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Federal Transit Administration

*2012
Awards
Ceremony*



Message

from the

Administrator



Peter Rogoff

Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

Working side by side with such a dedicated and talented group of individuals here at the Federal Transit Administration is a pleasure and a privilege. The choice to use your talents to serve the public and to make a difference in the world we live in is a truly honorable decision. What you do every

day is so important. It is important to those who can now get better jobs and spend less at the gas pump because transit gets them efficiently to and from work. It is important to hard-working students who can go to night classes even though they may not own a car. And it is important to the communities where we invest in good transportation projects that improve access to jobs, training, medical care, and while revitalizing neighborhoods.

Each one of you should recognize the important role you play in financing, designing, building and maintaining our Nation's transit systems, encouraging the principles of sustainability, and helping people enjoy the benefits and convenience of public transportation.

Today, I take great pride in this opportunity to recognize the contributions of all FTA employees as well as the individuals who have gone above and beyond in truly extraordinary and inspiring ways. Because of your efforts, we continue to improve as an organization and are able to provide the quality of service the American people want and deserve. I thank and congratulate you for a job well done!





Therese W. McMillan

Deputy Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

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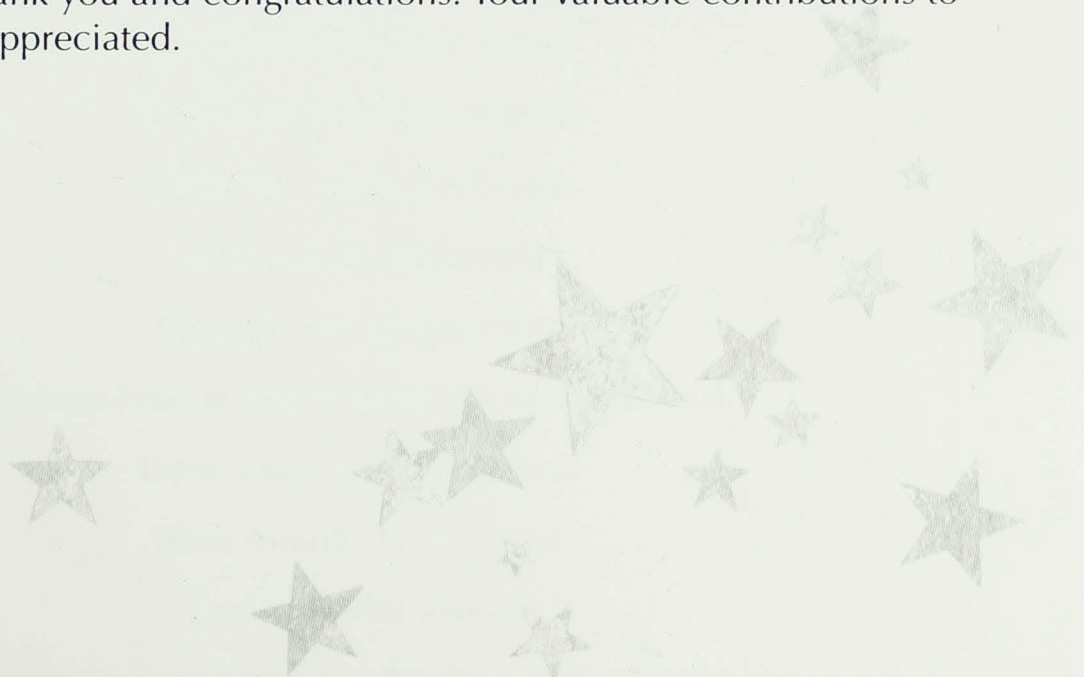
from the

Deputy Administrator

I am pleased to join the Administrator in recognizing the individual efforts as well as the great teamwork of our dedicated colleagues here at FTA. As we look forward to addressing the new challenges and opportunities presented by MAP-21, I am confident that we will meet them head-on

with the commitment, creativity, knowledge, and expertise that you bring to your work every day.

