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**W**elcome to the 2015 APTA Awards! Today we come together to recognize and applaud this year's winning individuals and organizations for their significant achievements in our industry.

We are also here today to thank them for their hard work and dedication in advancing public transportation in North America. I encourage everyone to learn more about the winners' accomplishments and to make the time to personally congratulate them.

Winning a prestigious APTA Award is a very high honor that acknowledges you are "the best of the best." As the 2015 stars of the public transit industry, the APTA Awards recipients are stellar leaders and innovators as well as models of excellence.

Finally, as the chair of the 2015 APTA Awards Committee, I want to thank all the members of the Awards Committee for their commitment to making the awards program a success. It's been a pleasure to serve with you.

**Grace Crunican**

Chair, 2015 APTA Awards Committee  
and  
General Manager  
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
Oakland, CA



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# Outstanding Public Transportation System

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

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

“We congratulate Connect Transit on winning the 2015 American Public Transportation Association’s Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award. It is a recognition that is well-deserved. The citizens of Bloomington-Normal have come to rely on Connect Transit for dependable, environmentally-friendly transportation. With its commitment to serving the community, it is no surprise that Connect Transit has attracted riders in record-breaking numbers.”

- U.S. Senator Dick Durbin  
Illinois
- U.S. Senator Mark Kirk  
Illinois



## CONNECT TRANSIT

“Connect Transit is very proud of the positive ways we impact the lives of so many in our community and we are truly honored to receive this award in recognition of that service. Our success would not be possible without the dedication of our talented staff, the commitment of our board of trustees, the support of our customers and everyone in the community.”

– Andrew Johnson, General Manager  
Connect Transit



## CONNECT TRANSIT

Normal, IL

**T**he Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System was formed in 1972 to provide fixed-route bus and para-transit service to the city of Bloomington and the town of Normal, located in central Illinois. Governance of the agency is provided by a seven-member board appointed by the city and town.

For 40 years, the public transportation system in Bloomington-Normal provided reliable service but lacked customer focus, as well as the image and amenities that would enable the system to grow and make a larger impact within the community. In 2012, the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System rebranded as Connect Transit. With new leadership, a new name and a new vision, Connect Transit refocused its efforts and concentrated on customer service, employee development and technology. The result was a total agency transformation that grew ridership by 25 percent in Fiscal Year 2014 alone and by a total of 40 percent in just three years. The refocused system currently serves the community with a fleet of 56 transit vehicles and 120 employees.

A commitment to delivering superior customer service has driven Connect Transit to constantly improve the public transit customer experience. Connect Transit employees view themselves as ambassadors for the Bloomington-Normal community and educate the community on their transportation choices and how they can use public transportation to add value to their lives. Connect Transit employees are always in the community proudly telling the agency's story and encouraging people to try public transit.

Significant investments have been made in workforce development, enabling participation in numerous external training

opportunities offered by APTA, the National Transit Institute and Transit Safety Institute, among others. Automotive Service Excellence transit certification is encouraged for maintenance personnel and is paid for by Connect Transit. Vendors are also regularly invited to perform cost-effective on-site training for larger groups of staff members. A supervisor development program has been created to ensure proper training of the next generation of Connect Transit leaders and a tuition reimbursement program has been implemented to advance employee education.

Technology has been embraced as a way to not only increase productivity and efficiency for operations and maintenance, but also to enhance the Connect Transit passenger experience. A new CAD/AVL system allows greater supervisory control over on-street operations and convenient real-time bus tracking for customers. The result is increased on-time performance and fewer instances of overcrowding while achieving more overall boardings per hour. With better scheduling that reduces the number of vehicles required to satisfy demand, paratransit operations have seen a 30 percent increase in efficiency. A new and much improved Connect Transit website has been launched, offering the community more accessible information and trip planning tools.

Connect Transit's vision is to provide reliable and safe transportation connecting communities. By continuing to focus its efforts on customer service, employee development and technology to provide the best public transportation possible, the agency will continue to improve the quality of life in Bloomington-Normal. Connect Transit gets you where you want to go!





# *Outstanding Public Transportation System*

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

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

“Houston METRO has always worked to make certain that the people of the greater Houston region have reliable transit service, moving people around the region in a fast and effective manner. Their recent commitment to establishing three light rail lines, and a complete redesign of their local bus service, emphasize their foresight and dedication to meeting the needs of the region’s emerging population. This top system recognition is well deserved and is a prime example of what can be accomplished when hard-working Texans work together.”

— **Mayor Annise Parker**  
**Houston, Texas**



## **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY (METRO)**

“We have watched ridership increase system-wide for the past three years. We have built new rail lines, redesigned our local bus network and improved other services for our customers. I am extremely proud of the METRO board and the 3,700 METRO employees who provide excellent transit services every day.”

