



## Project of the Year Awards

The Southern California Chapter of APWA (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties) will be granting awards to deserving **public agencies** for outstanding public works **projects** or **programs**.

**Purpose:** The Southern California Chapter Project of the Year Award Program was established to:

- Recognize public agencies for outstanding capital improvement projects and public works programs
- Share the good ideas displayed in these projects and programs with other APWA members

**Award Categories:** Awards will be given in the following categories:

- **Transportation:** Street improvements including highways, freeways, capacity enhancements, interchanges, widenings, extensions or new roadways, bridges, retaining or sound walls, and congestion mitigation.
- **Traffic, Mobility & Beautification:** Traffic engineering related projects such as calming measures; signals, ITS, and synchronization; mobility improvements for bikes, pedestrians, and ADA accessibility; beautification projects such as streetscape, median island, parkway landscape, and hardscape improvements.
- **Drainage, Water and Wastewater:** New, replacement or upgrade projects related to storm drain, domestic or reclaimed water, and wastewater/sanitary sewer systems including pipelines, basins, treatment and pump stations.
- **Facilities:** Facilities including parking structures, transit facilities, rail stations, recycling facilities, fiber optics, energy generation & substations, zoos, communications, and public works yards.
- **Buildings:** Occupied structures including libraries, civic centers, senior centers, theaters, community centers, hospitals, fire stations and police stations.
- **Recreation and Athletic Facilities:** New, renovated, or modernized parks, outdoor theaters & amphitheaters, playgrounds, sports facilities & fields, nature trails, and aquatic facilities.
- **Storm Water Quality:** New or retrofitted projects with storm water quality features, storm water treatment, implementation of Green Street technologies, and NPDES related projects.
- **Creative and Innovative.** Show or demonstrate resourcefulness or the use of imagination to create a new idea as it relates to projects, energy conservation, or public works operations, management and technology.

**Award Divisions:** The awards are given in five divisions agencies that serve populations of the following sizes:

- Up to 50,000
- 50,000 to 100,000
- 100,000 to 200,000
- Over 200,000
- Regional Agency/Company (such as Counties, Caltrans, Ports, JPAs, COGs, MPOs and Utilities)

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**Selection Criteria:** The awards application requires brief input on the three areas: performance, uniqueness and quality of life. Your project or program should be unique or outstanding in one or more of these, as described below:

- **Project Performance:** Achieved the project goals; delivered on schedule; demonstrated cost effectiveness; cooperation amongst agencies, consultants and contractor; public involvement & awareness. *(75 words)*
- **Unique Aspects:** Innovative features through the planning and execution of the project/program that sets it apart. *(150 words)*
- **Quality of Life:** Results in a positive impact to the community, including residents, businesses and visitors; sustainable features and environmentally sensitive solutions; provides a new, or improves an existing, service to the community. *(150 words)*

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use between September 1 of last year and September 1 of this year. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will apply to the final phase or segment of work.

There is a maximum of one award per category, per agency, per year. There is no limit to the number of submittals per agency. An agency can receive no more than 3 awards. The selection committee reserves the right to move applicants between categories that may better align with the project.

**Nomination Process:** Nominations must be submitted by an APWA member. Award nominations are available on-line at the APWA website: <http://southernca.apwa.net>. A separate application must be used for each award submittal. Applications will not be returned.

**Submittal Requirements:** To qualify for consideration, all nominations must be submitted as follows:

1. Complete the online nomination form. All sections must be completed, or the nomination will not be accepted. No handwritten submittals accepted.
2. Attach one PowerPoint slide only, not PDF, that contains the following information. If successful, this slide will be used at the Awards presentation.
  - a. Name of the Project/Program
  - b. Picture of the Project/Program
  - c. Agency Name
  - d. Agency’s Logo
3. Attach **(in PDF format)** any supporting documentation, such as photographs, newspaper stories, other awards, etc. *Please limit to 5 pages*. This is optional, but highly recommended.

**Questions:** Please contact the Chapter Awards Committee at [melissa.demirci@transtech.org](mailto:melissa.demirci@transtech.org)

*Reminders for the consultant community:*

*APWA appreciates the key role you may have had in delivering a project or program. Please understand however that the BEST Awards recognize the agencies and the applications should be reflective of this.*

*If you are preparing an application on behalf of an agency, please be sure to coordinate with the agency staff so they are informed of the application and to avoid duplicating efforts.*