances and other duties necessary to carry out the Chicago Regional Office grant program.*

*Chicago Regional Office*

*Latonya S. Jackson*

*In recognition of outstanding achievement for the general administrative support to the Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator as well as other Boston Regional Office staff members.*

*Boston Regional Office*

*Eileen M. Leonard*

*In recognition of an exceptionally high level of achievement in administrative support for the Department's National ITS Architecture and Standards, the FTA International Program and the Departmental ITS Initiative.*

*Office of Research, Demonstration & Innovation*

*Aletha D. Goodine*





## *The FTA Team Award*

*In recognition of your exceptional progress in utilizing existing technologies and re-engineering practices to improve the quality of customer service and increase efficiency and effectiveness. Specifically, as a team, you have clarified roles and objectives; redistributed work for ease of process and efficiency; and revitalized a commitment to customer satisfaction.*

*Kansas City Regional Office*

Margaret A. Brown

Shannon M. Graves

William R. Kalt

Cathy L. Monroe

Leah R. Russell

*In recognition of your exceptional performance in streamlining the FTA direct contracting system. Among your many accomplishments was the multiple award of 25 contracts to a diversity of firms to provide the collective needs of the Federal Transit Administration.*

*Office of Administration*

Jacqueline E. Hathaway (TRI)

Lucy T. Jackson

Bobby J. Jones

Kimberly A. Marshall

*In recognition of your exceptional performance in scheduling and conducting Microsoft training for the entire Office of Administration staff within a three-month time period.*

*Office of Administration*

Catherine Caldwell

Naomi C. Cooper

Donald J. Higgs

Willa M. Neal (Dyncorp)

*In recognition of your exceptional performance working in preparation with the Office of Inspector General in the audit of five reports for each appropriation/account within FTA and the organizations we service. As a result, FTA was part of the Department's first ever "Unqualified Opinion".*

*Office of Budget and Policy*

Ho-Nu Cathy Chi

Ebony M. Dade

Sylvia L. Davis

Joseph Grum

Barbara J. Nipper

Betty J. Holden

Stephanie K. Harris

Jennifer R. Jones

Vivian B. Jones

Edith P. McLamore-Shelton

Kimberly Norris-Mitchell

David V. Surti

# *The FTA Excellence in Customer Service Award*

## I N D I V I D U A L

*In recognition of your exemplary customer service demonstrated by your motivating leadership, dedication to excellence, and numerous accomplishments and contributions.*

*Office of Administration*

John D. Adams

*In recognition of your exemplary customer service providing advice and technical assistance on the development of transit projects for the most complex grantees, including the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.*

*Boston Regional Office*

Donna J. Laidley

*In recognition of your exemplary customer service executing the administrative expenses budget.*

*Office of Administration*

A. Avon Meacham

*In recognition of your exceptional customer service and continuous cooperation in providing assistance to resolve travel-related issues which are clearly outside the scope of your daily duties, service is always "Prompt, Courteous and Efficient."*

*Office of Budget and Policy*

Edith P. McLamore-Shelton

# *The FTA Excellence in Customer Service Award (Continued)*

## **T E A M**

*In recognition of your exceptional customer service as a member of the Executive Resources, Employee Relations and Benefits Team by consistently demonstrating your ability to introduce new and innovative processes to the Human Resources arena, providing quality customer service and proactively addressing employee concerns.*

### *Office of Administration*

Jose A. Cordova  
Arlene F. DiRienzo  
Pamela Bell Payton  
Phyllis A. Soldo  
Michelle Smith  
Linda V. Thomas

*In recognition of your exceptional customer service as a member of the FTA Office of Public Affairs, a one-stop shop for access to outreach, media, documents, and congressional coordination/liaison.*

### *Office of Public Affairs*

JaNeise M. Beckwith  
Jacqueline B. Bennett  
Karen E. Clarke  
Bruce C. Frame  
Mary F. Knapp  
Doris A. Lyons  
Alisha Neal  
Patricia S. Oladeinde  
Velvet S. Snow  
Donna A. Sampson  
Gail E. Taylor  
Katherine D. Webb