— **Tom Lambert, President & CEO**  
**METRO**



# METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY (METRO)

Houston, TX

**T**he Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) is the Houston region's largest public transit provider. METRO serves a 1,303-square-mile area with local, express and Park & Ride buses, light rail, paratransit services, vanpools and approximately 100 miles of HOV/HOT lanes.

METRO has achieved great success recently—expanding its light rail system from 7.5 miles to nearly 23 miles. A 2012 voter-approved referendum allows METRO to retain a larger share of its sales tax revenue for public transit. METRO recently redesigned and launched a new local bus system, a true game-changer for local transit. System-wide ridership has also increased each year over the past three years with annual total trips topping 110 million across all modes.

Safety is a top priority at METRO in all areas of the organization. Examples include an extensive marketing and outreach campaign on rail safety and pedestrian fencing where light rail is located near schools and city parks. There is an extensive marketing and outreach campaign on rail safety. METRO also identified one intersection where up to 25 percent of all light rail accidents occurred and worked with the city of Houston to make traffic signal and lane striping changes. As a result, accidents declined by 66 percent.

In the areas of operations and maintenance, METRO uses a computer-based system to improve on-time performance and a robust bus fleet replacement program has resulted in a 33 percent increase in bus fleet reliability since 2012.

Greater focus on call center training and resources, and departmental relationships, has resulted in declining repeat call volumes

for the past three years. Over the past few years, METRO has received several awards for financial management including the Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle, the highest award for financial transparency. METRO's website displays annual budgets and financial reports as well as checks and credit card payments.

Sustainability initiatives have included recycling programs and energy policy changes. One example includes a 2014 lighting retrofit that resulted in a 20 percent energy reduction.

In 2012, METRO created an organization development division, which is responsible for providing training and development programs to groom future leaders. METRO is working to improve attendance, reduce employee costs, improve morale and reduce absenteeism through a wellness program and a compressed work schedule option.

METRO conducts agency-wide diversity programs and targets minorities and women in recruiting. Its very successful Small Business Program exceeds goals, annually averaging \$100 million of work for small businesses.

METRO's award-winning marketing team has been very successful, even up against professional advertising agencies and other entities with much larger budgets. In the area of policy and administration, staff worked with the METRO board to revise the Procurement Manual.

The agency's public engagement program has improved community relations and includes a Transit Academy that fosters action plans for communities. METRO is doing everything it can to provide and promote public transit for the nation's fourth largest city.



## *State Distinguished Service*

For significant contributions at the state level to public transportation through policy, legislative initiative, and leadership.

“I congratulate Jeff Morales on this well-deserved honor. He is a proven leader with a passion for public infrastructure and transit projects that better the lives of all Americans. With his work on Capitol Hill and extensive experience on public and private transportation systems, I am happy to see him recognized for his outstanding achievements.”

— **Dan Richard**  
**Board Chair**  
**California High-Speed Rail**  
**Authority**



### **JEFF MORALES**

“I am honored and truly humbled to receive APTA’s 2015 State Distinguished Service Award. Having worked on transportation issues and projects for more than 30 years, I know how essential public transportation and high-speed rail are for our country. I also want to acknowledge that this prestigious recognition for my life work would not have been possible without the support from my family, my mentors and my peers.”





## JEFF MORALES

Chief Executive Officer, California High-Speed Rail Authority  
Sacramento, CA

**F**or more than three decades, Jeff Morales has had an influential career in transportation, both in the public and private sectors. He is nationally recognized for developing innovative policies and practices at the federal, state and local levels.

Since taking the helm as the chief executive officer of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) in June 2012, Jeff has led the Authority to a number of successful milestones. These include several significant legal victories, environmental clearances, securing new and reliable funding streams and starting construction on the nation's first high-speed rail system.

When he took the reins, there were approximately a dozen employees and virtually no permanent leadership. Since then, Jeff has filled out the Authority's executive team, opened regional offices, and increased staff necessary to develop and implement the program. He led the team that developed the 2012 Business Plan, which created the foundation for a statewide rail modernization program with high-speed rail at its core. This program also includes investments in urban, commuter and intercity rail systems that, combined with high-speed rail, will significantly improve mobility and connectivity.

Under his watch, the Authority has delivered two of the most robust and extensive environmental documents that led to state and federal approvals for the system and successfully executed more than \$2 billion in design-build contracts—resulting in more than 100 miles of construction in the Central Valley. In addition, he helped secure an ongoing revenue

stream through California's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that has opened numerous doors for the private sector to engage sooner in high-speed rail. This will ultimately reduce program costs and accelerate delivery.

