

# *The* APTA HONORS

*Celebrating Excellence & Leadership*

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# Welcome to the 2021 APTA Honors celebrating Excellence and Leadership in public transportation!

We are so honored to be able to celebrate with you in person this year as we gather to recognize the industry's talent and potential. From students and young professionals who are just embarking on their careers to executives and thought leaders who have helped distinguish our industry for decades, the APTA Honors represent the best of public transportation's recent achievements, current innovations, and future aspirations.

The **AdWheel Awards** recognize the marketing and communications successes of APTA's members, whose best practices raise awareness about the critical contributions of public transit's marketing professionals.

The **American Public Transportation Foundation** provides scholarships to deserving students interested in careers in public transportation.

**Leadership APTA** is our industry's investment in a diverse, broad-based group of highly motivated and dedicated future leaders.

APTA's **Sustainability Commitment Program** recognizes organizations for their continued achievements in sustainability.

The **Bus and Rail Safety & Security Excellence Awards** recognize transit systems for their outstanding safety and security programs and their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic through the application of effective safety, security, and/or COVID-19 initiatives.

The **APTA Awards** recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry in North America. We are thrilled to recognize those individuals and organizations whose ideas, innovations and vision have greatly advanced our industry.

This year, we induct four industry icons into APTA's prestigious **Hall of Fame**, an honor reserved for individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to public transportation and who have actively participated in APTA.

We thank you and we celebrate and congratulate all our honorees!

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## Innovation

For demonstrating innovative concepts in the provision of public transportation services.

### City of San Luis Obispo (SLO Transit)

San Luis Obispo, CA

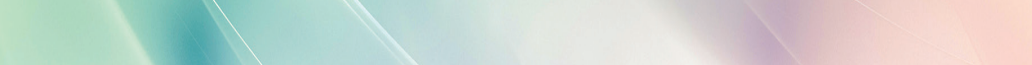
To better communicate with riders who have hearing, visual or cognitive impairments, the City of San Luis Obispo's public transit system (SLO Transit), in collaboration with AVL provider Bishop Peak Technology, is among the first in the world to integrate reactive smart lighting as a feature of its fleet.

This lighting consists of full-spectrum LED lights embedded alongside the standard white interior cabin lights. These are tied to the vehicle's Automatic Vehicle Location System (AVL). Because all routes are assigned a unique color identifier in print materials, based on the driver's AVL log-in to a specific route, the reactive lighting tints to the routes pre-assigned color as reflected in the print materials.

A rider who is at a bus stop served by multiple routes will see approaching buses that have a matching interior tint to what they see in the print materials. For example, a blue-colored route on a transit map will be served by a bus with a blue-tinted interior cabin. This helps impaired or inexperienced riders make instant and more decisive decisions about whether the approaching vehicle is their intended vehicle or not, thereby alleviating stress and confusion.

The reactive smart lighting is also tied to other vehicle sensors. In the past, riders with hearing impairments, or personal audio devices, missed the audible "stop request" announcement and continued to pull the cord. Now, when a passenger pulls the "stop requested" cord, the reactive lighting will temporarily flash amber for three short consecutive pulses. This adds a new visual cue for both passengers and the driver.





In addition, when the vehicle comes to a complete stop and the doors open, the lights temporarily change to a green pulsating-to-the-rear light that subtly encourages passengers to exit the rear door and new riders to make their way to the back of the bus. Similarly, when the wheelchair ramp is being deployed, the reactive lights above the priority passenger seating area temporarily flashes yellow to indicate that those seats will be needed shortly, thereby reducing any potential driver and passenger conflicts.

The smart lighting has proven to be a highly successful innovation as an enhanced passenger communication tool. While the project is primarily intended for impaired passengers, both new riders and drivers have commented about the increased appeal. More innovative applications for the reactive lights are also underway.

## Innovation

For demonstrating innovative concepts in the provision of public transportation services.

### Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)

Jacksonville, FL

Years of advance preparation, public-private partnerships, adapting innovations and cutting-edge technology and community involvement, enabled the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)



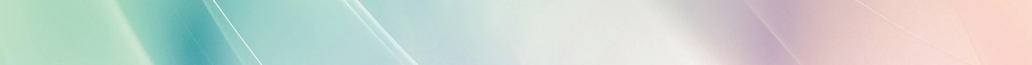
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to respond quickly and effectively when the COVID-19 pandemic changed life in 2020.

JTA responded to the needs of the Northeast Florida region in a multitude of ways. Through a unique partnership with the Mayo Clinic, JTA's autonomous Ultimate Urban Circulator transported COVID-19 samples on the medical facility's sprawling campus, providing life-saving assistance. Between April 1 and July 31, 2020, four driverless vehicles drove 200 miles for a total of 227 runs with 30,000 samples, for an average of 10,000 tests per month. The partnership was also significant in that the U2C vehicles operated at Level 4 Autonomy, with no human attendants on board.

JTA's state-of-the-art Bus Load Adherence and Technology equipment also enabled it to remotely enforce social distancing guidelines and dispatch "plug" buses, where needed, to maximize on-time performance. The authority utilized Wi-Fi technology to determine pedestrian hot spots at the new Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JRTC) at LaVilla, and other JTA bus bays to give customers six feet of distance while waiting for, or riding, a bus.

The authority's response program also included a collaboration with local restaurants to provide daily meals to frontline healthcare workers,



JTA operators and other essential employees who had to work around the clock.

As COVID-19 vaccines became available, JTA, in partnership with health organizations, created Wellness on Wheels, retrofitting four fixed-route buses into mobile vaccination clinics. These buses and the healthcare professionals visit senior and public housing facilities.

