

2017

# *Administrator's Awards Ceremony*



**Thursday, January 12th • 1:00 PM**  
**DOT HQ • West Atrium**





# Award Categories

## Administrator's Superior Achievement Award

The highest award granted by the FTA Administrator for exemplary achievements that contributed to the accomplishment of the agency's or the Department's mission or programs. The results and manner of performance clearly reflect Agency goals and serve as a model to other FTA employees.

## Administrator's Award of Merit

The second highest award granted by the FTA Administrator that recognizes exceptional achievements which contributed to the accomplishment of DOT's or FTA's mission or programs. The results and manner of performance clearly reflect Agency goals and serve as a model to other FTA employees.

## Excellence in Mission Results Award

This award is granted to any FTA employee whose demonstrated dedication and whose special efforts made significant contributions to FTA's strategic plan goals, mission objectives, and/or major programs.

## Ann Linnertz Award For Mission Support

This award is granted to employees at any grade level and occupation who demonstrate a sustained commitment beyond normal expectations to support the accomplishments of their office's and FTA's mission or program activities, a strong and consistent work ethic, expertise, professionalism, and reliability which are essential to the smooth operation and success of the organization.

## Excellence In Management Award

This award is granted for exemplary supervisory contributions in achieving FTA's mission and goals and management of human resources that are worthy of special recognition.

## Excellence In Leadership Award

This award recognizes sustained contributions based on an individual's effectiveness as a leader – either supervisory or nonsupervisory, the productivity of the individual's program or demonstrated ability to develop the administrative or technical talents of other employees.

## Business Process Improvement Award

This award recognizes individuals, groups, or parts of organizations that can be held up as models for others because they have implemented business practice changes which improved performance or resulted in strategic planning; a focus on business partners, customers, and stakeholders; or improving processes.

## Humanitarian Honor Award

This award will be presented to FTA employees who have displayed courage or exceptional personal responsibility either on or off the job that had a major impact on someone's life. However, these acts should be ones that are not considered to be part of a person's job. This award is designed to give FTA employees an opportunity to publicly recognize a colleague for being exemplary when it comes to helping others in unusual or emergency circumstances.

## FTA Team Award

This award is designed to recognize groups and teams both internal and those that cross organizational lines for exceptional performance that supports the improvement, reinvention, or reengineering of practices, operations, and customer services and/or emphasizes cooperation, collaboration, and integration.

## Regional Team Excellence In Project/Program Delivery Award

This is a prestigious award designed to recognize regional groups or teams for exceptional performance that supports transit oriented grant programs and reviews, project delivery, and the improvement, reinvention, or reengineering of practices, operations, and customer services.

## Associate Administrator's/ Regional Administrator's Honor

This award is designed to give our Executive Management Team Members an opportunity to select an individual or team that has accomplished exceptional achievements within their Office.



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# *Order of Ceremony*

## **The National Anthem**

David Schneider  
*Office of Program Management*

## **Honoring Our Veterans**

Thomas Littleton  
*Associate Administrator for Transit Safety  
and Oversight*

## **Welcome, Remarks and Introduction**

Matthew Welbes  
*Executive Director*

## **General Address**

Carolyn Flowers  
*Acting Administrator*

## **Master of Ceremony**

David Longo  
*Deputy Associate Administrator  
For Communications & Congressional  
Affairs*

## **Presentation of Awards**

### ***Individual Awards***

Administrator's Award for  
Superior Achievement  
Administrator's Merit Award  
Excellence in Mission Results  
Ann Linnertz Award for Mission Support  
Excellence in Management  
Excellence in Leadership  
Business Process Improvement  
Individuals/Teams  
Humanitarian Award

### ***Team Awards***

Distinguished  
Meritorious  
Regional Team Excellence  
in Project/Program Delivery  
Distinguished/Meritorious  
Associate Administrator's/  
Regional Administrator's Honor Award  
Career Service Awards