Before joining the Authority, Jeff was a senior vice president at Parsons Brinckerhoff, where he worked with transportation agencies to develop and implement major capital programs. Prior to Parsons Brinckerhoff, he was the former director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), where he managed a \$10 billion program and more than 23,000 employees working to build, maintain and operate the largest state transportation system in the United States. Under his leadership from 2000 to 2004, he developed new policies and innovative practices that helped re-establish Caltrans as a national leader.

As the executive vice president of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) from 1998 to 2000, Jeff helped manage the nation's second largest public transportation system. He oversaw CTA's \$1.2 billion budget and was responsible for implementing a program to make Chicago's system of buses and trains more rider-friendly. He's been credited with helping reverse a 40 percent slide in ridership and securing funds for new capital investments.

Jeff worked on Capitol Hill starting in the early 1980s with public transit icon and U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg. He was a principal drafter of the landmark Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). He also served in the Clinton Administration as a policy advisor to Transportation Secretary Federico Peña.



## *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.

“John’s impact over the past three decades cannot be overstated. His leadership and vision for CATA initially brought stability, which then evolved to excellence, and as a result today CATA is one of the finest small transit systems in the nation.”

— **Bill Millar**  
**Former President**  
**American Public Transportation**  
**Association**



**JOHN C. SPYCHALSKI, PH.D.**

“I am honored to have been selected APTA’s 2015 Outstanding Public Transportation Board Member and wish to express my gratitude to those who supported my nomination including my fellow board members, the staff at the Centre Area Transportation Authority, and a number of transit industry professionals with whom I have been privileged to work. I could not have contributed to the mission of the public transportation industry without their very generous mentorship, unrelenting encouragement, and insightful collaboration.”



## JOHN C. SPYCHALSKI, PH.D.

Board Chairman, Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA)

State College, PA

**D**r. John C. Sychalski has been a member of the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Board of Directors for eight consecutive terms spanning more than three decades, having begun his service as the appointed representative of Ferguson Township, State College, PA, in 1980. His fellow board members have elected him chairman annually for the past 14 years and during his tenure CATA has grown in size, sophistication, and reputation.

John joined the board at a time when public confidence in CATA was low. He helped to build the agency from the ground up, beginning with reorganizing CATA as a joint municipal authority. In the 1980s he and other members of the board worked hard to restore credibility to the agency, and in doing so created an environment that allowed public transit to begin growing in the community. In the 1990s, under John's leadership, CATA secured the resources to invest in infrastructure and continued to grow public support. Since 2000, CATA has fostered a "transit culture" in the community; State College is one of the most transit-intensive small urban areas in the nation. As a result CATA is a premier small transit system that was recognized by APTA in 2001 as the Outstanding Public Transportation System in North America.

Under John's oversight as a board member, CATA has been a forerunner in a number of areas, including in 1994 when the authority became the first transit system in the state of Pennsylvania to operate a carpool matching program. That

program has evolved into CATACOMMUTE and presently includes 43 vanpool groups. CATA's fleet conversion to natural gas began in 1996, and culminated in 2005, when the system became one of the first on the east coast to have an active fleet powered entirely by CNG. At that same time CATA was also implementing a GPS-based "smart bus" program, including real-time bus arrival information. CATA includes iPhone and Android apps, audible and visual stop annunciators and automated passenger counters. In addition, in 2000 the authority became the first public transit agency in the state to install bike racks on all of its buses.

During John's tenure, CATA has outgrown the facilities at its current location twice, resulting in a facility expansion in 2001 and another one is currently underway for the expansion of garage, maintenance and office spaces.

John has devoted his professional career to the advancement of public transportation as a board member, educator, author, editor, mentor and advocate. As part of his commitment to the future of public transportation, John has personally mentored a number of students who have expressed an interest in pursuing a career in public transportation, providing his official endorsement of their qualifications for American Public Transportation Foundation scholarships and personal financial support of the foundation.

CATA, the community of State College, Penn State and the industry will continue to reap the benefits of John's lifelong dedication to public transportation far into the future.



## *Outstanding Public Transportation Business Member*

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

“Our congratulations to a well-deserving friend. Metrolinx is particularly proud of Angela’s thought leadership and tireless advocacy for public transit in Toronto and for transit agencies and the communities they serve across North America. Angela has been truly a trusted partner demonstrating the value of private sector support for our work and the mobility of our customers. She is most deserving of this award and recognition amongst her peers.”

— **Bruce McCuaig**  
**President and CEO**  
**Metrolinx**



### **ANGELA IANNUZZIELLO**

“*I* am so humbled and honored by the recognition from this noble transit industry. My dad once said that it is your obligation to give back to your community. And how fortunate am I to be genuinely passionate about working in and giving back to transit. My dedicated staff, my trusting clients, my accomplished peers and my loving family have truly been the collective wind beneath my wings.”