JTA also is removing another barrier to vaccinations by providing its customers with a complimentary 1-day bus pass they can use anytime. Other measures include the expansion of free service to seniors through the ReadIRide program, and rerouting bus stops to drop passengers off steps away from a vaccination site.

The multifaceted program that JTA implemented during the pandemic underscores the value of forming public-private partnerships, being actively involved in the community, embracing innovations and technology that enhance transportation operations and collaborating with local small businesses on an ongoing basis.



## Innovation

For demonstrating innovative concepts in the provision of public transportation services.

### Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

Los Angeles, CA

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) estimates it could lose more than 40 percent of its workforce to retirement in the next four years. For this



reason, the agency has created a broad initiative to recruit and train the next generation of transportation infrastructure professionals.

Metro's Career Pathways Program/Workforce Initiative Now—Los Angeles (WIN-LA) was developed as a "cradle to grave" approach that attracts talented young people, gets them fired up about infrastructure, and supports and inspires them throughout their professional journeys.

WIN-LA isn't just about a job; it's about a life-long career in transportation. WIN-LA guides people along a career pathway while providing training and support along the way.

The SEED School of Los Angeles County is a good example of the Career Pathway. When it opens in fall 2022, the SEED School will be the nation's first public boarding high school (grades 9-12) to focus specifically on the future workforce needs of the global transportation infrastructure industry. While the SEED School will be open to all youth in Los Angeles County, there will be a special focus and emphasis on "opportunity youth"—i.e., at-risk youth who most need the stability that comes with getting good jobs that lead to careers. On October 21, 2020, former Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington joined Los Angeles County officials for a groundbreaking for the school, which will be in South Los Angeles and occupy land that has been vacant since the civil disturbances in 1992.

The Metro Career Pathways program is in its sixth year and encom-

passes several initiatives. They include:

- Metro's E3 Youth Initiative & Transportation School, which provided 200 educators and over 15,000 middle school and high school students with a mobility-related curriculum so they can learn more about what Metro does, and how it does it.
- Transportation Gateway Programs that provided internships and entry-level training programs to nearly 400 youth.
- In the past five years, the Metro Leadership Academy has graduated over 150 employees—and 59 percent of graduates have successfully competed for various promotional opportunities.
- A partnership with Amazon to create Metro internship opportunities for community college students studying cloud computing.
- A Military to Metro (M2M) partnership with Microsoft, creating technology-centered career opportunities for veterans.

Metro has not only raised the bar in workforce development, but the agency has also reimagined it and reinvented it. This innovative model has already reaped tremendous benefits at Metro and in Los Angeles County and will help the agency find and hire its future workforce.



I am honored and excited that APTA has selected the SEED School of Los Angeles County (SEED LA) as a winner of the 2021 Innovation Award. SEED LA will play a major role, not only in Metro's Career Pathway Program/Workforce Initiative Now (WIN-LA), but more importantly in the lives of the 400 local, at-risk students who will attend this unique public boarding high school and pursue "high road" jobs in the transportation and infrastructure sectors.

— The Honorable Hilda L. Solis  
Los Angeles County Board Supervisor, District 1  
Chair, Metro Board of Directors



## Distinguished Service

For significant contributions to public transportation through policy, legislative initiative, and leadership.

### A. Bradley Mims

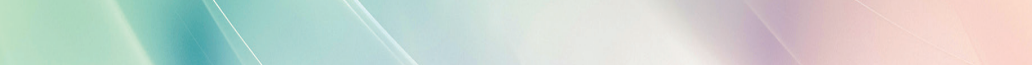
Bradley Mims has been a leader in the transportation industry in both the public and private sector for more than 40 years. He has dedicated his career to serving as an untiring advocate for diversity and inclusiveness.

Brad currently serves as deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration in the Biden Administration.

Prior to his FAA appointment, he served as the President/CEO of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) from 2016–2021 where he advanced the organization's mission to ensure maximum participation of minorities in transportation. In addition, COMTO serves as a valued resource for strengthening workforce capacity and professional capabilities and a key resource when organizations are recruiting for leadership positions. As a result of Brad's leadership, communities across America rely on COMTO to provide technical assistance to address transportation, environmental, community and economic development challenges. Brad made it his mission to assist in updating the procurement processes and ensure the policies put forth provide equal opportunity for small and minority-owned businesses.

Brad has had an illustrious career. Early on, he served as a transportation staffer for members of Congress, representing the late Congressional members John Lewis (D-GA) and Julian Dixon (D-CA). He also served as the head of government relations for the FAA during the Clinton Administration and as congressional liaison for the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. His private sector experience includes Booz Allen Hamilton and Parsons Brinckerhoff.





He was a former Maryland gubernatorial appointee to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors and served as the co-chair of the Dulles Corridor and Finance Committees. In addition, he was the transportation subject matter expert with Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). Brad also served as a member of the Board of the Central Maryland Regional Transportation Authority, and board member of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

As COMTO President/CEO, Brad partnered with APTA on many joint programs and conference sessions. He was a member of APTA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Workforce Development Committee.

# Outstanding Public Transportation Board Member

An individual serving on the governing board of a public transportation system who has made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry.

## Cindy Chavez

Cindy Chavez has been a member of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors since 2003, and served as Board Chair in 2006, 2016, and most recently in 2020 during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Her leadership, professionalism, and integrity reverberated throughout VTA as it struggled, like transit agencies worldwide, with severe ridership and revenue losses, and health threats to frontline workers.



