

SACOG HONORS REGION'S BEST AT AWARDS CEREMONY

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SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento Area Council of Governments today honored outstanding regional efforts in transportation, smart-growth planning and air quality as part of the 2006 SACOG Salutes! Regional Awards Program.

The high-profile awards were presented to individuals and organizations whose achievements and innovations made a significant difference in the Sacramento region in 2006.

“As the Sacramento region continues to grow, innovators in the public and private sectors are striving to create more livable communities,” SACOG Chair Heather Fargo said. “Each winner has made contributions that will enhance the quality of life in our region for years to come.”

The 2006 Regional Award winners are:

Bill Hughes Elected Official of the Year Award: Rancho Cordova City Councilman David Sander, Ph.D., for leadership excellence in regional transportation and local civic engagement.

Regional Employee of the Year: Capitol Corridor Managing Director Gene Skoropowski, for providing convenient rail service to the Bay Area, evidenced by being the third-busiest passenger rail route in the country.

Project of the Year: City and County of Sacramento, for developing pedestrian master plans that provide a comprehensive vision for improving pedestrian conditions over the next several decades.

Blueprint Excellence Award: City of Roseville, for the Riverside Gateway Project, for building housing close to jobs and transit—an example of how to redevelop commercial corridors throughout the region.

Blueprint Excellence Award: City of Rancho Cordova’s General Plan, which establishes a vision of dense and diverse neighborhoods that integrate varied land uses to create an engaging urban form.

Regional Organization of the Year: Sacramento Tree Foundation, for its contributions to improving the urban forest through its shade tree program and Greenprint initiative.

Business of the Year: 50 Mobility Partnership, for contributions to reducing congestion, improving mobility and facilitating smart development through public-private collaboration.

SACOG instituted the annual awards program in 1999 to honor outstanding regional work by organizations, businesses and individuals. For further information on the awards, categories and past recipients, please visit: <http://www.sacog.org/about/categories.cfm> or contact Rebecca Thornton Sloan at 916-321-9000.

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