



2010 Texas Transit Awards Call for Nominations

Each year the Texas Transit Association (TTA) is privileged to present several awards to individuals and transit systems that have made significant contributions to transit in Texas.

The **2010 Texas Transit Awards** will be presented Tuesday, April 20, at the 2010 Texas Transit Conference in Corpus Christi. The Awards Luncheon will be held at the Omni Bayfront hotel from Noon to 2 p.m.

Award categories are as follows:

- Outstanding Metropolitan Transit System
- Outstanding Small Urban Transit System
- Outstanding Rural Transit System
- Outstanding Associate Member
- Outstanding Public Transportation General Manager
- Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator
- Outstanding Staff Member Award
- Distinguished Service Award

Guidelines and nominations forms follow. Please use a separate form for each nomination.

Nomination forms must be submitted by February 22, 2010

- Mail to: 323 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78701
- Email to: chris@texastransit.org
- Fax to: 512.478.8886

Guidelines for the 2010 Texas Transit Awards

Award Categories

Outstanding Metropolitan Transit System

A transit agency recognized by the Texas Transit Association as a Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)

Outstanding Small Urban Transit System

A transit agency recognized by the Texas Transit Association as an Urban Transit District

Outstanding Rural Transit System

A transit agency recognized by the Texas Transit Association as a Rural Transit District

These awards are given to public transportation systems that have designed and implemented programs which demonstrate innovative concepts or effective problem-solving techniques and have applied these successfully in the public transportation industry. Please provide detail on specific program improvements and achievements in the last three years, which can include, but are not limited to:

- Enhanced safety measures
- Development of Coordination planning and practices
- Efficiencies in operating procedures
- Outstanding Customer Service programs
- Development of effective marketing programs
- Implementation of effective and productive policies and procedures
- Promotion of positive relations and contributions to their community

Outstanding Associate Member

This award honors a Texas Transit Associate Member, either a company or individual, that makes significant contributions to the public transportation industry in Texas and strongly supports the Texas Transit Association and its members.

Outstanding Public Transportation General Manager

A transit manager employed by any public transportation system in Texas.

This award honors a public transportation manager who has made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry. Each nomination should include, but not be limited to:

- Detailed description of the career of the nominee
- Description of his/her achievements or service that has advanced public transportation within their system or the state
- A listing of any awards or other recognitions received by the individual
- A listing of any advances made in community outreach, promotions of economic development and other innovations in public transit services

Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator

An individual employed by the Texas Department of Transportation as a District PTC who works with the public transportation agencies.

This award honors a public transportation coordinator who has made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry. Each nomination should include, but not be limited to:

- Detailed description of the career of the nominee
- Description of his/her achievements or service that have advanced public transportation within their district or the state
- A listing of any awards or other recognitions received by the individual
- A listing of any advances made in community outreach, promotions of economic development and other innovations in public transit services

Outstanding Staff Member Award

This award honors a staff member who significantly supports and provides assistance to transit agencies and their programs. This staff member can be from the federal, state, county, city or local level and must work in the office of a government agency, elected or appointed official. The recipient of this award must have been actively involved in some level of planning or support of transit related issues and provided assistance to the public transportation industry.

Distinguished Service Award

Any state or local elected official in the State of Texas

This special award will be given to a state or local elected official who has substantially assisted in the advancement of public transit in the state of Texas. In making this nomination, the following criteria should be considered:

- Detailed description of the nominee's career
- Description of his/her achievements or service that have advanced public transportation within the state
- Listing of awards or other recognition received by the individual
- Specific examples regarding her/his activities and positive impact on public transit
- The period of time during which the individual made the contribution

Who May Nominate

Nominations may be made by any individual employed by a transit agency, an official of a transit agency, a regular or an associate member of Texas Transit Association, any TxDOT employee who works with the public transportation industry, any elected official or employee of local, city, or county governments. An organization may self nominate.

You may make a nomination in more than one category. Please use separate forms for each nomination.

How to Nominate

A 2010 nomination form, provided with this announcement, should be completed for each nomination. Include with the nomination form a narrative page(s) that supports the nomination addressing the details of the criteria for that particular award. Additional information and documentation that supports the nomination may also be included.

Awards Committee

An Awards Committee consisting of selected TTA board members and TTA members will review all nominations and make award selections.