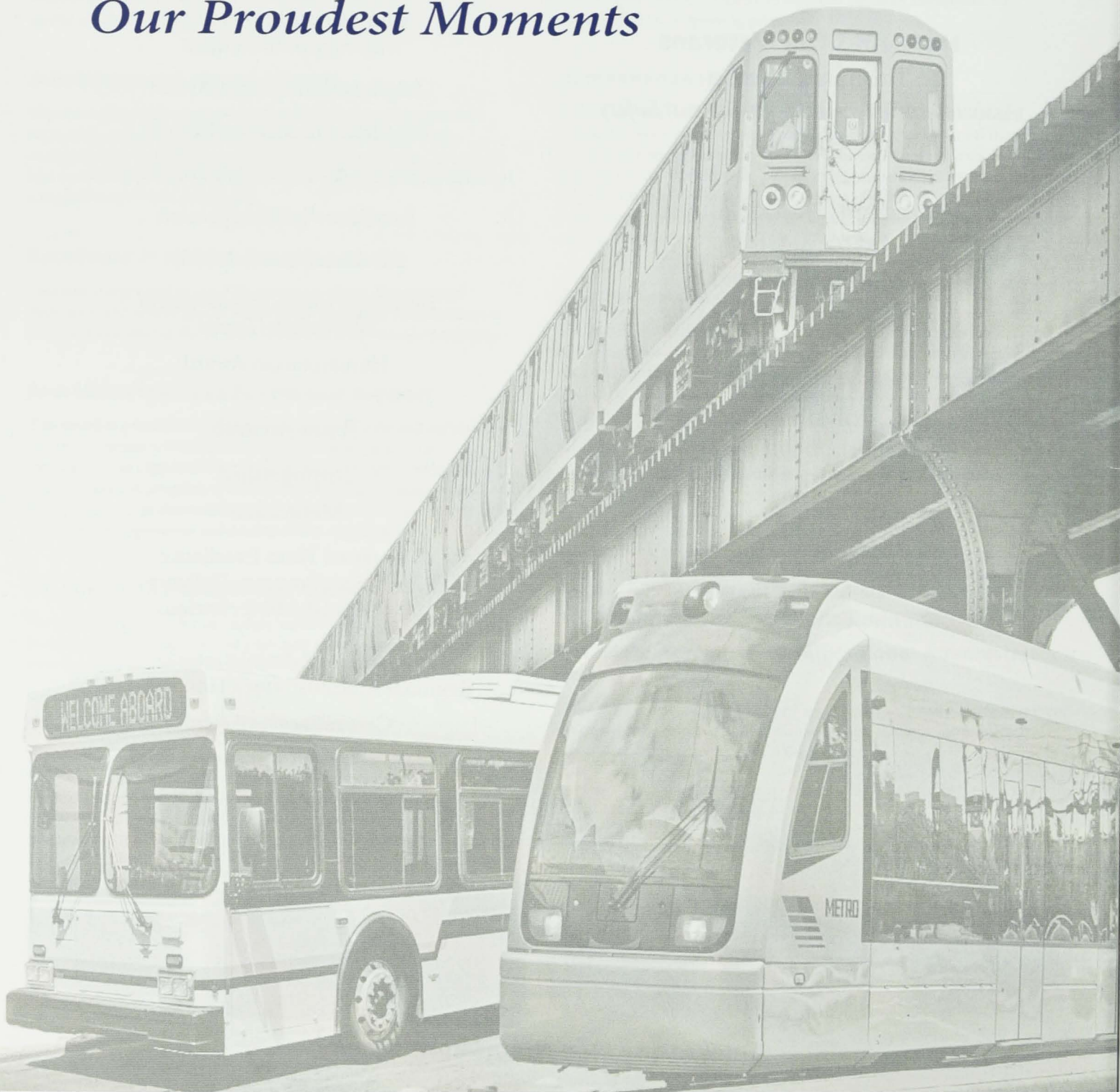


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## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Superior Achievement*

### **Kathryn Loster**

*TCC*

For her break through work on the Milwaukee County Couture Development Project and the Joint Development Project in St. Paul, MN which were the first to be administered under FTA's new Joint Development rule.

### **Donald Koski**

*TRO-6*

In recognition of his efforts to ensure the success of TrAMS implementation within the regional office and amongst its grantees and for his successful defense of an environmental finding in a legal challenge that allowed a major capital project in Albuquerque to stay on-track.

### **Gregory Rymarz (Posthumously)**

*TRI*

For developing, leading, and implementing a major final rulemaking to implement a new Pass-Fail Bus Testing Rule to improve the safety, reliability, and performance of transit buses.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD *of Merit*

### **Terence Plaskon**

*TPE*

For providing exceptional technical guidance, training, and support to FTA's Regional Offices and the Department of Transportation as a whole.

