

*National Friend
of Transit*

- 2008** *Congresswoman Betty McCollum,
Fourth District Minnesota*
- 2006** *American Public Transit Association*
- 1998** *Congressman Rod Grams &
Congressman James Oberstar*
- 1995** *Ream Lazaro*
- 1990** *William Henderson*
- 1988** *National Association of Specialized
Transportation Alternatives*
- 1986** *David Raphael and Rural America*

*The Minnesota Public Transit
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**TRANSIT AWARDS
PROGRAM**
Rochester, Minnesota

2010 Transit Awards

Transit Professional of the Year

National Friend of Transit: *Congressman Tim Walz
First Congressional District*

Friend of Transit: *Rep. Frank Hornstein, Minnesota
House of Representatives*

Transit System of the Year: *University of Minnesota
Transportation Services*

Distinguished Career: *Kris Barrett, DARTS*

Management Innovation: *Minnesota Valley Transit Authority
University of Minnesota ITS Institute*

Transit Professional of the Year: *Jim Heilig,
Duluth Transit Authority*

Minnesota Bus Operator of the Year: *Duane Dufner,
St. Cloud Metro Bus*

2009 *Mark Anderson*

2008 *No Award*

2007 *Bernadette "Bernie" Struck*

2006 *Deborah Little*

2005 *Larry Rolf*

2004 *Leonard Simich*

2003 *Mark Hoisser*

2002 *Connie Donaldson*

2001 *Linda Elfstrand*

2000 *David Jacobson,
Sandy Otto*

1999 *Arthur Leahy*

1998 *Bob Ulland*

1997 *Jacqueline S. Forner*

1996 *Brian Lamb*

1995 *Bob Apitz, Deb Fick*

1994 *Debra Schroeder,
Linda Ness*

1993 *Aaron Isaacs*

1992 *Michael Christenson*

1991 *Jeanette Aguirre,
Greg Failor*

1990 *Natalio Diaz*

1989 *Matthew C. Peterson*

1988 *David Tripp,
John R. Farrell*

1987 *Judy Byman,
Joyce Lundstrom*

1986 *Steve Griesert,
Dan Holter*

1985 *Dennis Jensen*

This award is presented to individuals who have designed and implemented a specific program demonstrating innovative concepts or effective problem solving techniques of proven value. The recipient of this award will be employed by a transit system that is a member in good standing of the Minnesota Public Transit Association.

Transit System of the Year

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| 2009 Duluth Transit Authority | 1998 Dawson Heartland Express |
| 2008 SouthWest Transit,
Eden Prairie | 1997 Plymouth Metrolink |
| 2007 Paul Bunyan Transit ,
Bemidji | 1996 River Rider Heartland
Express, Sherburne & Wright
Counties |
| 2006 Pipestone County Transit | 1995 Maple Grove Transit |
| 2005 St. Cloud Metro Bus | 1994 Arrowhead Transit |
| 2004 Kandiyohi Area Transit | 1993 Rock County Heartland
Express |
| 2003 City of Rochester
Public Transit | 1992 MN Valley Transit Authority,
Apple Valley |
| 2002 Metro Mobility, Metropolitan
Council, St. Paul | 1991 Chisago County Heartland
Express |
| 2001 Rum River Transportation
Collaborative, Inc. | 1990 LeSueur Heartland Express |
| 2000 Rainbow Rider - Douglas,
Pope, Stevens & Traverse
Counties | 1989 Moorhead Area Transit |
| 1999 Southwest Metro Transit
Commission, Eden Prairie | 1988 Northfield Transit Service |
| | 1987 Benson Public Transit |
| | 1986 Winona Transit System,
Winona & Goodview |

This award is given to the organization which has demonstrated achievement in efficiency and effectiveness, including reports on ridership, cost, safety, maintenance proficiency, agency policy and administration and the organization's achievement of its goals and objectives. This award is given to systems that are in good standing with the Minnesota Public Transit Association.

