

WTS San Diego Chapter 2014 Annual Award Winners

Woman of the Year



Afsaneh Sunnie House, PE

Sunnie has been a member of WTS for 25 years, serving on the boards of the Los Angeles and San Diego chapters and the International Board of Directors. She served as the International President of WTS from 2004 to 2006. In November 2010, she was honored by the WTS Los Angeles Chapter as one of top 25 most influential women in the region's transportation industry.

Member of the Year



Dana C. Hook, PE

Dana Hook has served the transportation industry for over 15 years, focusing heavily on public transportation, business development, and mentoring. She served as the 2012-2014 Chair of the WTS International Board of Directors. Under her leadership, WTS formalized the Student Chapter ratification process, and implemented the regional WTS model program, strengthening the link between chapters and opening more leadership opportunities.

Pursuit of Excellence in Transportation



Bill Figge

Bill Figge has been with the California Department of Transportation's District 11 (San Diego and Imperial counties) Planning Division for more than 30 years. Bill holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning and a master's degree in City Planning. He is a long-standing member of the American Planning Association and recently achieved certification by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award



Teresa Wilkinson

Teresa Wilkinson has been a member of the San Diego transportation and planning community for over 25 years. Teresa got her bachelor's degree in the Public Administration and Urban Planning program at the University of Southern California in 1989, and went on to obtain her master's degree in Latin American Studies at San Diego State University in 2003.

Employer of the Year



CDM Smith

As a full-service consulting, engineering, construction, and operations firm, CDM Smith provides lasting and integrated solutions in water, environment, transportation, energy and facilities to public and private clients worldwide. In California specifically, CDM Smith houses 283 full-time employees and 108 women in five offices strategically located in Carlsbad, Irvine, Los Angeles, Rancho Cucamonga, and San Francisco.

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award Plans, Programs, Policies



Steer Clear / DORmegeeddon

In 2013, Caltrans District 11 and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) developed a public awareness campaign encouraging motorists to "Steer Clear" of two major freeways during required closures due to construction activities. As a result, traffic was reduced by 13 percent during the I-15 closure and by an estimated 50 percent during the I-805 closure. Work was completed and the freeways reopened in time for the morning commute.

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award Transit & Roadway Project



Interstate 805/Carroll Canyon Road Extension Project

The Interstate 805/Carroll Canyon Road Extension Project constructed two miles of carpool lanes on I-805, built a Direct access Ramp (DAR) at Carroll Canyon Road, added a bus priority lane for future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on I-805, and created a new access road for nearby businesses. The project was a partnership with Caltrans District 11, Caltrans Office of Bridge Design – South, the FHWA, and the City of San Diego.

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award Alternative Modes & Active Transportation



Santa Fe Pedestrian Underpass

The Santa Fe Pedestrian Underpass project improves pedestrian access, circulation, and safety across the San Diego portion of the busy Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor. The project was a partnership between the City of Encinitas, SANDAG, NCTD, and Caltrans.