### **Susan Weber**

*TRO-5*

In recognition of her leadership in advancing the Ladders of Opportunity initiative in Indianapolis, Indiana.



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## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD

### *Excellence in Mission Results*

#### **Erin Powell**

*TPM*

For significant contributions towards the improvement and delivery of the Capital Project Management Oversight Program.

#### **Edwin Rodriguez**

*TRI*

For excellence in promoting FTA's research results through leading the development of a strong FY2015 annual research report to Congress in a positive and results-focused manner with exceptional efficiency, strong peer communication, and creating a venue for quality FTA stakeholder information sharing.

#### **Ryan Long**

*TRO-3*

In recognition of outstanding efforts in providing technical assistance to support Ladders of Opportunity Transportation Empowerment Pilot (LadderSTEP) program in Richmond, Virginia.

#### **Mark Assam**

*TRO-5*

In recognition of your unique ability to anticipate critical, risky, or otherwise unusual situations and issues, and recommend a strategic path forward.

#### **Jeremiah Shuler**

*TRO-7*

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the Federal Transit Administration's Region VII Planning and Operations ongoing work activities and accomplishments.



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## ANN LINNERTZ AWARD *for Mission Support*

### **Tia Swain**

*TAD*

In recognition of your remarkable interpersonal skills, can do attitude and ability to achieve optimum results in virtually everything that you do regarding both your “regularly” duties and responsibilities and your collateral duties.

### **Debora Silva-Smith**

*TBP*

For providing crucial support and outstanding attention to detail and commitment to excellence for all Department of Treasury Secure Payment System issues.

### **Janeise Beckwith**

*TPM*

For outstanding mission support as TPM's Administrative Officer and cost center manager.

### **Alexandria Burns**

*TRO-5*

For providing exemplary administrative and programmatic support and continuous leadership in the development of innovative processes to create an effective solution that directly supports the achievement of FTA performance goals.

### **Danna Harvey**

*TRO-6*

In recognition of your special efforts supporting the Region VI office, including but not limited to duties related to the office relocation, the tracking of transit news and TrAMS implementation.



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## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Excellence in Management*

### **Kelley Brookins**

TRO-5

For your ability to relate to all members of the staff in such a way that has led to significantly improved team relationships and for being an exemplary teacher and coach to staff.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD *Excellence in Leadership*

### **SUPERVISORY**

#### **Mark Bechtel**

TRO-7

In recognition of your exemplary leadership of the Region VII Planning and Program Development team and your cross modal work with Region VII's FHWA team and local planning partners.

### **NON-SUPERVISORY**

#### **Christina Gikakis**

TRI

For demonstrating exceptional leadership in critical thinking and management, building consensus and promoting a positive work environment while leading FTA Mobility on Demand research program to advance the quality and efficiency of future mobility services for all Americans.



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# ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Business Process Improvement*

## INDIVIDUALS

### Adrianne Malasky

*TSO*

For conceptualizing, building and populating an accessible, transparent database of all current and past NTSB recommendations tasked to FTA.

### Cynthia Moses

*TRO-7*

In recognition of your accomplishments in creating a coordinated safety certification process for new rail transit systems between project sponsors, private operators, FTA Regional Office, Office of Transit and Safety Oversight, Office of Program Management and State Safety Oversight Agencies.

## TEAMS

### Business Process Improvement Teams U.S. DOT Dashboard Working Group

For improving the public transparency of FTA's Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Assessment documentation through their outstanding work on the Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard development and implementation.

*TPE*

Sharyn LaCombe, Elizabeth Patel

### Capital Project Management Oversight Risk Based Approach Workgroup

For developing and implementing the Risk Evaluation Tool which establishes a new and transformational approach to enhance FTA's effectiveness in conducting project management oversight.