While also serving as president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Cindy never wavered in her commitment to lead VTA's critical response to the pandemic. Her signature encouragement of, "We will get through this together," and her actions inspired all to persevere during this time of hardship.

Cindy began her public service career in the 1990s when she became involved on the ground floor of the 30-year effort to extend the BART system to Santa Clara County, a dream realized in 2020. Cindy's role as a member of the Joint VTA/BART Working Committee during Phase 1 was integral to its completion by June 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Cindy worked behind the scenes to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding for Phase II.

Her keen understanding of how an effective transit system can combat climate change led to the VTA Board's historic Climate Emergency Declaration in February 2020.

As a lifelong labor activist, Cindy has the unique opportunity to understand both labor and upper management's perspectives. Her collaborative efforts have helped to resolve many labor issues.

Cindy is one of only two Latina women to serve as Board Chair of VTA. Diversity is important to her. She has said, "Each of us, whatever ethnicity we are, bring perspective, we bring our life experiences, a fresh lens. Making sure that we all bring our unique perspective is why it's important to have so many different kinds of people in public service."

VTA's participation in Silicon Valley Education Foundation's career day was in direct response to Cindy's urging that all levels of the organization take responsibility for helping to improve the inclusion of women in all public transit roles.

The pursuit of justice and fairness epitomizes the life and career of Cindy Chavez. She is a true role model to many.

## Outstanding Public Transportation Business Member

An APTA public transportation business member who has made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry.

### Huelon Harrison

Active in APTA for more than 20 years, Huelon (Hugh) Harrison's selection as Outstanding Business Member builds on his legacy of strong involvement and giving back that he began as a Transit Board Member.

Hugh was appointed to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors in 1998 and served as its board chair from 2003 to 2005. After attending his first APTA conference in March 1999, Hugh immediately became active and engaged in the association, especially with the Transit Board Members Committee, on which he served in various roles as secretary, vice chair, and chair. During his term as chair, attendance and participation of board members increased significantly, and many people were selected to serve in leadership roles at APTA. He took on the personal goal of increasing APTA's membership, one by one. Because of his leadership, Hugh was honored as APTA's Outstanding Transit Board Member in 2005.

Hugh joined the Business Members Board of Governors (BMBG) in 2006. He held many leadership roles there, most recently as chair, from 2018 to 2020. As a business member and advocate for APTA's mission, Hugh personally coached and invited over a dozen small businesses to join APTA. Many of their principals are in APTA leadership positions today. He worked tirelessly on the BMBG's small business committee and initiated many successful programs, including the networking breakfasts.

As the principal of Legacy Resource Group (LRG), Hugh has assisted large firms to identify qualified small DBE companies for the purposes of



obtaining business opportunities on large contracts. Since 2006, every client/prime firm that LRG assisted has met, or exceeded, their participation goals.

Hugh served on the APTA Board of Directors for 10 years and on the APTA Executive Committee twice over the past eight years. He also chaired the American Public Transportation Foundation.

He is a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion, which is notably apparent through the relationships he has built and nurtured at APTA, and in his community.



**I have been fortunate enough to know Hugh Harrison as an agency Board member, Board Chair, business member and friend. As a DART board chair Hugh embraced the public transportation industry as a true servant leader, focused on how to best serve our customers and to provide support and encouragement for all DART employees. As each of us knows, this industry is infectious, because it allows us to make a positive difference in our community. Soon after Hugh's service on the DART Board, he changed his career path to bring his passion and dedication to bear fully on the mission and goals associated with public transportation.**

**If you know Hugh, you know that when he asks how you are, he truly cares. You know he will speak to everyone in the room before he leaves that room, and you know that he will do whatever he can to make your day better.**

**Hugh makes it his mission to make sure all businesses have a place at the APTA table with an equal opportunity to grow and prosper, understanding that ultimately, everything he does benefits the men and women who ride or work in the public transportation industry.**

**— Gary Thomas**

**Transit Market Director – Americas at Jacobs**

**Former President/Executive Director**

**Dallas Area Rapid Transit**





## Outstanding Public Transportation Manager

An APTA public transportation manager who has made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry.

### Dorval R. Carter, Jr.

Dorval R. Carter, Jr., president of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) since 2015, directs the day-to-day operations of the nation's second largest transit agency. He began his career in public transportation in 1984 as a staff attorney at CTA. When he began at CTA, Dorval was particularly proud to be working during the administration of the late Mayor Harold Washington. Dorval found the politics and energy around civic engagement to be palpable and was very enthusiastic about working for CTA. This began a career in public transportation that would span more than three decades.



From 1991 until 2000, and again, from 2009 until 2014—after a second, nine-year period at CTA in between—Dorval worked at FTA. During that time, he served as Regional Counsel, Assistant Chief Counsel and Chief Counsel and Acting Deputy Administrator. In 2014, he served as the Acting Chief of Staff to U.S. DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx, which he found very rewarding.

These professional experiences helped Dorval to hone his views on transit equity and the need for transit CEOs and policymakers to lead from the front on issues of diversity, inclusion and racial justice. He recognized that public transit was an essential and vital part of life in cities where transit-dependent residents need, and deserve, affordable and reliable transportation options.

During his tenure at CTA, Dorval has led the way for unprecedented investment in the agency. Under Mayors Rahm Emanuel and Lori Lightfoot, Dorval has overseen more than \$8 billion in projects completed, begun or announced—including the largest construction project in CTA

history (the Red and Purple Modernization), the largest railcar order in the agency's history, and the rehabilitation of more than 40 rail stations.