Together we are moving ahead to ensure that our Nation's bus and rail transit systems remain safe, and that there's a level playing field for everyone seeking to compete for transportation dollars. And together we will continue to streamline our efforts to deliver excellent results to taxpayers. To today's award recipients, I say thank you and congratulations. Your valuable contributions to FTA's success are appreciated.





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FTA 2012 Awards Ceremony

Ceremony begins at 12:45 p.m.

September 13, 2012

Order of Ceremony

Presentation of the Flags	Military District of Washington Armed Forces Color Guard
The National Anthem	Instrumental Recording
Opening Remarks	Ray LaHood, Secretary
Welcoming Remarks	Mathew J. Welbes, Executive Director
Introduction	Therese W. McMillan, Deputy Administrator
General Address	Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator
Master of Ceremony	David N. Longo, Associate Administrator for Communications & Congressional Affairs

Presentation of Awards

Administrator's Award for Superior Achievement

Administrator's Merit Award

Excellence in Mission Support

Excellence in Mission Results

Excellence in Leadership

Excellence in Management

Business Process Improvement (Teams/Individual)

Team Awards (Distinguished)

Team Awards (Meritorious)

Career Service Awards

(A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the West Building Atrium)



● **Administrator's Award for Superior Achievement**

CHERYL T. OPENSHAW, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In recognition of your excellence in leading efforts to significantly improve oversight of FTA's programs.

JOAN M. ROESLER, REGION VII (KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI)

In recognition of your exemplary accomplishments ranging from the development of the original TEAM system to the development of the new TIGER grants system.

PAULA L. SCHWACH, OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL, REGION VII (KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI)

● *In recognition of your exemplary achievements and contributions through your work as Kansas City's Regional Counsel and FTA's Counsel on Infrastructure Financing nationwide.*

Award of Merit

BONNIE L. GRAVES, OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

In recognition of your excellent work on the authorization of Federal Public Transportation Assistance Programs in MAP-21.



● ***Excellence in Mission Support***

TIFFANY GALLEGOS, REGION VIII, (DENVER, COLORADO)

In recognition of your significant achievements in the area of transportation safety, specifically your work in greatly improving transit rail safety coordination primarily with Utah and Colorado grantees.

RYAN J. FRIGO, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

For your exceptional dedication and service in performing public transportation safety oversight, specifically changes in the processes and procedures FTA has made for verifying safety and security certification activities in FTA funded rail transit projects.

HERIBERTO CHAVARRIA, REGION VI, (FORT WORTH, TEXAS)

In recognition of your outstanding contributions in supporting FTA's Program Delivery to ensure public transportation systems enhance the quality of life of the American people.

NED P. CONROY, REGION X, (SEATTLE, WASHINGTON)

In recognition of your outstanding collaboration as a part of the FTA Seattle Region's Sustainable Community Partnership with HUD, EPA, and DOT.

● NANCY J. GRUBB, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

For your sustained contributions in helping FTA offices resolve budget-related issues and enabling the agency to carry out its mission.

REGINALD ARKELL, REGION V, (CHICAGO, ILLINOIS)

For your exceptional outreach efforts to FTA stakeholders and your successes in ensuring that transit is at the table in MPO planning.

TRACEY D. HOPKINS, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

For your efforts above and beyond the call of duty to ensure FTA successfully meets its financial management reporting goals.

TERRY L. GONZALES, REGION VIII, (DENVER, COLORADO)

In recognition of your superlative accomplishments in the Denver Regional Office, specifically your hard work in revamping and reorganizing the Region's Single Audit system to enhance its effectiveness.

Excellence in Mission Results Award

AUDREY J. BREDEHOFT, REGION IX, (SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA)

For your commendable contributions as Acting Director in FTA's San Francisco's Office of Program Management and Oversight and for participating on several national working groups to address FTA initiatives including Performance Measures, Grantee Oversight Assessment, Real Estate and Relocation Special Activity Review Operating Procedures, and the Triennial Review Workbook.

