

TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Purpose

ITE's Transportation Achievement Awards are presented annually to recognize excellence in advancing transportation to meet human needs. These awards are open to a variety of entities, including governmental bodies including Tribes, consulting firms, private corporations, and other industry organizations. **In 2025 we began to recognize one individual.** One award may be presented in each of the six categories:

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| 1. Complete Streets | 4. Planning |
| 2. Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) | 5. Safety |
| 3. Traffic Engineering | 6. New! Individual (one award given annually) |

The Transportation Achievement Awards recognize an organization/entity/individual for one or more of the following accomplishments that occurred (predominantly) in the previous year:

1. Development of an innovative concept in the areas of Complete Streets, TSMO, Traffic Engineering, Planning, or Safety.
2. Implementation of a challenging transportation program through perseverance in its development and promotion.
3. A program or completed project having a significant effect on transportation.
4. A multi-faceted transportation program or project, combining many innovative and/or well-applied concepts. Project must be complete or significantly underway.
5. An initiative that promotes a major advancement in the efficiency and/or economy of transportation.
6. Projects that advance safety for *all* the travelling public, including pedestrians, cyclists, and users of alternate means of transport.
7. Innovative and effective application of elements such as roundabouts or speed humps.

Eligibility

The awards celebrate organizations and individuals that demonstrate innovative concepts, perseverance in implementing challenging transportation programs, or contributions that significantly impact transportation safety and efficiency. Submissions should highlight initiatives that advance multimodal transportation, improve public safety, and promote sustainable transportation solutions for all.

Category #6– Individual: District Awards Coordinators can now nominate one individual to be considered for the **new 6th category**, which recognizes a person who has demonstrated excellence in one of the areas of transportation. This is not meant to be a lifetime achievement-type award. The criteria for individuals mirrors the other categories; therefore, this person would have individually done something in the previous year that fits one or more of these criteria:

- Developed an innovative concept in the areas of Complete Streets, TSMO, Traffic Engineering, Planning, or Safety.
- Implemented a challenging transportation program through perseverance in its development and promotion.
- Led a program or completed an innovative project having a significant effect on transportation.
- Developed or led an initiative that promotes a major advancement in the efficiency and/or economy of transportation.
- Created/Developed/Led a successful project or initiative that advances safety for all the travelling public, including pedestrians, cyclists, and users of alternate means of transport.
- Pioneered/Developed/Led innovative and effective applications of a transportation element such as roundabouts or speed humps.

Where applicable, they may be presented with one of ITE's Legacy Awards—the Troy A. Peoples Award for Traffic Engineering, the Edmund R. Ricker Award for Safety, or the John LaPlante Award for Pedestrian and Bicycle work.

Award

Award will consist of a trophy or plaque presented at the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibition Awards Luncheon, as well as recognition in *ITE Journal*.

Submission/Nomination Process via District Awards Coordinator

All nominations for ITE's Transportation Achievement Awards **must be** submitted by your ITE District Awards Coordinator. The submittal should be in PDF format and limited to a total of five pages describing the achievement (including graphics) and indicate how the nominee's project/program/initiative meets the criteria for the award. Multiple categories may be selected when entering a submission; however, entrants may only be recognized in one category.

To be considered for recognition, District Awards Coordinators must submit nominations as one PDF **by April 1** via <https://ite-awards.secure-platform.com/a/>. **NOTE:** There should be **only one submission per District per category**. ITE members should submit nominations to your District Award Coordinator by **March 10**. District Coordinators should upload nominations to ITE's awards portal by **April 1**.

ONLY submissions uploaded by District Awards Coordinators will be considered.

Judging

Nominations are evaluated by a committee comprised of ITE Board members—the Transportation Achievement Awards Committee and Council Chairs.

Judging Criteria

- **30 points** – Application of innovative ideas
- **30 points** – Exhibits a commitment to the advancement of the profession
- **30 points** – Strong applicability to the industry
- **10 points** – Well-balanced scope and format