

## METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

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RE: 2016 MTC Excellence in Motion Awards Program

MTC is once again seeking nominations for its Excellence in Motion Awards program. Held every two years, the awards recognize people, programs and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the way people get around in the Bay Area. Since its inception in 1977, the transportation awards have recognized both day-to-day and long-term efforts to improve transportation in the region.

Nominations are being accepted through the MTC website or in paper form through Monday, April 4, 2016. A press release, flyer and emails will be distributed to alert the public, as well as ongoing social media posts and notices in our enewsletter.

In addition to awards of merit and its Grand Award, MTC also hands out trophies in the following specially-named categories:

- The Doris W. Kahn Accessible Transportation Award honors a person or organization whose efforts have resulted in significant improvement in transportation services for the elderly or persons with disabilities.
- The Greta Ericson Distinguished Service Award recognizes long-term, quality leadership in the transportation profession.
- The Miriam Gholikely Public Service Award recognizes extraordinary accomplishments in the field of community service, volunteerism, advocacy, leadership and/or minority affairs.
- The David Tannehill Special Employee Award is intended for a transportation employee who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

A jury of MTC Commissioners, staff and the general public will deliberate and select the winners in June. A ceremony honoring the winners is currently scheduled for October 25, 2016.

More information on the program (including the online nomination form) can be found at <a href="http://www.mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/awards">http://www.mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/awards</a>. To obtain a paper copy of the nomination form, call the MTC Public Information Office at 510-817-5757.

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