## ANGELA IANNUZZIELLO

Vice President, Canada Transit Market Lead  
AECOM

**T**hree things have shaped Angela Iannuzziello's career: from an early age she rode buses and trains with her brother Franco, who has developmental disabilities; she had a curiosity about transportation's future; and she has followed her family's belief that it is honorable to give back to your community.

In the mid-1990s, equipped with an engineering degree and public sector experience with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Angela started ENTRA Consultants, an engineering firm focused on transportation planning and improving mobility for all members of any community. Angela co-authored a groundbreaking report examining transportation funding through public transit, school buses, social services and non-emergency health transportation programs, which garnered international attention that led to the expansion of her company into the United States.

As project manager for the Greater Toronto Area's (GTA) effort to set priorities on transit projects across the region in the late 1990s, Angela's work for the GTA has survived in different iterations into what is currently used today. During the '90s, she introduced bus rapid transit in the GTA and then in other communities across North America.

Angela became active in APTA more than 20 years ago, initially with the Access Committee, bringing her focus on universal design and paths of travel that can be used by everyone. She moved the access discussion from just a public transit perspective to recognizing the role that municipal public works departments play and the need for

systems management. Her role in broadening the access discussion paved the way for creation of APTA's Mobility Management Committee through TransitVision 2050.

As chair of the Business Member Board of Governors and a member of APTA's Executive Committee, Angela's hallmark issue has been initiating a transit industry conversation about the private sector's role in financing transit projects and ways to reduce the barriers for private-sector funding. These conversations led to the APTA-CUTA International Practicum on Funding and Finance in June 2014 and APTA's International Study Mission on Funding and Finance in 2015, which Angela chaired.

As a member of APTA's Blue Ribbon Workforce Development Panel, Angela championed workforce development issues, bringing support from APTA's private sector members for APTA's Youth Summit program, Leadership APTA and, most recently, a symposium for engineering professors. In her role on the APTA Executive Committee, she co-chaired APTA's governance review efforts, resulting in strengthening the role of APTA's committees. Angela was also a leader in APTA's 2015-2019 Strategic Plan, looking forward to address the challenges leading to a transformation of public transit in the future.

Through her career, Angela's passion for improving mobility for the lives of all individuals in healthy and sustainable communities continues and her commitment to giving back to the community has expanded to include giving back to the industry she loves and believes in.





## *Outstanding Public Transportation Manager*

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

“It was my honor to nominate Keith Parker for this well-deserved recognition. In less than three years, his steady, thoughtful leadership has helped to restore the agency’s confidence and improved its financial performance. The changes he is making at MARTA are vital as I work to attract companies and high-quality jobs to Atlanta. Thanks to Keith and his team, MARTA has become a more customer-friendly transit agency and an important partner to the city of Atlanta.”

— **Mayor Kasim Reed**  
**Atlanta, GA**



### **KEITH T. PARKER**

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“*L*ittle did I know when I began my transit career as an intern, it would continue to be such a rewarding experience two decades later. I am honored and humbled to receive this recognition as MARTA’s GM/CEO. The MARTA team is committed to establishing a culture of ‘routine excellence’ as we work together to ensure the agency’s and the region’s long-term success.”



## KEITH T. PARKER

General Manager/CEO, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

Atlanta, GA

**K**eith T. Parker, general manager/CEO of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), has built an outstanding public transportation career in diverse communities across the country, having spent 20 years of his 22-year career at the executive level. Along the way, he has built teams that produce quantifiable and sustainable system improvements. A common theme during his career is the utilization of public involvement and technological innovations to improve the overall public transit experience.

At each of the four major agencies he has led, Keith's teams have achieved superior outcomes by listening to stakeholders and employees and promoting an open-door, collaborative work culture. Also, in an industry that relies on public funding, Keith has consistently done more with less to maximize the return on investment.

Keith's first CEO opportunity was in 1992 at the Clark County Transit Authority (C-TRAN) in Vancouver, WA. At the time, he was the youngest CEO of a mid-size public transit system in the country. In a defining moment of Keith's tenure at C-TRAN, a statewide referendum was passed to reduce auto registration taxes, resulting in a 42 percent decrease in the agency's funding. Immediately, Keith worked with his team to develop a five-year plan to maintain core service and minimize layoffs with only a modest increase in fares. Once implemented, the plan remained in place and served the agency long after his tenure.

Similarly, in December 2012, Keith assumed the top job at MARTA during a critical time for the agency. The eco-

nomie downturn had resulted in fare increases totaling 42 percent, the elimination of one-third of MARTA's bus routes and a loss of 26 million riders over the preceding five years. Most alarming, a KPMG study predicted MARTA would lose up to \$100 million over the next three years.