*TPE*

Robyn Sinuefield

Dave Moroney

Matt Nawn

Christopher Nutakor

Erin Powell

*TPM*

Trina Reese

*TRO-1*

Matthew Keamy

*TRO-4*

Guanying (George) Lei

*TRO-6*

Cheryle Tyson

*TRO-9*

Raymond Tellis

*TRO-10*

Susan Fletcher



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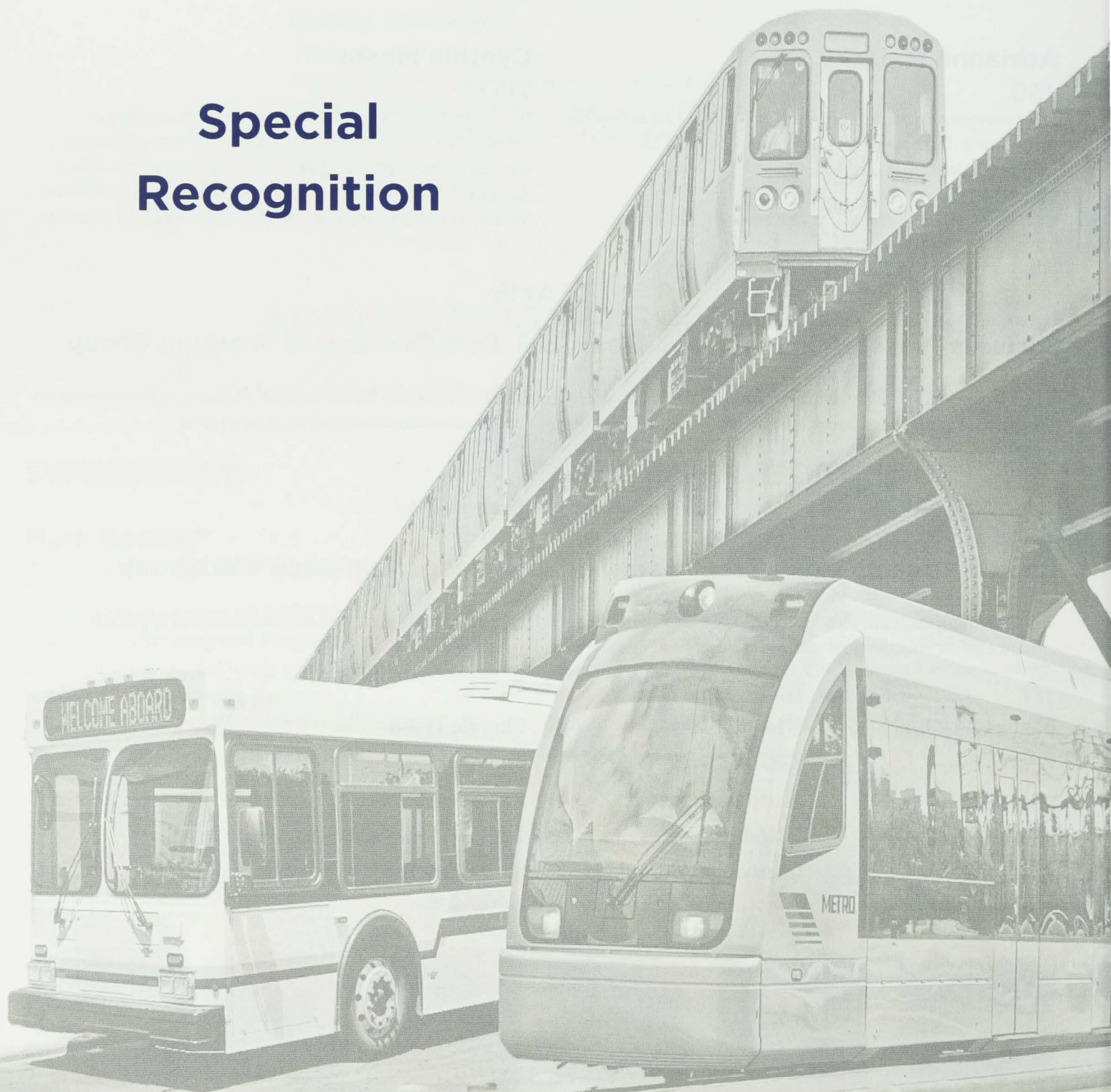
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ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR

*Humanitarian*

**Special  
Recognition**



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## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Team Awardees*

### DISTINGUISHED TEAMS

#### MTA Improper Payment Recovery Team

For exceptional teamwork performed across multiple offices responding to the OIG's Hurricane Sandy audit and in recovering \$17.7 million of improper payments.

