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Awards Ceremony



Federal Transit Administration

A Message from the Deputy Administrator

Today we recognize individuals in the Federal Transit Administration who have achieved excellence in performance of their duties. We applaud your efforts in making our agency one that others seek to emulate.

I truly appreciate your dedication—the countless hours you put in day after day, and the innovation and expertise you bring to your jobs—to ensure that the FTA remains on the cutting edge of transportation issues. Millions of Americans who depend on transit for their livelihood, and whose lives are enriched by the transit systems you help to sustain, have you to thank.

We also honor your commitment to creating common-sense transit solutions that stimulate the economy, increase mobility, and reduce congestion. Your accomplishments have enabled us to meet the complex transit needs of the diverse communities that make up our great nation.

As we continue in our work to build and improve the nation's public transportation system, we pause to commend you for a job well done.

Congratulations and many thanks!

Sandra K. Bushue



Sandra K. Bushue
Federal Transit Administration
Deputy Administrator

FTA 2006 Awards Ceremony

Order of Ceremony

Presentation of the FlagsU.S. Coast Guard Honor Guard

The National AnthemVocalist, Timothy Brooks, FTA

PresidingDavid Longo, Deputy Assoc. Adm.
for Comm. & Cong. Affairs

Address.....Sandra K. Bushue, Deputy Administrator

Presentation of Awards

Honorary Awards

Award for Superior Achievement/Award of Merit

Monetary Awards

Outstanding Achievement

Making a Difference

Excellence in Administrative Support

Supervisory Excellence

Equal Employment Opportunity and Workforce Diversity

Team Awards

Excellence in Customer Service (Teams/Individual)

Recognition of Hurricane Relief and SAFETEA-LU Employees

Career Service Awards

(A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Nassif Building Courtyard.)

Honorary Awards

AWARD FOR SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT (BRONZE MEDAL)

Angela Maldonado, Office of Administration

In recognition for unwavering commitment and exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration. Special recognition is given for your outstanding efforts and tenacity in improving contract and program administration for FTA's Program Management Oversight Program.

Kristen D. Clarke, Office of Budget & Policy

In recognition for unwavering commitment and exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration. Special recognition is given for your accomplishments as a leader in FTA in its efforts to meet the goals of the President's Management Agenda for Improving Financial Management and Budget and Performance Integration.

Michael O'Connor, Office of Program Management

In recognition for unwavering commitment and exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration. Special recognition is given for your outstanding efforts and tenacity in improving contract and program administration for FTA's Program Management Oversight Program.

Byrna L. Helfer, Office of Program Management

In recognition for unwavering commitment and exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration. Special recognition is given for your role as chief architect of the United We Ride Program Agenda, its products, & making it work at the Federal, state & local level.

Donald F. Gismondi, Chicago Regional Office

In recognition for unwavering commitment and exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration. Special Recognition is given for your role in keeping six Full Funding Grant Agreements on track, improving the timeliness of grants management, and continually improving the Regional Office customer service to over 150 grantees.

Leslie T. Rogers, San Francisco Regional Office

In recognition for unwavering commitment and exemplary contributions toward achieving the mission and goals of the Federal Transit Administration. Special recognition is given for your outstanding contributions in the areas of Human Capital and Personnel Management.

AWARD of MERIT

Jacquelyn M. Lopez, Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding contributions toward automating and standardizing business processes and improving the efficiency of grantmaking.

Abbe Marner, Office of Planning & Environment

In recognition of your outstanding accomplishments in developing transit noise and vibration assessment methods that have become the international standard.

Melody L. Hopson, Chicago Regional Office

In recognition of your exceptional achievement in ensuring that three Full Funding Grant Agreement projects were on time and within budget.

Monetary Awards OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Edwin I. DeLong, Jr., Office of Administration

In recognition of your demonstrated dedication and significant contributions to the Office of Administration and FTA.

Arlene F. DiRienzo, Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the implementation of FTA's Human Capital Initiatives.

Marlon M. Harris, Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding contributions and agency-wide efforts in the Cost Center Management Program.

Linda V. Thomas, Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in the implementation of the new Federal Personnel and Payroll System.

Peter W. Chipman, Office of Budget & Policy

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in the implementation of FTA's Managerial Cost Accounting System.

Athene M. Hodges, Office of Budget & Policy

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in the design and development of the Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT (Continued)

Amy S. Jernigan, Office of Program Management

In recognition of your outstanding contributions as the Special Assistant to the Office of Program Management's Associate Administrator.

Kenneth B. Johnson, Office of Program Management

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the Urbanized Area Form and the Fixed Guideway Modernization Programs.

Bruce A. Robinson, Office of Research, Demon., & Innovation

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the Office of Management and Budget's Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART).

