



WTS SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

2015 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Woman of the Year

Renita Mollman, PE

Renita is Vice President in charge of the California region of Burns & McDonnell, with offices in San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles Counties, and the San Francisco Bay Area. If you've traveled to an airport in the US, chances are you've landed on a runway where she has made her mark as an engineer and project manager. Renita, through her efforts in the advancement of STEM education and her mentorship of young minority and women engineers, has contributed to the advancement of women and minorities in her chosen field.



Member of the Year

Tuere Fa'aola

Tuere is a Professional Transportation Planner and Project Manager with IBI Group working in the industry for over 12 years, in both the public and private sectors. She's served tirelessly as a member of the WTS Board for over 10 years, most recently as the 2013-2014 San Diego Chapter President. She is currently serving on the WTS International Circle of Excellence Committee, and is the founder of our chapter's Mentorship Committee. With her involvement, our chapter focused on improving offerings for membership and increasing professional development for our board, resulting in membership nearly doubling in size.



Pursuit of Excellence in Transportation

Dave Schumacher

Dave is a Principal Planner at SANDAG, working on public transportation and land use planning issues for more than 30 years. Dave is a founding member of WalkSanDiego. He has recently become a board member of the City Heights Community Development Corporation. Dave has played a key role in increasing diversity in the WTS San Diego Chapter membership over the years. He advocates for the professional growth of his staff and encourages development of flexible schedules that allow people to have a strong work/family balance.



Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award

John Mendivil

John is the Consultant Services Coordinator at City of San Diego and President of the Latino City Employees Association, an organization promoting opportunities for recruiting Latinos for future employment. He is also a long standing member of the Public Agency Consortium, a coordinated body of Small Business Outreach and Equal Opportunity Contracting representatives of public agencies serving the Greater San Diego Region. John's leadership meets WTS goals and mission by his passion to help to shape future generations of leaders and diverse professionals in our community.



Employer of the Year

Kimley-Horn

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Kimley-Horn is a multi-discipline, employee-owned engineering, planning, and environmental services firm with over 2,500 employees in more than 80 offices nationwide. Kimley-Horn plans and designs roadways and bridges, airport runways and transportation systems, traffic signals, water/sewer systems, parking, transit systems, and more. The firm is made up of civil, transportation, and systems engineers; urban and land planners; environmental specialists; landscape architects and urban designers; and computer/systems specialists. Kimley-Horn lives up to our core purpose, "to provide exceptional client service and an environment for our people to flourish."

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award, Transportation Plan (Large)

I-5 North Coast Corridor & Public Works Plan



Caltrans District 11 and the San Diego Association of Governments are working in collaboration with the cities of San Diego, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Carlsbad and Oceanside to implement a comprehensive program customized for the North Coast Corridor that provides travel choices for residents, commuters, and visitors.

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award, Transportation Plan (Small)

City Heights Urban Greening Plan

City Heights' Urban Greening Plan recognizes the importance of street design with connectivity for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit riders. It highlights four planning and design elements: urban forestry, urban runoff, multi-modal connectivity, and urban open space. These can be combined to create streets with comfortable, shaded walkways; promote efficient use of water; improve water quality; and provide safe connections for walking, biking, transit, and driving.



Innovative Transportation Solutions Award, Transit & Roadway (Large)

Mid-City Rapid



SANDAG led the planning, design, construction, and public outreach for the street and station improvements for the Mid-City Rapid, in partnership with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System. More than new bus stations, the project included extensive infrastructure upgrades that dramatically improved the curb appeal and accessibility around each station. SANDAG and MTS successfully implemented the project, revitalizing some of San Diego's oldest, densely populated, and ethnically diverse communities.

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award, Transit & Roadway (Small)

City of Oceanside Mission Avenue Complete Streets

The City of Oceanside embraced the concept of Complete Streets in its recently approved Circulation Element. A 4-block section of Mission Avenue was transformed from a four-lane two-way street to a two-lane one-way street (westbound), providing for all modes of transportation. The goal was to revitalize this commercial corridor to benefit local businesses by encouraging people to get out of their cars to walk and shop this aesthetically pleasing street.



Innovative Transportation Solutions Award, Alternative Modes & Active Transportation

National City Community Corridors Project



National City's Community Corridors Project includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Coolidge Avenue, 18th Street, D Avenue, and 4th Street corridors. The goal was to enhance safety and accessibility while increasing the comfort of pedestrians and cyclists through traffic calming measures, innovative traffic control devices, bicycle infrastructure, and pedestrian safety enhancements. The Project implements various new improvements to the region, and has received wide-spread community support.