Keith embarked on a listening tour with scores of community stakeholders, business leaders and elected officials to seek advice on improving MARTA. Subsequently, he set in motion a transformation plan to put MARTA on a more stable foundation in three key areas: fiscal sustainability, workforce development and customer satisfaction.

With the support of the MARTA Board of Directors and dedicated agency staff, Keith's plans are paying dividends. Since his arrival, MARTA has passed three consecutive balanced budgets, provided raises to employees, increased transit service frequency, deployed new customer-focused technology and has improved its relationship with the state's legislature. Additionally, MARTA has added more than \$50 million to its budget reserves, an impressive \$150 million turnaround, without increasing fares. As a vote of confidence in the direction that MARTA is taking, Moody's Investor Services recently upgraded the agency's credit rating. Recognizing Keith's management talent, the MARTA Board of Directors extended his contract to 2019.

As a public transit CEO, Keith has demonstrated leadership, integrity, excellence, diversity, inclusiveness, fairness and equity, teamwork, professionalism and accountability—the essence of APTA's core values.



## 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.

“Mr. Elonzo ‘Lonnie’ W. Hill’s legacy is that of a tireless advocate for the mass transit industry with an undisputed passion for the needs and desires of the people of Cook County. With a 40-plus-years career in public transit at Metra and Chicago Transit Authority, Mr. Hill was also sought after as a leader on the local and national level for his expertise and commitment to public transit. We are proud to salute the legacy and memory of our friend and colleague.”

- Donald Orseno, Executive Director/CEO, Metra
- Dorval Carter, President, Chicago Transit Authority



### **ELONZO (LONNIE) W. HILL (*deceased*)**

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“Despite his many career accomplishments and numerous accolades, Lonnie was a humble man who always described himself as ‘a bus driver operating above his classification.’ He loved his career, people and his family. He loved Metra and CTA and was committed to doing whatever he could to make those agencies better. We are proud that Lonnie truly made a difference in the lives of public transit users in our city and beyond.”

– The Family of Elonzo (Lonnie) W. Hill



## ELONZO (LONNIE) W. HILL

*An influential local and national leader*

(1938–2009)

Lonnie Hill served on the Metra Board of Directors from 2003 until his passing in 2009. One of his greatest accomplishments was providing leadership to secure funding to replenish the entire fleet of cars on the Metra Electric Line, which serves Chicago's Southeast Side and suburbs. In honor of his memory, the Metra board voted to name the first new car put into service on the Metra Electric Line after him. A dedication ceremony was held with many in attendance including elected officials, colleagues, business leaders, family and friends.

Lonnie also had numerous accomplishments at the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) where he worked for 37 years. His journey at CTA began as a bus operator in 1961. Over the years, he ascended through the ranks by demonstrating his leadership abilities, integrity and professionalism in all his positions. From bus supervisor to deputy executive director/operations to executive vice president of service delivery, he forged a legacy of excellence and accountability. Under Lonnie's leadership, CTA accomplished a variety of major projects including the reconstruction of the Green Line, the opening of the Orange Line to Midway Airport and the realignment of the Red Line. In addition, he was a staunch supporter of door-to-door service for people with disabilities, which at the time was the only means of public transportation for this population.

On the national level, Lonnie left giant footprints in the public transit industry. He was one of the developers and coordinators of the CTA Transit Institute, which educated transit professionals from across the United States and the world about the processes and procedures needed

for operating a public transit system. He also developed standard operating procedures for bus and rail, which are used by public transit systems nationwide including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Denver, Washington, DC, Boston, New York, Salt Lake City, St. Louis, and Toronto.

Additionally, Lonnie was tapped by Atlanta's public transit system (MARTA) to provide advice and guidance on transportation issues when Atlanta hosted the 1996 Olympics. He was a founding member of the APTA Rail Safety Audit Task Force and headed the APTA Task Force of Accident Reductions in San Francisco, Washington, DC, Los Angeles and Atlanta.

From 1987 through 1989, Lonnie chaired APTA's International Bus Roadeo Committee. In this position, he developed the APTA Rail Rodeo, which has expanded to rail cities throughout the United States and Canada. Today, it is still going strong with 15 to 20 agencies that compete at the national level.

Lonnie was a champion for minority contracting programs and helped support minority businesses whenever he could. A staunch advocate for positive service, growth and diversity, he was a great supporter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO). His work, civic-mindedness, and charitable outreach favorably impacted the transportation industry and the community. Lonnie loved his work, career, and people. Today his legacy remains strong among his family, friends and peers in the business and the public transit industry.