Margaret A. Griffin, Office of Civil Rights

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in resolving issues affecting paratransit service in small urban and rural areas in New England.

David W. Knight, Office of Civil Rights

In recognition of your outstanding contributions by enhancing the mobility and accessibility of all citizens in the metro access paratransit system of the Nation's Capital.

David S. Schneider, Office of Civil Rights

In recognition of your outstanding contributions as the Title VI Program Coordinator for the Office of Civil Rights.

Rebecca U. Tanrath, Office of Civil Rights

In recognition of your outstanding contributions as the Regional Civil Rights Officer in Denver.

Steven Lewis-Workman, Office of Planning & Environment

In recognition of your outstanding contributions as primary drafter of key documents in response to changes to the New Starts Program.

Mary Beth Mello, Cambridge Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the Cambridge Regional Office and FTA.

Jamie D. Pfister, Atlanta Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding contributions by assisting in the implementation of the Indian Tribal Transit Programs.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT (Continued)

Andrea T. Green-Orr, Chicago Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the Euclid Corridor BRT and the Northstar Commuter Rail Projects.

Cathy L. Monroe, Kansas City Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in developing strategies to enable grantees to better manage their cash flow and projects to maximize benefits.

David L. Beckhouse, Denver Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in crafting creative solutions to highly complex problems and persuading grantees to accept the recommendations.

Jeffrey S. Davis, San Francisco Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding contributions for coordinating numerous initiatives with the TPM Office of Safety and Security.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Yessica J. Bonilla, Office of Administration

In recognition of your excellence in clerical and administrative support functions in the Office of Human Resources.

John E. Sellman, III, Office of Program Management

In recognition of your excellent contributions in the Office of the Associate Administrator for Program Management.

Janice P. Barnes, Office of Civil Rights

In recognition of your excellent contributions and overall support to the Office of Civil Rights.

Bella J. Buchwald, New York Regional Office

In recognition of your excellent administrative support to the New York Regional Office and assistance in processing the Over the Road Bus Program.

EXCELLENCE IN ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Jastine D. Caine , Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding work in assisting the lead HR Specialist with all aspects of the new Federal Personnel and Payroll System.

Amanda P. Burke, Office of Program Management

In recognition of your excellent administrative support contributions to the Office of Program Management.

Bertha M. Adams, Office of Research, Demon., & Innovation

In recognition of your outstanding achievements in the administrative support functions in the Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation.

Patrice K. Milford, Office of Planning & Environment

In recognition of your exemplary administrative and clerical support to the Office of Planning and Environment.

Omagra Torres, Cambridge Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding performance, positive attitude, and sincere dedication in accomplishing whatever is needed to get the job done in the Cambridge Regional Office.

Angelica Salgado, Chicago Regional Office

In recognition of your excellent administrative contributions to the Chicago Regional staff.

Logan T. Daniels, Kansas City Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding performance, pleasant personality, and willingness to accomplish whatever has to be done in the Kansas City Regional Office.

SUPERVISORY EXCELLENCE

A. Avon Mzacham, Office of Administration

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

Linda C. Lasley, Office of Chief Counsel

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

Katherine A. Mattice, Office of Budget & Policy

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

Terry J. Rosapp, Office of Program Management

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

Walter Kulyk, Office of Research, Demon. & Innovation

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

Peter S. Butler, Cambridge Regional Office

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

Linda M. Gehrke, Seattle Regional Office

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

EEO and WORKFORCE DIVERSITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AWARD

Brenda T. Wilson, Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding contributions and tireless efforts in maintaining a diverse workforce through personal outreach, while working with FTA and the local community.

Rhonda M. Reed, Chicago Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in Equal Employment Opportunity and Workforce Diversity.

Cindy E. Terwilliger, Kansas City Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in Equal Employment Opportunity and Workforce Diversity.

TEAM AWARDS

Henry T. Carter, Jr. , Donald L. Clarke, Jr.
Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in coordinating the relocation to the new Headquarters' Office Building.

David L. Hostetter, Shawn T. Sewell
Office of Administration

In recognition of your leadership, teamwork and skill in the success of the DOT IT consolidation.

Dorothy E. Casley, Paula I. Booth, Susan D. Whiglock
Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in the successful implementation of the automated staffing system.

TEAM AWARDS (Continued)

Pamela Bell-Payton, Lisa C. Gilmore
Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in all aspects of the Employee Relations arena.

Angela Maldonado, James Harper, Jr., Iris A. Hall,
John L. Bardwell, III, Donna L. Abbott, Dorian G. Ridley,
Sepooh Der Asatoorian, Michael O'Connor, Khuong T. Luu
Office of Administration/Office of Program Management

In recognition of your outstanding collaborative effort to improve contract and program administration for FTA's Program Management Oversight.