Dorval has been a dedicated leader at APTA. He is a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and serves as Chair of APTA's Legislative Committee, guiding the association toward consensus on critical COVID-19 funding and infrastructure investment issues.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the 2021 Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship Award from the Transportation Research Board.



This is an extraordinary time to be recognized with this great honor and I am so grateful to APTA—a vital organization that I support and deeply believe in—for this distinction. As CTA President, my efforts are buoyed by the hard work of my leadership team and the 11,000 employees that operate and maintain our buses and trains, assist our customers at rail stations and who handle our agency's administrative needs. CTA is the transportation backbone of the City of Chicago and it is a great privilege and tremendous responsibility to help move Chicago forward each day. I thank APTA's leadership, Board of Directors and its members across the country for this recognition.

— Dorval R. Carter, Jr.  
President, Chicago Transit Authority



# Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement

For public transportation systems that have demonstrated achievement in efficiency and effectiveness.

**CATEGORY:** Providing 4 million or fewer annual passenger trips.

## Mountain Line

Missoula, MT

Mountain Line has had a strong three years of action and investment to become a more efficient, sustainable, and inclusive agency. With the ratification of the 2018

Strategic Plan, Mountain Line hit the ground running. The agency secured its first six electric buses with the award of a Bus and Bus Facilities grant and Low-No grant.



These grants also helped launch the largest project the agency has ever undertaken, the Bus Stop Improvement Project, which is a system-wide revamp of every bus stop in Mountain Line's system, increasing the number of accessible boarding and alighting areas and introducing new tactile signposts to distinguish the stops.

The momentum continued in 2019, with new electric buses entering service, enhanced safety trainings, new onboard video and audio equipment, and a redesigned route map and schedule.

2020 was a banner year for Mountain Line, as much as it was a challenging one. The agency found unique ways to serve the community. During the height of the COVID-19 shutdown, the agency parked electric buses around Missoula to serve as community Wi-Fi hotspots, giving students, employees and those out of work access to critical services, family and peers. They also transformed an electric bus into a self-contained concert venue and put on a five-week-long "Electric Streams" concert series to support local musicians and bring entertain-

ment and a feeling of connection to the community.

Also in 2020, Mountain Line took on the ambitious initiative of asking for a funding increase. The initiative passed by record margins, enabling Mountain Line to increase its service by 28 percent in 2022. Mountain Line also formalized its commitment to diversity and inclusion in 2020, with the Board of Directors adopting an official policy of inclusion and the CEO and General Manager launching a Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

The Mountain Line team is comprised of individuals who are strongly committed to serving the community, and the team leaned in hard over the past three years to become an outstanding agency that benefits all.



**Mountain Line is a point of community pride, helping to create a more equitable, accessible Missoula. By providing zero-fare service to over 1.5 million riders annually, and rapidly transitioning to a zero-tailpipe-emissions fleet, Mountain Line helps keep our valley air clean and traffic congestion low to benefit us all.**

**— The Honorable John Engen  
Mayor of Missoula, MT**



# Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement

For public transportation systems that have demonstrated achievement in efficiency and effectiveness.

**CATEGORY:** Providing more than 4 million and fewer than 20 million annual passenger trips.

## Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT)

Sacramento, CA

What makes Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) stand out is its true rags-to-riches story of how it transformed itself from a position of financial instability, poor service and image, and lack of trust from the community and riders, to making a historic turnaround in just a few years.

In 2018-2020, SacRT lowered fares, expanded services, secured a historic amount of funding to accelerate major capital expansion projects, modernized its aging light rail system, and addressed the state of good repair backlog.

The agency also completed a comprehensive route optimization, introduced the nation's largest and one of the most highly successful microtransit services, regained the trust of its jurisdictions and reannexed them back into SacRT, implemented the nation's first unrestricted systemwide free rides program for all students and achieved double-digit ridership growth. The system also increased operating reserves by 500 percent—for the first time in its 50-year history.

SacRT is the largest transit provider in the capital region of California, the fifth-largest economy in the world, operating bus, light rail, microtransit and paratransit service within nearly 440 square miles. In early 2020, before the COVID-19 pandemic, annual ridership was on a steadfast growth trajectory of 15 percent on fixed-route bus, 7 percent on light rail

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and 127 percent growth in student ridership during a time when ridership trends nationwide were stagnant or declining. SacRT was highlighted in 2019 by The Washington Post as one of a handful of agencies across the country that increased ridership.

At SacRT, it took the 2016 arrival of transformational General Manager/CEO Henry Li, APTA's 2019 Manager of the Year awardee, to make tough decisions; mend broken relationships; address the fiscal crisis; refocus on safety, the customer experience and accountability; and invigorate and empower a diverse workforce.

SacRT's transformation was recognized through a multitude of local and national awards, and the agency was ranked #1 in customer satisfaction among cities and special districts in the region in 2019 and 2021 regional polls. In 2020, SacRT received an overall customer satisfaction rating of 4.15 out of 5 and a 2020 employee survey showed an 89 percent rating for employee overall happiness. SacRT also received the APTA Gold Standard Award for System Security in 2020 and 2021.

The agency believes these transformations were remarkable given it was able to achieve what seemed unattainable with a highly capable team of 1,300, over one-third of rail trains operating at the end of their useful life; and no additional local funding (only a one-sixth of a cent) since 2004.