ANGELA M. DLUGER, OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

In recognition of your excellent work and perseverance well beyond expectations in resolving the backlog of FTA OIG hotline complaints.

LYNN HAYES, REGION VI, (FORT WORTH, TEXAS)

For significant direct outreach and technical assistance given to the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe and working with them to undertake a planning study funded by the Tribal Transit Program to assess the feasibility of starting a transit system to increase the mobility of its members.

TOMIKA H. MONTERVILLE, OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In recognition of your skillful coordination of the streamlining of the State Management Reviews.

MARGARITA M. SANDBERG, REGION IV, (ATLANTA, GEORGIA)

In recognition of your excellence in supporting the mission of FTA's Atlanta Regional Office, specifically your efforts in the oversight of the Atlanta streetcar project.

ANTHONY (TONY) TARONE, REGION III, (PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA)

In recognition of your dedication in improving Region III oversight processes and in responding to unforeseen demands in a forthright, calm, thorough, and timely manner.

Excellence in Leadership Award

MONICA J. MCCALLUM, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, REGION X, (SEATTLE, WASHINGTON)

In recognition of your sustained and exemplary service as FTA's Office of Civil Rights Regional Operations Division Chief.

CATHY L. MONROE, REGION VII (KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI)

In recognition of your dedication to achieving excellent results and your willingness to take on extra responsibilities serving as Tribal Transit Program Manager and State of Good Repair Team Leader.

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Excellence in Management Award

VIRDELLA S. DENWIDDIE, OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In recognition of your significant and exceptionally positive impact on FTA's ability to accomplish its mission by your stewardship of human resources.

MATTHEW P. KEAMY, REGION I, (CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS)

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

Business Process Improvement Awards (Individual and Groups)

JOANNE WEINSTOCK, REGION I, (CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS)

In recognition of your excellent work in developing and reinventing FTA's grant delivery practices.

OVERSIGHT TOP-TO-BOTTOM REVIEW

In recognition of your excellent teamwork leading to significant business process improvements in FTA's oversight programs.

CHERYL T. OPENSHAW, AARON C. JAMES, KHUONG T. LUU, GERALD M. POWERS (TPM), RICHARD P. STEINMANN (TOA), JAYME L. BLAKESLEY (TCC), LINDA C. FORD (TCR), JAMES HARPER, JR. (TAD), ELIZABETH (SHERRY) RIKLIN (TPE), DUDLEY S. WHYTE (TRO-4), LAURA C. WALLACE (TRO-6), JOAN M. ROESLER (TRO-7)

TRANSPORT GROUP

In recognition of your hard work, dedication, and selfless hours in designing, testing, and implementing the deployment of TransPort which will transform the way FTA does business by facilitating the integration of communication, collaboration, and transparency into our business process.

SUSAN CAMARENA, ARTHUR V. DEXTER, CHRISTOPHER T. HALL, JEFFREY G. JAMIESON, MACKARTHUR JAMES, SHAWN T. SEWELL (TAD), JARRETT W. STOLTZFUS, EDWIN RODRIGUEZ (TRI), AMY L. BERNSTEIN (TCA), NICHOLAS O. GARCIA (TPE), DORETHA (DEE) M. FOSTER, HOLLY A. PETERSON, ROBERT F. BUCKLEY (TRO-4), SHEILA J. CLEMENTS (TRO-5), DEBORA A. ENSOR (TRO-10)

Distinguished Team Awards

2010 CENSUS AND MAP-21 IMPACTS TEAM

In recognition of tireless dedication and hard work in explaining the 2010 Census impacts on our formula programs and make important contributions to advancing public transportation policy.

THIPAKORN (ANN) SOUVANDARA, DAVID S. SCHNEIDER, ADAM R SCHILDGE (TPM), JOHN D. GIORGIS, SERGIO M. MAIA, DOMINIQUE PAUKOWITS (TBP), RICHARD P. STEINMANN (TOA), KATHERINE (KATE) D. WEBB (TCA)

MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

For developing and finalizing a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposes to modernize and streamline the New Starts and Small Starts Programs.