*TBP*

**John Giorgis**

**Iman Watson**

**Natalie Wowk**

*TCC*

**Christopher Hall**

**Helen Serassio**

*TPM*

**Bruce Robinson**

**Adam Schildge**

**Victor Waldron**

*TRO-2*

**Donovan Vincent**

*Executive participant*

*TRO-2*

**Stephen Goodman**

#### ADA Station Alteration Team

In recognition of the ADA Station Alteration Team's tireless efforts to provide clear guidance on station alterations.

*TCC*

**Michael Culotta**

**Bonnie Graves**

*TCR*

**John Day**



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## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Team Awardees*

### DISTINGUISHED TEAMS (CONTINUED)

#### Grant Guidance and TrAMS Training Outreach Team

In recognition of meritorious achievement for outreach to Federal Transit Administration's Regions and recipients which were instrumental in implementing and training staff on revised Office of Management and Budget and FTA guidance on grant administration, project management activities and in implementing FTA guidance in the new grants management system TrAMS.

*TBP*

Trenda Parker

*TPM*

Marci Malaster

Alexis Fisher

Wolodymyr (Walt) Mokey

Latrina Trotman

David Schneider

Valencia McFerrin



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# ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Team Awardees*

## DISTINGUISHED TEAMS (CONTINUED)

### Rural and Targeted Areas Competitive Grant Teams

For excellence in delivering FTA's 2016 FAST Act Rural and Targeted Areas Grant Competitions.

*TAD*

Tia Swain

*TCA*

Valerie Berton

Jennifer Bryant

*TCR*

Margaret (Peggy) Griffin

*TPM*

Anita Boston

Elan Flippin

Danielle Nelson

Hendrik Opstelten

Shapell Randolph

Bruce Robinson

Kimberly Sledge

Marianne Stock

*TRI*

Christina Gikakis

Faith Hall

Edwin Rodriguez

*TRO-1*

Eric Papetti

*TRO-4*

Tajsha LaShore

*TRO-5*

Angelica Salgado

*TRO-6*

Sharon Coats

*TRO-7*

Cathy Monroe

*TRO-8*

Jennifer Stewart

*TRO-9*

Janice Abaray

Jeremy Borrego

*TRO-10*

Kristine McGuill



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## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR

*Team Awardees*

## DISTINGUISHED TEAMS (CONTINUED)

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Safety Oversight**

In recognition of all those who have made possible the U.S. Department of Transportation's assumption of the temporary direct safety oversight of the WMATA Metrorail System.

*TAD*

Paula Booth

Angela Champion

Stephanie Cooke-Nwadibia

VirDella Denwiddie

Shawn Dorman

James Harper

William Hyre

LaStar Matthews

Marlo Moises

Michelle Smith

David Sweeney

Alexis White

Reginald Whitlock

*TBP*

Janelle Gabriel

Kiana Spain

*TCA*

Jennifer Bryant

Angela Gates

Steven Kulm

Steven Taubenkibel

Katherine Webb

*TCC*

Bonnie Graves

*TOA*

Jeremy Furrer

Richard Steinmann

*TPM*

Doris Johnson

Rotimi Ogunsuyi

*TSO*

Donna Aggazio

Angela Dluger

George Good

Dharm Guruswamy

Troy Lloyd

Malika Nash

Patrick Nemons

Winslow Powell

Terrell Williams

Maria Wright

*TRO-3*

Jay Fox

Melissa McGill

Corey Walker

*Executive participants**TAD*

Matthew Crouch

*TBP*

Robert Tuccillo

*TCC*

Scott Biehl

Dana Nifosi

Ellen Partridge

*TOA*

Matthew Welbes

*TSO*

Thomas Littleton

*TRO-3*

Theresa (Terry) Garcia Crews



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# ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Team Awardees*

## MERITORIOUS TEAMS

### **Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Circular Team**

In recognition of commendable achievements in revising the FTA's EEO Circular.

*TCC*

Bonnie Graves

*TCR*

Margaret (Peggy) Griffin

Anita Heard

Christopher MacNeith

Nicholas Sun

### **Environmental Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Team**

In recognition of the teams' efforts to deliver environmental review process SOPs for its customers to improve the environmental review process for public transportation projects.