Through a clear vision, renewed strategic plan and data-driven approach, numerous public-private partnerships, innovative mobility pilot programs, competitive grant funding awards, significant capital expansions and fix-it-first projects, and bold business optimization initiatives, SacRT has dramatically improved service delivery; restored fiscal stability; attracted new riders; promoted equity and social justice; and delivered a clean, safe, and equitable service for the region.



**SacRT has transformed itself over the last few years, winning over the hearts and minds of the community. With successful and popular programs like RydeFreeRT and SmarT Ride on-demand microtransit, SacRT is setting best practices for the industry and exceeding the needs of our community.**

**— The Honorable Doris Matsui  
U.S. Representative (D-CA)**



# Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement

For public transportation systems that have demonstrated achievement in efficiency and effectiveness.

**CATEGORY:** Providing 20 million or more annual passenger trips.

## Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

Chicago, IL

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is the nation's second largest transit agency and, under normal circumstances, provides approximately 1.5 million rides on an average weekday. CTA is the transportation backbone of the region and is nationally recognized as a public transit leader.

The past 18 months, however, have been anything but "normal." During the COVID-19 pandemic, like all transit agencies, CTA had to reconsider and reimagine its operations, protocols, and policies.

Even during the worst days of the pandemic, CTA provided more than 200,000 bus and train rides daily, demonstrating how vital those services are for its most transit-dependent customers. The agency neither reduced nor cut back service. In fact, it *increased* service along its busiest bus corridors to reduce crowding and provide more opportunities for social distancing.

From the outset of the pandemic, CTA provided personal protective equipment to employees and made workplace adjustments to help keep them safe. When vaccines became available, CTA established an on-site vaccination program.

The agency also provided free masks for its customers and installed hand sanitizer dispensers at its most heavily traveled rail stations. It also created bus and rail ridership dashboards that show the latest ridership trends to help customers avoid crowded stations and vehicles.

Even in the face of the pandemic, however, CTA continues to modern-



ize and improve its system by making significant capital investments systemwide. It is creating and improving programs that benefit riders and the communities CTA serves, including small and disadvantaged businesses.

CTA continues to advance through the federal process required to begin its Red Line Extension project—a \$2.3 billion initiative that aims to extend the agency's busiest rail line on Chicago's South Side. The agency is also moving forward with construction of the \$2.1 billion Phase One of its Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Program, the biggest capital improvement project in the agency's history. RPM is a multi-phase initiative that will replace track and station infrastructure that is, in some cases, more than a century old.

As demonstrated throughout the pandemic, CTA and its dedicated workforce remain steadfast in their shared commitment to keep the city moving onward and upwards for years to come.



**I want to take this opportunity to congratulate CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr., on winning the APTA awards for Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement and Outstanding Public Transportation Manager. His tireless commitment to providing full service during the COVID-19 pandemic was critical for hundreds of thousands of Chicago's healthcare professionals, essential workers, and others who were able to get to work due to a robust and vibrant bus and rail system that kept the city moving during an unprecedented public health crisis.**

**Additionally, his leadership at CTA has ensured the nation's second-largest transit agency continues to move forward with large-scale capital and technology investments, which are critical to adapting to an ever-changing transit ecosphere. Throughout his tenure, he has been at the forefront of modernizing the city's legacy transportation system, ensuring that CTA remains the most affordable, convenient, accessible and equitable way to move around the great city of Chicago.**

**Congratulations once again to my friend and colleague on this well-deserved honor from APTA.**

**— Valerie Jarrett**

**Former Senior Advisor to U.S. President Barack Obama  
and Assistant to the President for Public Engagement and  
Intergovernmental Affairs**





## Hall of Fame

This special honor is reserved for individuals who have long and distinguished careers in the industry; who have made extraordinary contributions to public transportation; and who have actively participated in APTA activities.

### Grace Crunican

Grace Crunican's retirement as the general manager of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) in 2019 was the culmination of a four-decade pioneering transportation career. Grace's career has steadily demonstrated how to build a more resilient, sustainable and equitable future for public transportation. Grace has always understood that public transit organizations need to be as varied as the communities they serve, and she continually ensured that women and minorities have a voice at the table.



Grace's introduction to public transportation began in college where she served as a volunteer intern for Portland (OR) Mayor Goldschmidt. Her journey would take her to local, state and national positions. In addition to leading BART, she served as FTA Deputy Administrator; Director, Seattle Department of Transportation; Director, Oregon Department of Transportation; Director, Surface Transportation Policy Project; and Professional Staffer, Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee.

Grace has always been a strong, tough leader who isn't afraid to roll up her sleeves. She joined BART in 2011 when it was struggling to retain riders after the recession, and had just experienced a 5.5 percent drop in riders. Under her tenure, the number of riders grew 24 percent by 2015. She also shifted the agency's focus from expansion efforts to reinvesting in its core infrastructure. She oversaw the procurement of BART's \$2.6 billion fleet of new train cars, and led the successful passage

of Measure RR, a \$3.5 billion bond measure to repair and upgrade BART's aging infrastructure.

She was a champion for building programs and policies that provide avenues for the best talent to emerge. She launched the first BART Leadership Academy and Mid-Managers Training programs. Upon her retirement, the BART board renamed it the Grace Crunican Leadership Academy to honor her vision.

Grace has been actively involved in APTA for 30 years. She has served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee as well as many other committees including the Authorization Task Force, State Affairs Committee, and Diversity and Inclusion Committee and she has chaired the Awards Committee.

A longtime member and former chair of WTS, she is co-author of the book, *Boots on the Ground, Flats in the Boardroom: Transportation Women Tell Their Stories*.