Ronald A. Jackson, Rita M. Maristeh, Nancy A. Greene,
Paul T. Jensen, Renee M. Marler, Theodore Y. Uyeno,
Bonnie L. Graves, Paul L. Marx
Office of Chief Counsel/Office of Budget and Policy

In recognition of your collaborative effort in assisting grantees in completing highly complex leveraged lease transactions.

Paul M. Griffo, Jacqueline B. Bennett,
Velvet S. Snow, Retrina M. Nelson
Office of Communications & Congressional Affairs

In recognition of your collaborative effort in completing top priority public affairs projects.

CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAM AWARD

Phyllis A. Soldo, Catherine A. Stewart
Office of Administration

In recognition of your outstanding customer service to all FTA customers, both internal and external.

Nancy J. Danzig, James A. Goveia, Nina H. Chung,
Rebecca Reyes-Alicia, Irwin B. Kessman
New York Regional Office

In recognition of your excellent customer service to ensure high quality grant applications and quality environmental documents.

EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE (Individual)

Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Office of Chief Counsel

In recognition of your outstanding contributions as the Regional Counsel in Chicago.

Jeanette Askew, Office of Program Management

In recognition of your outstanding contributions during the preparation for the move to the new DOT Building.

Judith A. Molloy, Cambridge Regional Office

In recognition of your outstanding customer service, positive attitude, and sincere dedication in accomplishing whatever is needed to get the job done in the Cambridge Regional Office.

William A. Wheeler, Chicago Regional Office

In recognition of your excellence in customer service with the grantees and championing the efforts of the Chicago Regional Office.

Recognition of Hurricane Response Employees

FTA Executives

Susan C. Schruth
Office of Program Management

Bryna L. Helfer
Office of Program Management

David J. Vozzolo*
Office of Planning & Environment

Richard H. Doyle
Cambridge Regional Office

Yvette G. Taylor
Atlanta Regional Office

Robert C. Patrick
Fort Worth Regional Office

Blas M. Uribe, IV
Fort Worth Regional Office

Mokhtez Ahmad
Kansas City Regional Office

Leslie T. Rogers
San Francisco Regional Office

Edward Carranza, Jr.
San Francisco Regional Office

Richard F. Krochalis
Seattle Regional Office

Other FTA employees recognized for their efforts in the Hurricane Response

Sepooh D. Asatoorian

John L. Bardwell, III

Scott A. Bighl

Paula I. Booth

Kristen D. Clarke

Logan T. Daniels

Stephen W. Fong

Richard L. Gerhart

Tawanna M. Glover

Sarah L. Graham

Bonnie L. Graves

Jeanette Hanna-Ruiz*

James Harper, Jr.

Lynn Hayes

John W. Irvin

Amy S. Jernigan

Linda G. Kemp

Leonard J. Lacour

Linda C. Lasley

Ann M. Linnertz

Kenneth E. Lord

Khuong T. Luu

Keith Lynch

Ruth O. Lyons

Gail C. Lyssy

Angela Maldonado

Rita M. Maristeh

Paul L. Marx

Thomas H. McCormick

Alexander C. McNeil

Wolodymyr J. Mokry

Sam F. Nassif

Michael O'Connor

Eldridge Onco

Ledra A. Post

Gerald M. Powers

Terry J. Rosapep

Joan M. Roeseler

Iyon U. Rosaria

Leah R. Russell

Michael A. Taborn

Linda V. Thomas

George T. Thomson

Anthony B. Tisdale

Cheryle N. Tyson

Robert J. Tuccillo

Laura C. Wallace

Matthew J. Welbes

Rita L. Wells*

Christopher P. White

Richard L. Wong

*Denotes employees who have left the agency.

Recognition of SAFETEA-LU Implementation Employees

SAFETEA-LU Council

Sandra K. Bushue
Deputy Administrator

David B. Horner
Office of Chief Counsel

Scott A. Bighl
Office of Chief Counsel

John W. Irvin
Office of Communications & Congressional Affairs

Susan E. Schruth
Office of Program Management

Robert J. Tuccillo
Office of Budget & Policy

Katherine A. Mattie
Office of Budget & Policy

Brigid Hynes-Cherin
Office of Planning & Environment

Susan C. Borinsky
Philadelphia Regional Office

Other employees recognized for their efforts in the implementation of the 2006 SAFETEA-LU

Darin J. Allan

Sepooh D. Asatoorian

Jeannette Askew

Carl P. Bausch

David L. Beckhouse

Marcel Belanger

John G. Bell, Jr.

Noah S. Berger

Saptarshi Bhattacharya

Florneg E. Bicchetti

Debra K. Bilek

M. Douglas Birnie

Jayne L. Blakesley

Ronald E. Bognau

Tokay R. Boswell

Annabelle Boyd**

Carol R. Braegzelmann

Gregory D. Brown

Henrika Buchanan-Smith

Donald C. Burns

Peter S. Butler

Edward Carranza, Jr.