*TCC*

Helen Serassio

*TPE*

Megan Blum

Meghan Kelley

Sharyn LaCombe

Elizabeth Patel

Terence Plaskon

Antoinette Quagliata

Maya Sarna

Christopher Van Wyk



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## ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Team Awardees*

### MERITORIOUS TEAMS (CONTINUED)

#### Single Year Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Grants Team

For collaboration in developing expedited Small Starts grant award procedures that reduce the paperwork burdens on both FTA and the project sponsor and lead to faster grant processing.

<i>TCC</i>	<i>TPE</i>	<i>TPM</i>	<i>TPM CONT.</i>
Cecelia Comito	Maurice Foushee	Yin (Eric) Hu	David Schneider
Christopher Hall	Gail McFadden-Roberts	Marci Malaster	Kimberly Sledge
	Robyn Sinquefield	Adam Schildge	

#### Safety Rulemaking Team

In recognition of the team's commitment, hard work and diligence towards completing MAP-21 and FAST Act required safety rulemakings and guidance.

<i>TBP</i>	<i>TPM</i>	<i>TSO</i>	
Rabinder Bains	Rotimi Ogunsuyi	Donna Aggazio	
<i>TCC</i>	<i>TRI</i>	Brian Alberts	
Michael Culotta	Wei Shun (Roy) Chen	James Bartell	<i>Executive participant</i>
Bonnie Graves	Rajendra Wagley	Richard Gerhart	
Candace Key	<i>TRO-1</i>	George Good	<i>TCC</i>
Charla Tabb	Marilyn Scheffler	Troy Lloyd	Scott Biehl
Bruce Walker	<i>TRO-4</i>	Ruth Lyons	
Richard Wong	David Powell	Adrianne Malasky	
<i>TPE</i>	<i>TRO-7</i>	Joseph Powell	
Victor Austin	William Kalt	Lynn Spencer	
Candace Noonan	<i>TRO-9</i>		
Joel Washington	Jeffrey Davis		



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# ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Team Awardees*

## MERITORIOUS TEAMS (CONTINUED)

### Region VIII and IX Office Moves

For the successful achievement of two regional office relocations while maintaining the continuity of business.

<i>TAD</i>	<i>TRO-8</i>	<i>TRO-9</i>	<i>TRO-9 CONT.</i>
Shawn Dorman	David Beckhouse	Audrey Bredehoft	Dominique Paukowits
William Hyre	Tiffany Gallegos	Bernardo Bustamante	Raymond Sukys
Valerie Miller	Terry Gonzales	Edward Carranza	Patricia Valentine
Timothy Pemberton	Cheryl Schlis	Delilah Harrington	Philis Yue
Reginald Whitlock		Elba Lira-Martinez	

### *Executive participants*

<i>TAD</i>	<i>TRO-8/10</i>	<i>TRO-9</i>
Matthew Crouch	Linda Gehrke	Leslie Rogers

### The University Link Project Team

For effective use of risk-based oversight to assist Sound Transit in delivering the University Link light rail project \$200 million under budget and 13 months ahead of schedule.

<i>TCR</i>	<i>TPM</i>	<i>TSO</i>	<i>TSO-10</i>
Christopher MacNeith	David Moroney	Angela Dluger	Kenneth Feldman
Monica McCallum	Christopher Nutakor	Juan Morrison	Susan Fletcher
<i>TPE</i>		<i>TSO-3</i>	
Robyn Sinquefield	Bruce Robinson	Corey Walker	Howard Swaby
			John Witmer

### *Executive participant*

Linda Gehrke - TRO-8/10



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# ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Regional Team Excellence in Project/Program Delivery*

## DISTINGUISHED TEAMS

### Massachusetts and Connecticut Major Capital Projects Team

In recognition of your leadership to ensure the successful execution of major capital projects in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

*TRO-1*

James Hughes

Christopher LaMacchia

Marilyn Scheffler

Leah Sirmin

Kristin Wood

### Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Financial Management Oversight Team

In recognition of outstanding efforts in providing oversight, grant management and technical assistance to WMATA in order to ensure compliance with FTA financial management system requirements.