## Hall of Fame

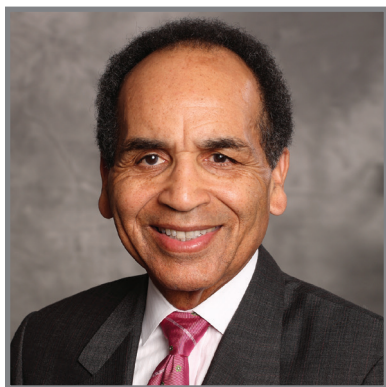
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### Delon Hampton, Ph.D., P.E. (awarded posthumously)

Dr. Delon Hampton was a pioneer, particularly in advocating for further professionalizing engineering, by persuading more engineers to pursue graduate degrees. He also encouraged more minorities to pursue engineering as a career and to assume leadership responsibilities.

Delon earned a BS in civil engineering from the University of Illinois-Champaign Urbana in 1954 and went on to earn a Master of Science and Ph.D. in civil engineering from Purdue University. His career spanned 25 years in academia, including professorships at Kansas State University and Howard University. He chronicled his experience and challenges as an African American in the engineering field in his autobiography, entitled, *A Life Constructed, Reflections on Breaking Barriers and Building Opportunities*, which was published in 2013.

In 1973, while a professor at Howard University, Delon founded Delon Hampton & Associates (DHA) located in Washington, DC, at a time when there were few black-owned engineering companies. Under his leadership, the company grew quickly. One of its first projects was the Navy Yard Station for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. DHA earned a reputation for integrity, excellence and accountability and expanded to include offices in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Memphis,



Champaign-Urbana, Silver Spring and Baltimore, and grew to nearly 250 employees at one point.

Delon advocated that people must give back to their professions. For that reason, he accepted leadership positions at professional organizations. He served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of APTA, chairing the Business Members Board of Governors. He also served as chair of the American Public Transportation Foundation. He was elected the first African American president of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Delon recognized that an excellent education made a big difference in his life and therefore he made a \$7.5 million gift to Purdue University to dedicate the Delon & Elizabeth Hampton Hall of Civil Engineering. The hall is dedicated to his aunt who raised him.

Delon's legacy is realized through the countless students he inspired to become engineers, and the hundreds of notable projects by DHA around the country.



**I had the honor of meeting Delon Hampton over 25 years ago, when I worked for APTA, and he served as Chair of the Research Committee. He was always someone I could rely upon for advice and for whom I had the utmost respect for. Our relationship continued for years through my tenure at FTA and as fellow contractors in FTA's PMO Program.**

**— Aaron C. James, Sr., Senior Program Director  
Jacobs Engineering Group**



## Hall of Fame

This special honor is reserved for individuals who have long and distinguished careers in the industry; who have made extraordinary contributions to public transportation; and who have actively participated in APTA activities.

### Arthur T. Leahy

Art Leahy was born to serve in the transportation industry. Growing up in Los Angeles, Art's parents both worked as rail car operators at the Southern California Rapid Transit District (RTD), later renamed LA Metro. When Art started college, he worked as a bus operator there. Thus began a lifelong journey in the public transportation industry—a remarkable journey of accomplishment.

After graduating from college, Art moved out of the driver's seat and took an entry-level job in the marketing department at RTD. Over a 25-year period, he moved up the ranks, eventually becoming the Chief Operating Officer.

Art got his first chance to lead a public transit organization in 1997 when he was named the general manager of Metro Transit in Minneapolis.

In 2001, he returned to California to become the Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), where he revolutionized the bus program. He converted the fleet of 600 buses to natural gas and developed a "Putting Customers First" initiative. In 2005, OCTA was recognized as the "Outstanding Transportation System" by APTA. During his eight years at OCTA, ridership grew 22 percent.

In 2009, Art returned to the place where he started his career when he was hired as the Chief Executive Officer at LA Metro. In his six years there, he oversaw one of the largest public works programs in the country's history. He secured billions of dollars in federal aid; five new rail lines



started construction; and new Express Bus Services were implemented. All told, Art oversaw over \$20 billion of transportation improvements during, and after, a deep economic recession.

In 2015, Art was named the Chief Executive Officer at the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink). During his four years there, the agency became the first railroad in the country to install and implement positive train control. Art also secured almost \$1 billion dollars in funding to revamp commuter rail service.

Art has received numerous accolades over his long career including being named the 2017 APTA Public Transportation Manager of the Year. But Art feels that his greatest accomplishment is the thousands of individuals he brought into public transit, promoted, and mentored throughout his career.



**I can't think of anyone more deserving of being in the APTA Hall of Fame than Art Leahy. As someone who started his career as a bus operator and ended his career leading some of the most impactful transportation agencies in the country, he always focused on the needs of our customers and constituents. I'm honored to have worked alongside him to make a difference in people's lives and even more honored to have him as a friend.**

**— The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa  
Former Mayor, Los Angeles, CA**



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### Stephen E. Schlickman

During a 42-year career, Steve Schlickman became a highly respected CEO, advocate, legislative counsel and strategist, and university educator and researcher within the public transportation industry. He has been a tireless advocate for people with disabilities and for creating fair and equitable transit access. His efforts have resulted in billions of dollars in new public transportation funding.



Steve first entered the industry in 1975 as a bus driver, dispatcher, and safety director for the Georgetown University Transportation System (GUTS). After graduating from law school, he restarted his transit career at the Chicago Transit Authority.