## Hall of Fame

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“Jerry’s career has always embodied the elegance of the Athenian Oath: ‘We will strive for the ideals and sacred things of the city...we will unceasingly seek to quicken the sense of public duty... we will transmit this city not only no less, but greater, better and more beautiful that it was transmitted to us.’ Jerry, congratulations on your career of service for the public good.”

— **Louis J. Gambaccini**  
**Member of APTA’s**  
**Hall of Fame, 1990**



### **JEROME C. PREMIO**

“*T*ransit is a remarkable and noble profession! This industry matters: it builds communities and connects people. I’m so honored to receive this recognition, and pledge to continue to share my time and ideas to make the future even better. Thank you to all my transit friends who have mentored me and afforded me opportunities to contribute, along with a special, heartfelt thanks to my personal family!”





## JEROME C. PREMO

*Jerry Premo – a passionate change agent*

**J**erry Premo has dedicated nearly 50 years to the public transportation industry. After graduating from his beloved Notre Dame University and the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, he joined the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), the predecessor to the Federal Transit Administration, as one of its first dozen employees.

The early days at UMTA were exciting, uncharted and innovative. Among Jerry's early assignments were such new programs as national transit planning, 16(b)(2) para-transit accessibility and university research and training. As associate administrator for transit assistance, he led a young and innovative team to help cities across the nation create and modernize transit and bus systems.

After UMTA, Jerry became the first executive director of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. He helped craft a vision for balanced transportation and set the stage for a half-cent sales tax, funding what is now the successful multi-billion-dollar transportation program being implemented throughout Los Angeles County.

Returning east, Jerry served as the first executive director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT). The new agency acquired Transport of New Jersey, the nation's largest private bus company, and took over the state's 400-mile commuter rail service from Conrail, thus forming an integrated statewide public transit corporation with nearly 10,000 employees. Under his leadership, Jerry emphasized the value of employee diversity, customer service, sustained internal and external communications, and aggressive

minority and woman-owned business opportunities—resulting in APTA's recognition of NJ TRANSIT as the best large system.

Moving to the private sector, Jerry joined Frederic R. Harris in 1989, becoming part of what is now AECOM, the largest transit/rail services company in the nation. As executive vice president, Jerry directed the firm's national and international transit work. Building on his public sector experience, Jerry established a culture of strong public/private partnerships.

Throughout his career, Jerry has been devoted to helping create the next generation of transit leaders. Many of today's transit leaders can trace their development to Jerry, whose trademark is to provide opportunities to create, innovate and succeed. He has been a longtime member of the Leadership APTA Committee and is especially proud of the named scholarship for the American Public Transportation Foundation supported by AECOM. He also serves as chair of the Eno Center's Transportation Leadership Committee.

Jerry's association with APTA spans decades. He has served twice on its Executive Committee, Board of Directors and as vice chair; co-chair of APTA's (PT)<sup>2</sup> cabinet; chair of the 2008 EXPO Committee; chair of the Legislative Committee for six years; Business Member Board of Governors for 11 years; APTA Presidential Selection Committee; and 2014 Strategic Planning Committee, among many others. In 2008, Jerry received APTA's Outstanding Business Member Award.

Jerry has long recognized that the measure of one's contributions is in both what a person does and in how he/she does things. That's a good message for all of us.

# *APTA 2015 Awards Committee*

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## *1983–2014*

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Alan L. Bingham  
Robert M. (Bob) Brown  
Robert C. Buchanan  
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James A. Caywood  
Hector Chaput  
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Edgar A. Claffey  
George J. Clark  
Carmack Cochran  
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John A. Dash  
Jan den Oudsten  
Robert G. Decker  
Shirley A. DeLiberio  
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Jackson Graham  
Kenneth M. Gregor  
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Gerald T. Haugh  
Jesse L. Haugh  
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F. Norman Hill  
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Donald C. Hyde  
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P.S. (Red) Jenison  
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Carmen E. Turner  
Kenneth S. Voigt  
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Harvel W. Williams

## OUTSTANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MANAGER

(FORMERLY THE JESSE L. HAUGH AWARD)

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1983	Warren H. Frank
1984	Louis B. Olsen
1985	Alan F. Kiepper
1986	Harold C. Jenkins
1987	William W. Millar
1988	David L. Gunn
1989	Carmen E. Turner
1990	James E. Cowen
1991	William L. Volk
1992	Chester E. Colby
1993	Kenneth M. Gregor
1994	Allan Leach
1995	Gerald T. Haugh
1996	Shirley A. DeLibero
1997	Richard J. Simonetta
1998	Roger P. Snoble
1999	Paul A. Toliver
2000	Richard F. Davis
2001	John P. Bartosiewicz
2002	Lawrence G. Reuter
2003	Sandra L. Draggoo
2004	Thomas P. Kujawa
2005	Ronald J. Tober
2006	Clarence (Cal) W. Marsella
2007	J. Barry Barker
2008	Joe Calabrese
2009	John B. Catoe, Jr.
2010	Hugh A. Mose
2011	Stephanie Negriff
2012	Laurence W. Jackson
2013	Phillip A. Washington
2014	Paul C. Jablonski