Awards Ceremony

The **2010 Texas Transit Awards** will be presented Tuesday, April 20, at the 2010 Texas Transit Conference in Corpus Christi. The Awards Luncheon will be held at the Omni Bayfront hotel from Noon to 2 p.m. Conference registration (includes award ceremony) can be found on-line at: <http://tti.tamu.edu/conferences/tta10/>

Deadline

All nominations must be received by TTA no later than **February 22, 2010**.

Nomination forms and descriptions of achievement and service may be submitted either by mail, e-mail or fax.

- Mail to: 323 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78701
- Email to: chris@texastransit.org
- Fax to: 512.478.8886

For more information contact Chris Pearcey at 512.478.8883.

Previous Texas Transit Award Winners

2009 Awards

Outstanding Metro Transit System
Outstanding Small Urban System
Outstanding Rural Transit System
Outstanding Associate
Outstanding General Manager
Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator
Outstanding Staff Member
Lifetime Service Award
2009 Friend of Texas Transit Award
(Presented by TxDOT)

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County
Galveston Island Transit
The Gulf Coast Center
Q'Straint
Gary Thomas, Dallas Area Rapid Transit
Armida Sagaribay, TxDOT El Paso District
Joe Morris, Chief of Staff, Senator Wentworth
John Milam
Hope Andrade, Texas Secretary of State

2008 Awards

Outstanding Metro Transit System
Outstanding Small Urban System
Outstanding Rural Transit System
Outstanding General Manager

Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator
Staff Member Award

Distinguished Service Award
2008 Friend of Texas Transit Award
(Presented by TxDOT)

El Paso Sun Metro
Waco Transit System
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.
Sarah Hidalgo-Cook, Community Council
of Southwest Texas
Wanda Carter-Dyer, Yoakum District Outstanding
Roy Cantu, Director of Public Information
City of McAllen
Texas Senator Jeff Wentworth
Janet Everheart, Executive Director
West Texas Opportunities

2007 Awards

Outstanding Metro Transit System
Outstanding Small Urban System
Outstanding Rural Transit System
Outstanding General Manager
Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator
Distinguished Service Award
2007 Friend of Texas Transit Award
(Presented by TxDOT)

Capital Metro
Lubbock Citibus
Colorado Valley Transit
John Hedrick, DCTA
Alfredo Gonzales, Odessa District
Senator John Carona
John Hendrickson, Waco Transit

2006 Awards

Outstanding Metro Transit System
Outstanding Rural Transit System
Outstanding General Manager
Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator
Distinguished Service Award
2006 Friend of Texas Transit Award
(Presented by TxDOT)

Dallas Area Rapid Transit
Minibus, Inc.
John Milam, VIA Metropolitan Transit
Lynn Castle, TxDOT Abilene District
Representative Burt Solomons
Fred Gilliam, Capital Metro, Austin

2005 Awards

Outstanding Metro Transit System
Outstanding Urban Transit System
Outstanding Rural Transit System
Outstanding General Manager
Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator
Distinguished Service Award
2005 Friend of Texas Transit Award
(Presented by TxDOT)

LINK, City of Denton
Waco Transit System
R-Trans, Golden Crescent RPC
Richard Ruddell, The T (Fort Worth)
Gracie Cantu, TxDOT Pharr District
Mayor Lewis Bronaugh, City of Lufkin
J. R. Salazar, Central Texas RTD

2004 Awards

Outstanding Metro Transit System
Outstanding Urban Transit System
Outstanding Rural System
Outstanding General Manager
Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator
2004 Friend of Texas Transit Award
(Presented by TxDOT)

VIA Metro, San Antonio
Brownsville Urban System
City and Rural Rides, Central Texas RTD
Fred Gilliam, Capital Metro, Austin
Debra Rector, TxDOT Abilene District
Ven Hammonds, Jr.

2010 Texas Transit Awards Nomination Form

Award nomination for: *(please check one)*

- Outstanding Metropolitan Transit System
- Outstanding Small Urban Transit System
- Outstanding Rural Transit System
- Outstanding TTA Associate Member
- Outstanding Public Transportation General Manager
- Outstanding Public Transportation Coordinator (PTC)
- Outstanding Staff Member Award
- Distinguished Service Award

Organization Awards

MTA / Small Urban System / Rural System

(please circle one)

Name of Transit System _____

General Manager's Name _____

City _____ Phone Number _____

Individual Awards

**General Manager / Outstanding PTC / Distinguished Service
Associate Member Award / Outstanding Staff Award**

(please circle one)

Nominee's Full Name _____

Title _____

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Nominator's Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____ Email _____