In 1989, Steve became the first director of Chicago Mayor Daley's Washington, DC, office. There, he managed Chicago's efforts in support of the Americans with Disabilities Act and was instrumental in helping to achieve federal authorization of the airport passenger facility charge. As executive director of Chicago's downtown light rail project, he formed and led the New Start Working Group to stave off significant reductions in new starts funding. After a brief time at Parsons Brinckerhoff, Steve opened his own consulting practice.

In 2005, he became the Executive Director of the Chicago area Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). He led the region's advocacy for a state legislative initiative that staved off devastating service reductions. Steve also formed a coalition of large aging rail systems, called the

Metropolitan Rail Discussion Group, which advocated for the creation of the FTA State of Good Repair program.

Also, Steve taught a University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) graduate-level course on the funding and finance of transportation projects for 21 years. He mentored numerous urban planning students and graduates in launching their careers in public transportation.

After retiring from the RTA in 2010, Steve became the Executive Director of UIC's Urban Transportation Center and led the Center's involvement in three US DOT-funded University Transportation Centers.

Throughout his career, Steve has been an active member of the APTA Legislative Committee, and for the past 11 years, he has co-chaired the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs. For Steve, APTA has been an indispensable forum to develop the partnerships and coalitions required to address the funding needs of public transportation.



**I have known Steve for his entire career. He has been a strong and effective advocate for the public transportation industry in the Chicago region, the State of Illinois, and around the country.**

**— Bernie Ford**

**Former Executive Director, Chicago Transit Authority  
Former President, American Public Transit Association  
APTA Hall of Fame Member**





# AdWheel 2020 & 2021 Grand Award Winners

## Best Marketing and Communications to Support Ridership or Sales

### 2020

**Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (Wheels)**, Livermore, CA  
**City of Albuquerque**, Albuquerque, NM  
**Metrolinx (GO Transit)**, Toronto, ON  
**NEORide (Ohio Transit Risk Pool)**, Wadsworth, OH

### 2021

**Denton County Transportation Authority**, Lewisville, TX  
**Southern California Regional Rail Authority/Metrolink**, Los Angeles, CA  
**Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada**,  
Las Vegas, NV  
**ETA Transit Systems**, Boca Raton, FL

## Best Marketing and Communications Educational Initiative

### 2020

**LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency (Pacific Surfliner)**, Orange, CA  
**Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority**, Tampa, FL  
**AC Transit**, Oakland, CA  
**GILLIG LLC**, Livermore, CA

### 2021

**Salem Area Mass Transit District**, Salem, OR  
**Spokane Transit Authority**, Spokane, WA  
**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**,  
Los Angeles, CA  
**INIT Innovations in Transportation, Inc.**, Chesapeake, VA

## **Best Marketing and Communications to Highlight Transit Needs/Funding**

### **2020**

**Norwalk Transit District**, Norwalk, CT

**Memphis Area Transit Authority**, Memphis, TN

**Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County**, Houston, TX

### **2021**

**Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority**, Tampa, FL

**Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority**, St. Petersburg, FL

**Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority**, Austin, TX

**Oklahoma Transit Association**, Oklahoma City, OK

## **Best Marketing and Communications on COVID-19**

### **2021**

**LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency (Pacific Surfliner)**, Orange, CA

**Central Ohio Transit Authority**, Columbus, OH

**Metra**, Chicago, IL

**Siemens Mobility, Inc.**, Sacramento, CA

# American Public Transportation Foundation Scholars

The American Public Transportation Foundation (APTF) aims to increase and retain the number of individuals choosing the public transit field as a career by providing scholarships and engagement opportunities to deserving students and transit professionals. Since its inception in 1988, the APTF Board of Directors has awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships to more than 400 deserving students. This year, the Foundation achieved a new record: \$266,000 to 43 students and transit professionals who represent the future of our industry.

## **Xiomara Aguirre**

APTF Board Scholarship

San Jose State University

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## **Oforiwa Pee Agyei-Boake**

Shirley DeLibero Scholarship

University of Minnesota

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## **Marek J. Allen**

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Pierce College

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Pennsylvania Transportation  
Authority

## **Aziz Fellague Ariouat**

Valarie J. McCall Scholarship

University of California,

Los Angeles

SPONSORED BY: Los Angeles

County Metropolitan

Transportation Authority

## **Douglas Arseneault**

Americans with Disabilities

Act (ADA) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Scholarship

University of California,

Los Angeles

SPONSORED BY: Los Angeles

County Metropolitan

Transportation Authority

**Connor Bente**

Donald C. Hyde Memorial Essay  
Scholarship  
University of California,  
Los Angeles  
SPONSORED BY: Los Angeles  
County Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority

**Jofil Riyadh Borja**

Americans With Disabilities  
Act (ADA) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Scholarship  
Claremont Lincoln University  
SPONSORED BY: Sacramento  
Regional Transit District

**Jessica Brown**

Parsons Brinckerhoff/Jim  
Lammie Scholarship  
University of Southern California  
SPONSORED BY: Kimley-Horn

**Ritchel Calvaire**

APTF Board Scholarship  
Florida Polytechnic University  
SPONSORED BY: Frank T. Martin  
Consult LLC

**Zachary Colebourn**

Bombardier Transportation  
Scholarship  
University of Dayton  
SPONSORED BY: Greater Cleveland  
Regional Transit Authority

**Keenan Do**

APTF Board Scholarship  
University of California,  
Los Angeles  
SPONSORED BY: Orange County  
(CA) Transportation  
Authority

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University of Texas at Austin  
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County Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority

**Tyrone Ellingberg**

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San Francisco State University  
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Costa Transit District

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Association Scholarship  
Texas Southern University  
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Transit Authority