*TCC*

Jay Fox

*TPM*

Yin (Eric) Hu

*TRO-3*

Donghee (Tony) Cho

Melissa McGill

Anne Marie Resnick

Anthony (Tony) Tarone

Corey Walker

*Executive participant*

*TRO-3*

Theresa (Terry) Garcia Crews



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# ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Regional Team Excellence in Project/Program Delivery*

## DISTINGUISHED TEAMS (CONTINUED)

### Kansas City Streetcar Team

In recognition of the implementation of the New Safety, Operations, and Revenue Service Oversight Business procedures.

*TRO-7*

Mark Bechtel

Cynthia Moses

*Executive participant*

William Kalt

Jeremiah Shuler

Mokhtee Ahmad

John Lynch

Cindy Terwilliger

Cathy Monroe

### Capital Investment Grant Project Teams

In recognition of leadership, exemplary teamwork and a dedicated effort in successfully overcoming significant challenges in securing concurrent project approvals under the New Starts program for the Los Angeles Westside Project and the expedited Safety and Security Readiness Reviews (SSRR) and Innovative State Safety Oversight (SSO) Assessment of Hawaii DOT.

*TCC*

*TPM*

*TRO-9*

*TRO-9 CONT.*

Martia Fox

Kim Nguyen

Bernardo Bustamante

Mary Nguyen

Minming Wu

*TSO*

Jeffery Davis

Raymond Tellis

*TPE*

Juan Morrison

Susan Ko

Joel Washington

Maria Wright

Charlene Lorenzo



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# ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR *Regional Team Excellence in Project/Program Delivery*

## MERITORIOUS TEAMS

### TrAMS Trainers and Grantee Outreach Team

In recognition of the TrAMS Trainers and Grantee Outreach Team for excellence in the implementation of regional policy for the new TrAMS grants management system.

TRO-4

Robert Buckley

Richelle Gosman

Tajsha LaShore

Elizabeth Orr

Holly Peterson

David Powell

### A to Z Grants Program Team

For successfully establishing a streamlined team structure that has allowed it to serve its customer's needs, improve the efficiency of the office's grant delivery and management, and respond effectively to internal and external challenges.

TRO-6

Abel Ayala

Heriberto Chavarria

Sharon Coats

Ronisha Hodge

Luciana Nears

Daniel Peschell



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## ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR'S/ REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR'S *Honor Award*

### OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

#### **VirDella Denwiddie**

For her unsurpassed dedication to the people of Federal Transit Administration and for her endless reserve of calm and patience while constantly solving problems for one and all.

### OFFICE OF BUDGET AND POLICY

#### **Office of Budget and Policy's Team Excellence**

In recognition of the team's role towards mission excellence; for diligent management of the National Transit Database contract; for providing exceptionally commendable service; and for providing exemplary support.

**Glen Carswell**

**Amanda Long**

**Gail Mullen**

**Margaret Schilling**

**Timothy Steinitz**

### OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS

#### **Angela Gates**

In recognition for outstanding achievement in proactively, independently and substantively contributing to the successful promotion of FTA mission, goals and objectives in internal and external communications.

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COUNSEL

#### **Best Practices Procurement Manual Team**

In recognition of the team's effort in preparing an updated web-based Best Practices Procurement Manual.

**Cecelia Comito**

**Bonnie Graves**

**John Lynch**

**Stephen Pereira**

**Minming Wu**



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## ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR'S/ REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR'S *Honor Award*

(CONTINUED)

### OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

#### Oversight Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Team

In recognition of your exceptional contributions to advancing the mission and goals of the office through the development and implementation of TCR's Oversight SOP.

Marisa Appleton

Lynn Bailey

Susan Clark

John Day

Janelle Hinton

Monica McCallum

Richie Nguyen

Nicholas Sun

Dawn Sweet

### OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

#### Jeffrey Roux

For implementing proactive changes to the methods FTA employs in reviewing travel forecasts which have demonstrated a high level of responsiveness to the sponsors of Capital Investment Grant projects.

### OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

#### Financial Management Oversight Team

In recognition of financial management oversight of FTA's technical assistance program.

Pamela Brown

Alexis Fisher

### OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND INNOVATION

#### Research Program Planning Process Team

For leading and championing a collaborative, responsive, and effective research program planning process.

Michael Baltes

Mary Leary

Jamie Pfister

Gwo-Wei Torng



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## ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR'S/ REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR'S *Honor Award*

(CONTINUED)

### OFFICE OF TRANSIT SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT

#### **Troy Lloyd**

For providing exceptional leadership and initiative as the Lead Investigator for the U.S. Department of Transportation's recent assumption of the temporary direct safety oversight of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) MetroRail System.

### CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL OFFICE

#### **The Planning and Oversight Team**

In recognition of the seamless rollout of TrAMS.

Patrick Buddenbrock

Peter Butler

Michelle Daigle

James Hughes

Matthew Keamy

Christopher LaMacchia

Eric Papetti

Marilyn Scheffler

Leah Sirmin

Kristin Woods

### NEW YORK REGIONAL OFFICE

#### **Hurricane Sandy Recovery Oversight Team**

For the team's tireless work and collaboration in identifying creative solutions to challenging issues and providing superior customer service that is producing positive results.

Ralph Branche

Donald Burns

Nina Chung

Manoj Das

Darreyl Davis

James Goveia

Michael Lee

Daniel Moser

John Susino

Donovan Vincent

### PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE

#### **Kathleen Zubrzycki**

This award acknowledges you for your steadfast efforts and passion for introducing and spearheading a new business process and innovative TrAMS system.



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# ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR'S REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR'S *Honor Award*

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**ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE****Robert Buckley**

For outstanding leadership in Region IV by providing guidance and technical assistance to the State Programs Team and being an exemplary team member in TrAMS training and Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts impacting North Carolina.

**CHICAGO REGIONAL OFFICE****Anthony Greep**

For his pivotal role and work on the Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) Red Purple Modernization (RPM) project and for helping CTA to develop and receive their 2014 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Award grant for the RPM project.

**FORT WORTH REGIONAL OFFICE****Daniel Peschell**

In recognition of your excellent customer service to ensure FTA recipients achieve success and your outstanding efforts to improve the Region VI business processes.

**KANSAS CITY REGIONAL OFFICE****Jessica Gladstone**

In recognition of your accomplishments in advancing the Region VII office goals and objectives; innovating our work processes for efficiency; completing numerous ad-hoc assignments; and having a positive impact on our customers.

**LAKEWOOD REGIONAL OFFICE****Melanie Choquette**

For improving customer service in the region by embracing a different way to work with grantees in Utah and contributing to the expansion of diverse job skills, cross training and succession planning.

**SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL OFFICE****Raymond Sukys**

For exemplary leadership and management abilities which include addressing Region IX's numerous major NEPA actions; processing large grant making programs with the initiation of TrAMS and the large portfolio of discretionary funded major capital projects through the phase approval processes.

**SEATTLE REGIONAL OFFICE****Jeremy Borrego**

For outstanding efforts and contribution in support of FTA's various program initiatives with dedication and commitment to improve process, communication and efficiency.



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# *Career Service Award*

## THIRTY YEARS

*Office of Administration*

**PAULA I. BOOTH  
SHAWN J. DORMAN**

*Office of Budget and Policy*

**STEPHANIE L. HAMILTON**

*Office of Chief Counsel*

**ELDRIDGE ONCO**

*Office of Program Management*

**PAMELA A. BROWN**

*Office of Research, Demonstration & Innovation*

**SEAN RICKETSON**

*Philadelphia, PA Regional Office*

**DEBORAH M. BUTLER**

*Chicago, IL Regional Office*

**ANGELICA SALGADO**

*Forth Worth, TX Regional Office*

**CHERYLE N. TYSON**

*San Francisco, CA Regional Office*

**PHILIS P. YUE**

## THIRTY FIVE YEARS

*Office of Administration*

**PAUL J. VELTRI**

*Office of Planning and Environment*

**SHARON M. BUCKNER**

*Office of Program Management*

**ANITA S. BOSTON  
DALE A. WEGNER**

*San Francisco, CA Regional Office*

**HYMIE LUDEN**

## FORTY YEARS

*Office of the Administrator*

**RICHARD P. STEINMANN**

*Office of Research, Demonstration & Innovation*

**CHARLENE M. WILDER**

*Philadelphia, PA Regional Office*

**CATHARINE C. GITHENS**



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*Federal Transit Administration  
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for Administration*

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Awards Committee Chair

**Phyllis Soldo**  
Awards Committee Co-Chair

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Reginald Whitlock

**Reception Committee**  
Crystal Davis - Lead  
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Brian Whitehead

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