ELIZABETH A. DAY, BENJAMIN E. OWEN, ROBYN A. SINQUEFIELD, ELIZABETH Z. PATEL, MEGAN W. BLUM, DWAYNE E. WEEKS, JAMES M. RYAN, KENNETH J. CERVENKA, TONYA P. HOLLAND, ELIZABETH A. (SHERRY) RIKLIN (TPM), RICHARD P. STEINMANN (TOA), CANDACE I. KEY, CHRISTOPHER VAN WYK (TCC), KATHERINE A. MATTICE, SHARON E. PUGH (TBP), TIMOTHY P. STEINITZ (TRO-2)

TCA DISCRETIONARY GRANT AWARD ROLLOUT TEAM

In recognition of providing consistent excellent customer service in communications with internal and external stakeholders including Congressional committee staff, media, and program offices within the Department.

AMY L. BERNSTEIN, KATHERINE (KATE) D. WEBB, JACQUELINE B. BENNETT, PAUL M. GRIFFO, ANGELA J. GATES, VERNETT DILLARD, TIA N. SWAIN, KETRINA M. NELSON, JENNIFER A. BRYANT, THERESA A. TUNNELL

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RULEMAKING TEAM

In recognition of leveraging creative strategies that led to a rulemaking proposal for substantial streamlining of the environmental compliance process for transit projects.

MEGAN W. BLUM, ANTOINETTE QUAGLIATA, TERENCE PLASKON (TPE), CHRISTOPHER S. VANWYK (TCC)

TITLE VI AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TEAM

For distinguished service in advancing environmental justice priorities of the Federal Transit Administration, the Department of Transportation, and the Federal Government.

CECELIA M. COMITO, BONNIE L. GRAVES (TCC), AMBER R. ONTIVEROS (TCR), JOANNE P. WASZCZAK (TPE)

● Meritorious Team Awards

NEW ORLEANS RTA STREETCAR TIGER TEAM

In recognition of the extraordinary teamwork exhibited by the New Orleans TIGER team to successfully implement the UPT/Loyola Avenue Streetcar TIGER grant to create and preserve jobs, promote economic recovery and invest in infrastructure that has long-term economic benefits in the New Orleans area.

SAMUEL D. SNEAD (TPM), SULEMAN M. SHOAIB, LAURA C. WALLACE (TRO-6),
ELDRIDGE ONCO (TCC)

RURAL NTD VALIDATION TEAM

In recognition of outstanding teamwork, innovation, and diligence in improving the validation of rural NTD data.

LAUREN H. TUZIKOW, SERGIO M. MAIA, JOHN D. GIORGIS (TBP)

Career Service Awards

01/01/12 THROUGH 12/31/12

Thirty Years

Office of Administration

**VirDella S. Denwiddie
Carolyn A. Horne**

Office of Chief Counsel

Alicia R. Berger (TRO-5)

Office of Program Management

Doris A. Lyons

Office of Budget & Policy

**Julee T. Hamel
Rhonda M. Lee**

Region II, (New York, New York)

Paul R. Lebrun

Region IV, (Atlanta, Georgia)

Marie A. Lopez

Region X, (Seattle, Washington)

Richard F. Krochalis

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Thirty Five Years

Office of Administration

Phyllis A. Soldo

Office of Chief Counsel

Arlene K. Butler

Office of Program Management

Tawanna M. Glover

James E. Muir

Office of Research, Demonstration & Innovation

O'Leathia Colbert

Region I, (Cambridge, Massachusetts)

Mary E. Mello

Region II, (New York, New York)

Maureen Dowd

Region III, (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Sheila A. Byrne

Karen Y. Crippen

Thirty Five Years
(continued)

Region IX, (San Francisco, California)

Patricia E. Valentine

Region X, (Seattle, Washington)

Hattie M. Wood
Thomas A. Radmilovich

Forty Years

Region IV, (Atlanta, Georgia)

Derethia T. Johnson

Region IX, (San Francisco, California)

Philoki J. Barros