**Omar Galicia**

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California State Polytechnic  
University, Pomona  
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**Peyton J. Gibson**

APTF Board Scholarship  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
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Authority

**Alejandra Rios Gutierrez**

APTF Board Scholarship  
University of California,  
Los Angeles  
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Transportation Authority

**Minia Nataly Rios Gutierrez**

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University of California,  
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University of Idaho  
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District of Oregon

**Johna Hicks-Coffey**

APTF Board Scholarship  
Colorado State University –  
Global  
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District of Oregon

**Ashley Hightower**

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University of Tennessee,  
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**Amy Hofstra**

APTF Board Scholarship  
University of Illinois – Chicago  
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Illinois – Chicago

**Haris Ismail**

APTF Board Scholarship  
University of Buffalo  
SPONSORED BY: New York  
State Department of  
Transportation

**Andrew Jaranagin**

Raymond C. Miller Scholarship  
University of California,  
Los Angeles  
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County Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority

**Farzana Khatun**

APTF Board Scholarship  
University of California, Irvine  
SPONSORED BY: Orange County  
(CA) Transportation  
Authority

**Paige Malott**

Mineta Transportation Institute/  
APTF Joint Scholarship  
San Jose State University  
SPONSORED BY: Mineta  
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**Erlin Martinez**

MV Transportation/Latinos in  
Transit Scholarship  
San Jose State University  
SPONSORED BY: Latinos In Transit

**Nicholas Meusch**

APTF Board Scholarship  
Portland State University  
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University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
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APTF Board Scholarship  
Fisk University  
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Jack R. Gilstrap Scholarship  
California State Polytechnic  
University, Pomona  
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**Chisom Okwor**

Nathaniel Ford Scholarship  
Fisk University  
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Dr. George M. Smerk Scholarship  
University of California,  
Los Angeles  
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**Earl Pearson, Jr.**

APTA Staff Recognition  
Scholarship (Hugh and  
Janyce Mose)  
Rutgers University  
SPONSORED BY: Regional Transit  
Service

**Karen Phan**

BMBG/Janie Wulkan Memorial  
Scholarship  
University of California,  
Los Angeles  
SPONSORED BY: Los Angeles  
County Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority

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APTF Board Scholarship  
Arizona State University  
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Transit

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University of California,  
Los Angeles

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APTF Board Scholarship  
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Costa Transit District

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Seminar

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Regional Transit Authority

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Transit

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# Leadership APTA Class of 2020–2021

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# Sustainability Commitment Program

## Platinum

**WSP USA**, New York, NY

## Gold

**Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)**, Atlanta, GA

## Bus and Rail Safety & Security Excellence Awards

### Safety, Security & COVID-19: Bus

**City of Gardena (GTrans)**, Gardena, CA

SMALL SYSTEM: Fewer than 4 million trips annually

**Metrolinx (GO Transit)**, Toronto, ON, Canada

MEDIUM-SIZE SYSTEM: More than 4 million and fewer than  
20 million trips annually

**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
(LA Metro)**, Los Angeles, CA

LARGE SYSTEM: More than 20 million trips annually

### Safety, Security & COVID-19: Rail

**San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)**, San Diego, CA

LIGHT RAIL / STREETCAR

**Trinity Metro**, Fort Worth, TX

COMMUTER / INTERCITY RAIL

**Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)**, Cleveland, OH

HEAVY RAIL

## Safety, Security & COVID-19: Certificates of Merit

**Manatee County Area Transit**, Sarasota, FL

SMALL SYSTEM: Fewer than 4 million trips annually

**Palm Tran**, West Palm Beach, FL

MEDIUM-SIZE SYSTEM: More than 4 million and fewer than 20 million trips annually

**AC Transit**, Oakland, CA

LARGE SYSTEM: More than 20 million trips annually

**Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Houston Metro)**,  
Houston, TX

LIGHT RAIL / STREETCAR

**San Bernardino County Transportation Authority**, San Bernardino, CA

COMMUTER / INTERCITY RAIL

## Safety Excellence: Bus

**MTM Transit (Sarasota County)**, Sarasota, FL

PRIVATE COMPANY CONTRACTED SERVICE

**City of Gardena, CA (GTrans)**, Gardena, CA

SMALL SYSTEM: Fewer than 4 million trips annually

**METRO Regional Transit Authority**, Akron, OH

MEDIUM-SIZE SYSTEM: More than 4 million and fewer than 20 million trips annually

**New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT)**, Newark, NJ

LARGE SYSTEM: More than 20 million trips annually

## Safety Excellence: Rail

**Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)**, Boston, MA  
LIGHT RAIL / STREETCAR

**MTA Metro-North Railroad**, New York, NY  
COMMUTER / INTERCITY RAIL

## Safety Excellence: Certificates of Merit

**New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA)**, New Orleans, LA  
LIGHT RAIL / STREETCAR

**New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT)**, Newark, NJ  
COMMUTER / INTERCITY RAIL

## Security Excellence: Bus

**METRO Regional Transit Authority**, Akron, OH  
MEDIUM-SIZE SYSTEM: More than 4 million and fewer than  
20 million trips annually

**Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC)**,  
Las Vegas, NV  
LARGE SYSTEM: More than 20 million trips annually

## Security Excellence: Rail

**Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT)**, Sacramento, CA  
LIGHT RAIL / STREETCAR

**Société de transport de Montréal (STM)**, Montréal, QC, Canada  
HEAVY RAIL

**Many thanks to the APTA committees which selected this year's APTA Honors award and scholarship recipients.**

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