Management Innovation

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| 2009 | Troy Beam & Alan Hermann, Smart Link |
| 2008 | Scott County Transit,
ADA/STS Complimentary Paratransit Service |
| 2007 | Duluth Transit Authority |
| 2004 | Duluth Transit Authority |
| 2003 | Jim Anderson, Mn/DOT |
| 2002 | Transit Control Center, Core Project Team,
Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council |
| 2001 | No Award |
| 2000 | Southwest Metro Transit Commission/
Laidlaw Transit, Inc. |

This award is presented to individuals or organizations that have implemented a project that is innovative to the field of transit or have established a creative new partnership or method of addressing transit-related concerns of transit users. Consideration is given to projects demonstrating measurable results such as increased ridership, lower costs, new markets served, etc. The recipient(s) of this award will be part of a collaboration or other effort with a transit system that is a member in good standing of the Minnesota Public Transit Association.

Distinguished Career

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| 2009 <i>Jacqueline Forner
Sam L. Jacobs</i> | 1997 <i>Hazel Sitz</i> |
| 2008 <i>Donna Allan,
Mary Fosston</i> | 1996 <i>Barbara Latham Lussier</i> |
| 2007 <i>Bob Works</i> | 1995 <i>Michael Ehrlichman</i> |
| 2006 <i>Aaron Isaacs</i> | 1994 <i>Randal Halvorson</i> |
| 2005 <i>Natalio Diaz,
Richard Graham</i> | 1993 <i>Shirley Briffett,
Jim Heilig</i> |
| 2004 <i>Sandra Otto</i> | 1992 <i>Judy Hollander</i> |
| 2003 <i>Loren Ewert</i> | 1991 <i>John Capell</i> |
| 2002 <i>John Dillery</i> | 1990 <i>John Morley</i> |
| 2001 <i>Judy Hutchinson</i> | 1989 <i>Ray C. Olson,
Jack C. House</i> |
| 2000 <i>John Sweeney</i> | 1988 <i>Doug Differt</i> |
| 1999 <i>Bette Undis</i> | 1987 <i>Jim Lorentz</i> |
| 1998 <i>Roger Huss</i> | 1986 <i>Richard Braun</i> |
| | 1985 <i>Lou Olson,
Charlotte Wicklund</i> |

This award is presented to individuals who, by length of service and cumulative contributions of innovation, leadership or advocacy, have significantly improved public transit in Minnesota. The recipient of this award will have spent part of his/her career working for or working with a transit system who is a member in good standing of the Minnesota Public Transit Association.

Friend of Transit

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| 2009 <i>Representative Terry Morrow</i> | 1995 <i>Senator Carol Flynn</i> |
| 2008 <i>Senator Scott Dibble,
Representative Kathy Tingelstad,
Commissioner Arne Engstrom</i> | 1994 <i>Congressman James Oberstar,
Marina Vork</i> |
| 2007 <i>Representative Shelley Madore</i> | 1993 <i>Senator Keith Langseth</i> |
| 2006 <i>Senator Keith Langseth</i> | 1992 <i>Dean Massett,
William Crawford</i> |
| 2005 <i>Representative Ron Erhardt,
Senator Sharon Marko</i> | 1991 <i>Ruth Franklin, Morris Benson</i> |
| 2004 <i>Commissioner
Peter McLaughlin</i> | 1990 <i>Fred Corrigan</i> |
| 2003 <i>Senator Dean Johnson</i> | 1989 <i>John E. Derus,
Representative Henry Kalis</i> |
| 2002 <i>Governor Jesse Ventura</i> | 1988 <i>Natalie Haas Steffen,
Senator Gary DeCramer</i> |
| 2001 <i>Senator Dean Johnson</i> | 1987 <i>Phyllis W. McQuaid,
Representative Bernie Lieder</i> |
| 2000 <i>No Award</i> | 1986 <i>Senator Keith Langseth,
Representative Bob Gunther</i> |
| 1999 <i>Senator Janet Johnson,
Representative Dan McElroy</i> | 1985 <i>Congressman James Oberstar,
Senator Steve Novak</i> |
| 1998 <i>Mayo Clinic and
Transportation Staff</i> | 1984 <i>Bill Hopkins, Helen Wilke</i> |
| 1997 <i>Representative Bernie Lieder</i> | 1983 <i>Senator Clarence Purfeerst,
Carolyn Rodriquez</i> |
| 1996 <i>Congressman
Martin Olav Sabo</i> | |

This award is presented to individuals or organizations distinguishing themselves through exceptional service toward the development and improvement of public transit in Minnesota by policy or legislative initiatives and leadership.