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

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1997	Rosa Parks
2000	Mortimer Downey
2006	Norman Y. Mineta

## LIFETIME OF ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

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2014	Dr. George M. Smerk, Jr. Dr. Vukan R. Vuchic
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## OUTSTANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS MEMBER

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1989	James A. Machesney
1990	Claude G. Robinson
1991	Mark J. Obert
1992	Richard J. Bouchard, Jr.
1993	David L. Turney
1994	Robert Graham
1995	Dan M. Reichard, Jr.
1996	B.J. (Bill) Chaddock
1997	Bernard J. Ford, Sr.
1998	Brian Macleod
1999	Alan C. Wulkan
2000	Del D. Komejan
2001	Stephanie L. Pinson
2002	Frank Di Giacomo
2003	Gary E. Griggs William H. McCloud
2004	Robert Brownstein
2005	William (Bill) Lochte
2007	Kim R. Green
2008	Jerome (Jerry) C. Premo
2009	Delon Hampton
2010	James G. Srygley
2011	Sharon Greene
2012	Clifford (Cliff) Henke
2013	Charles R. Wochele
2014	Raul V. Bravo

## OUTSTANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER

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2001	George H. Ivey, Jr. Jesse Oliver
2002	H. Welton Flynn
2003	James S. Barbour
2004	Mary K. Blue Leon L. Williams
2005	Huelon Harrison
2006	George F. Dixon, III
2007	F. Charles Emery
2008	Al French
2009	Gregory J. Nickels David M. Stackrow
2010	Flora M. Castillo
2011	Crystal Fortune Lyons
2012	Gregory A. (Greg) Evans, M.Ed. Lee Kemp
2013	Randall D. Chrisman
2014	Pasquale T. Deon, Sr.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

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1983	Dan Rostenkowski
1984	Alfonse M. D'Amato
1985	Ernest N. (Dutch) Morial
1986	Mark Andrews
1987	Glenn M. Anderson (NATIONAL) Thomas H. Kean (STATE)
1988	Bud Shuster (NATIONAL) Gerald Lee Baliles (STATE)
1989	William Lehman (NATIONAL) Isadore E. Lourie (STATE) James R. Mills (LOCAL)
1990	Robert R. Kiley (NATIONAL) Anthony W. Hall (STATE) George M. Smerk (LOCAL)
1991	Robert Roe (NATIONAL) Gerald H. Johnston (STATE/PROVINCE) Joseph Alexander (LOCAL)
1992	Brian W. Clymer (NATIONAL) William Donald Schaefer (STATE) Robert E. Ellis (LOCAL)

1993	Norman Y. Mineta (NATIONAL)
1994	Frank R. Lautenberg (NATIONAL) James J. Kerasiotes (STATE) Jacob V. Stuart (LOCAL)
1995	Mark Hatfield (NATIONAL) Henry L. Peyrebrune (STATE/PROVINCE) John Dockendorf (STATE) Rod Diridon (LOCAL)
1996	Frank Wolf (NATIONAL) Earl Blumenauer (LOCAL) Frankee Hellinger (LOCAL)
1997	Bud Shuster (NATIONAL) Tom Green (LOCAL) Dr. Carlos I. Pesquera (TERRITORY)
1998	Alfonse M. D'Amato (NATIONAL) Daniel T. Scannell (STATE) Richard S. Kelly (LOCAL)
1999	Paul S. Sarbanes (NATIONAL) Roy E. Barnes (STATE) Glenda E. Hood (LOCAL)
2000	James L. Oberstar (NATIONAL) Anne P. Canby (STATE)
2001	Thomas Petri (NATIONAL) Parris N. Glendening (STATE) Lee P. Brown (LOCAL)
2002	Robert F. Bennett (NATIONAL) Robert A. Borski (NATIONAL) Jeff Morales (STATE)
2003	Richard C. Shelby (NATIONAL) Don Young (NATIONAL) Robert J. Grow (LOCAL)
2004	Earl Blumenauer (NATIONAL) Doug Stoner (LOCAL)
2005	Bob Huff (LOCAL)
2006	Gerald E. (Gerry) Connolly (LOCAL)
2007	Lane Beattie (LOCAL)
2008	Julie Hamos (LOCAL)
2010	Mufi F. Hannemann (LOCAL)
2011	Cameron Beach (LOCAL)
2012	Anthony R. Villaraigosa (LOCAL)
2013	Daniel K. Inouye (STATE)
2014	Barbara Boxer (NATIONAL) Tom Petri (NATIONAL) Ed Pastor (LOCAL)



## OUTSTANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

1983	Winston-Salem Transit Authority Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle New Jersey Transit Corporation	1989	Chatham Area Transit Authority Fresno Area Express/FAX Long Beach Public Transit Corporation	1995	Durham Area Transit Authority OMNITRANS Foothill Transit British Columbia Transit
1984	Regional Transportation Commission/CITIFARE Pierce Transit Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	1990	St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission Duluth Transit Authority VIA Metropolitan Transit Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	1996	Boise Urban Stages LYNX-Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority Utah Transit Authority Dallas Area Rapid Transit New Jersey Transit Corporation Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority
1985	Blacksburg Transit Ann Arbor Transportation Authority Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority/Queen City Metro Toronto Transit Commission	1991	Athens Transit System Capital Area Transportation Authority San Diego Trolley, Inc. Westchester County Department of Transportation/The Bee-line System Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle	1997	Sarasota County Area Transit Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines Citizens Area Transit New Jersey Transit Corporation Metra Bi-State Development Agency Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority City of Charleston
1986	Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Utah Transit Authority Ottawa-Carleton Regional Transit Commission	1992	City Transit Company, Inc. Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines Sacramento Regional Transit District Metro-North Commuter Railroad Regional Transportation District	1998	CityLink-Abilene Transit System Metropolitan Transit Development Board Contract Services LYNX-Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority MTA Metro-North Railroad Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation Broward County Division of Mass Transit
1987	Alexandria Transit Company Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines Milwaukee County Transit System Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	1993	East Volusia Transportation Authority Peninsula Transportation District Commission Foothill Transit New Jersey Transit Corporation	1999	Montebello Bus Lines OMNITRANS Milwaukee County Transit System MTA Metro-North Railroad Bi-State Development Agency
1988	Beaver County Transit Authority Sun Tran San Mateo County Transit District Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon	1994	Laredo Municipal Transit System Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Oahu Transit Services Bi-State Development Agency		

2000	Laketran Access Services Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus Oahu Transit Services, Inc.
2001	Redding Area Bus Authority CityBus of Greater Lafayette Centre Area Transportation Authority MTA New York City Transit
2002	River Valley Metro Santa Clarita Transit Utah Transit Authority Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation
2003	ART-Arlington Transit Space Coast Area Transit Delaware Transit Corporation Regional Transportation District
2004	SouthWest Metro Transit Knoxville Area Transit Interurban Transit Partnership San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
2005	Laketran Muncie Indiana Transit System Sun Tran Orange County Transportation Authority
2006	Beaver County Transit Authority Stark Area Regional Transit Authority Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

2007	City of Elk Grove, Transit Services St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission Capital Area Transportation Authority Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
2008	Muncie Indiana Transit System GRTC Transit System Regional Transportation District
2009	Greater Lynchburg Transit Authority Intercity Transit San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
2010	Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority Société de transport de Montréal
2011	Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. Sun Metro Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus
2012	Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Metro Transit Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority
2013	Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority Interurban Transit Partnership GO Transit

2014	Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority Lane Transit District Utah Transit Authority
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## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM INNOVATION

1983	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
1984	Toronto Transit Commission
1985	Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle
1986	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
1987	Bi-State Development Agency
1988	Chittenden County Transportation Authority
1989	Los Angeles County Transportation Commission
1990	Southern California Rapid Transit District
1991	VIA Metropolitan Transit
1992	New York City Transit Authority
1993	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
1994	Bi-State Development Agency
1995	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County
1996	MTA New York City Transit
1997	New Jersey Transit Corporation
1998	Ann Arbor Transportation Authority
2000	New Jersey Transit Corporation
2001	Bi-State Development Agency
2002	Chicago Transit Authority Illinois Department of Transportation
2003	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
2004	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

- 2005 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
- 2006 York Region Rapid Transit Corporation
- 2007 Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority  
Utah Transit Authority
- 2008 Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
- 2009 Utah Transit Authority
- 2011 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
- 2012 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- 2014 Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Regional Transportation District

**SPECIAL AWARD  
FOR EXTRAORDINARY  
LEADERSHIP**

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2006 Dwight D. Brashear

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION  
FOR EXTRAORDINARY  
RECOVERY**

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2011 Regional Transit Authority, LA

**OUTSTANDING  
BUSINESS EXECUTIVE  
OF THE YEAR**

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2004 G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.  
2006 Carl Guardino  
2007 William F. Valentine  
2009 Tim Solso

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*Leadership*

*Integrity*

*Excellence*

*Diversity*

*Inclusiveness*

*Fairness and Equity*

*Teamwork*

*Professionalism*

*Accountability*

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