

Memorandum

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Subject: **2006 CALTRANS EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION AWARDS**

SUMMARY:

The 2006 Excellence in Transportation Awards winning projects were selected from projects produced by the California Department of Transportation (Department) as well as by local and regional transportation organizations and consultant firms. A panel of judges who are experts in the transportation industry reviewed and assessed the projects to determine those that exemplified excellence. At one time or another, all or a component of each project came before the California Transportation Commission for approval of funding. To celebrate the excellence in transportation that these projects provide for the traveling public and the communities that house them, a Powerpoint presentation will be presented at the meeting showing pictures of the winning projects, with acknowledgement to contributing agencies and the panel of judges.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1986, the Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Awards program has recognized outstanding design, construction, technology innovation, environmental planning, and transportation system operation. Winners are selected from a field of entrants in thirteen categories by an independent panel of jurors, all experts in the transportation industry. The competition is open to local and public agencies, Department districts, as well as private sector consultants. The awards are presented to winners by the Department districts in which the project resides.

A list of last year's winning projects and organizations follows:

2006 Excellence in Transportation Winners

<u>INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>City of Elk Grove e-tran</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Elk Grove
<u>THE HIGHWAY (RURAL)</u>	<u>Pleasant Valley Road Interchange</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans District 7
<u>THE HIGHWAY (URBAN)</u>	<u>Route 37 Freeway Project</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans District 4 • O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. • MCM Construction
<u>MAJOR STRUCTURES</u>	<u>North Torrey Pines Road Bridge at Los Penasquitos Creek</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of San Diego • T.Y. Lin International • Caltrans District 11 • Caltrans Structures Local Assistance
<u>THE ENVIRONMENT</u>	<u>I-5/Santa Clara River Bridge Bat Habitat</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans District 7 – Division of Environmental Planning
<u>TRANSPORTATION RELATED FACILITIES</u>	<u>I-405/Jeffrey Trail Overcrossing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans District 12 • City of Irvine • RBF Consulting
<u>SYSTEM OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Intelligent Transportation System</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans District 7 – Division of Operations • Crosstown Electrical and Data Inc. • CT&F Inc.

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<p><u>SAFETY</u></p>	<p><u>State Route 163 Median Barrier & Corridor Management Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans District 11
<p><u>HISTORIC PRESERVATION CULTURAL ENHANCEMENT</u></p>	<p><u>Fresno Santa Fe Depot Rehabilitation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnson Architecture • Caltrans – Division of Rail • City of Fresno • Congressman Jim Costa
<p><u>MAINTENANCE – OPERATIONS OR EQUIPMENT</u></p>	<p><u>“Balsi Beam” – A New Mobile Work Zone Protective Device</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans – Division of Equipment • Caltrans – Division of Maintenance • Caltrans – Division of Research & Innovation
<p><u>CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS</u></p>	<p><u>Route 101 Central Freeway Replacement Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans • Proven Management, Inc. • San Francisco Department of Public Works • San Francisco County Transportation Authority
<p><u>TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIONS</u></p>	<p><u>Route 710 Long Life Pavement Reconstruction Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans District 7 – Division of Construction • California Highway Patrol • Excel Paving
<p><u>PUBLIC AWARENESS</u></p>	<p><u>“Slow for the Cone Zone” Public Awareness Campaign</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans Headquarters Public Affairs • Crocker/Flanagan • ProProse • PennySaver