

## **TTA Award Criteria**

### **Outstanding Metropolitan Transit System**

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

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### **Outstanding Small Urban Transit System**

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

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### **Outstanding Rural Transit System**

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

- Enhanced safety measures
  - Development of Coordination planning and practices
  - Efficiencies in operating procedures
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### **Outstanding Customer Service Employee**

- Development of effective marketing programs
  - Implementation of effective and productive policies and procedures
  - Promotion of positive relations and contributions to their community
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### **Outstanding Associate Member**

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

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### **Outstanding Public Transportation General Manager**

A transit manager employed by any public transportation system in Texas. This award honors a public transportation manager who has made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry. Each nomination should include, but not be limited to:

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

An individual employed by the Texas Department of Transportation as a District PTC who works with the public transportation agencies. This award honors a public transportation coordinator who has made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry. Each nomination should include, but not be limited to:

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

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

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### **Distinguished Service Award**

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

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

•The period of time during which the individual made the contribution

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### **Rising Star Award**

This award may be given to any young employee in the field of transit, age 30 and younger for exemplary or innovative work to further public transit in Texas.

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### **Friend of Transit Award**

This award may be given to any individual who does not work for a public transit agency, but has gone above and beyond to further transit or a Texas transit agency.

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### **Transit Innovation Award**

This award may be given to any Texas Transit agency who has done new and innovative projects in the field of technology.

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### **Who May Nominate**

Nominations may be made by any individual employed by a transit agency, an official of a transit agency, a regular or an associate member of Texas Transit Association, any TxDOT employee who works with the public transportation industry, any elected official or employee of local, city, or county governments. An organization may self nominate. You may make a nomination in more than one category. Please use separate forms for each nomination.

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### **Awards Committee**

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

For more information contact the TTA office.