Irving Chambers

Wei-Shun Chen

Mary Martha Churchman

Kristin D. Clarke

Gwendolyn F. Daniel

Derek D. Davis

Gary P. DeLorme

Margaret M. Dranesak

Other employees recognized for their efforts
in the implementation of the 2006 SAFETY-A-LU (Continued)

Ronald E. Fannin
 Carol A. Ferguson
 Roy Field
 Ronald T. Fisher
 Tiffany L. Gallagos
 Carlos M. Garay
 Linda M. Gehrke
 Christina E. Gikakis
 Charles Goodman
 Sarah L. Graham
 Bonnie L. Graves
 Nancy J. Grubb
 Ryan D. Hammon
 Lynn Hayes
 Bryna L. Helfer
 Cheryl L. Hershey
 Athene M. Hodges
 Melody L. Hopson
 Aaron C. James
 Eugene Jenkins
 Kenneth B. Johnson
 Matthew P. Keamy
 Linda C. Lasley
 Sean J. Libberton
 David N. Longo
 Arthur A. Lopez
 Jacquelyn M. Lopez
 Kenneth E. Lord
 Khuong T. Luu
 Keith Lynch
 Gail C. Lyssy

Rita M. Maristeh
 Elizabeth A. Martinzau
 Paul L. Marx
 Susan E. Masslink*
 Mike W. McCollum
 Sandra J. McGrea
 Levern McElveen
 Wolodymyr J. Mokez
 Judith A. Molloy
 Cathy L. Monroe
 Carolyn L. Mulvihill
 Nancy E. Ody
 Robert G. Owens
 Henry A. Nejako
 Kim C. Nguyen
 Michael O'Connor
 Cheryl D. Oliver
 Eldridge Onco
 Anthony J. Ossi, Jr.
 John Ottomantelli
 Jamie D. Pfister
 Nydia Picayo
 Joseph A. Pixley
 Gerald M. Powers
 John H. Prince
 Sharon E. Pugh
 Gertrina W. Reese
 Bruce A. Robinson
 Terry J. Rosapep
 Lyon U. Rosario
 Karen A. Roscher

David S. Schneider
 Elizabeth K. M. Sier
 Patricia E. Simpich
 Barbara A. Sisson
 Alexander M. Smith
 Nancy J. Solkowski
 Devendra M. Soni
 Effie S. Stallsmith
 Richard P. Steinmann
 Jennifer L. Stewart
 Nancy String*
 Timothy P. Sullivan
 Michael A. Taborn
 Sandy Talbot-Jackson (FHW)†
 Rebecca U. Tanrath
 Gail E. Taylor
 Donna L. Turchie
 Vincent Valdes
 David J. Vozzolo*
 Laura C. Wallace
 Bruce K. Walker
 Katherine D. Webb
 Dale A. Wegner
 Dudley S. Whyte
 Fred L. Williams
 Lorna R. Wilson
 Richard Wong
 Steven Lewis-Workman
 Blenda D. Younger

* Denotes employees who have left the agency.

** Denotes contractor

Career Service Awards

01/01/06 Through 12/31/2006

THIRTY YEARS

Office of Administration

Dorothy E. Casley

Mary C. Williams

Office of Chief Counsel

Patricia A. Cohen

Office of Budget & Policy

Paul L. Marx

William B. Menezes

Richard P. Steinmann

Office of Program Management

Mary M. Churchman

Office of Research, Demonstration

& Innovation

Helen M. Tann

Office of Civil Rights

Linda C. Craig

Office of Planning & Environment

Susan E. Rollman

Charles M. Wilder

Anthony J. Ossi, Jr.

Lower Manhattan Recovery Office

Yvonne E. Spraggins

Philadelphia Regional Office

Catharine C. Githens

Michael W. McCollum

Devendra M. Soni

Atlanta Regional Office

Donald L. Alford

H. Thomas McCormick

Chicago Regional Office

Donald F. Gismondi

Linda F. Glover

Fort Worth Regional Office

Ruth M. Johnston

San Francisco Regional Office

Donna G. Turchie

Career Service Awards

01/01/06 Through 12/31/2006 (Continued)

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Office of Administration

Edwin I. DeLong, Jr.

Terracita M. Nunn

Office of Budget & Policy

Sylvia L. Davis

Brenda S. Mundy

Office of Research, Demonstration & Innovation

Karen C. Faen

Office of Civil Rights

Gloria J. Comedy

Philadelphia Regional Office

Michelle A. Destra

FORTY YEARS

Office of Administration

Arlene F. DiRienzo

Office of Budget & Policy

Mary W. Kilpatrick

Office of Civil Rights

Miriam L. Arce



