



SACOG SALUTES

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING
AND INNOVATIVE LAND-USE,
TRANSPORTATION AND
AIR QUALITY PLANNING,
PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVISM.

NOMINATIONS OPEN OCTOBER 1-31 | [SACOG.ORG/SALUTES](https://www.sacog.org/salutes)

NOMINATE OUTSTANDING AND INNOVATIVE EFFORTS IN TRANSPORTATION, LAND-USE PLANNING AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN THE SACRAMENTO REGION FOR THE 2016 SACOG SALUTES AWARDS.

Nominations from rural, suburban and urban areas are encouraged. Both public and private agencies are eligible. **Nominations open October 1–31.** To view criteria and submit a nomination, please go to www.sacog.org/salutes or for questions contact Rosie Ramos 916.340.6208 or rramos@sacog.org.

THE BILL HUGHES ELECTED OFFICIAL AWARD

Bill Hughes was the driving force in the expansion of the SACOG Board, bringing voices from all of the region's cities and counties to the table. He was a tremendous supporter of the Blueprint project and was chair of the SACOG Board at the time of his sudden passing in 2003. This category recognizes leadership excellence by an elected official* who has made a significant contribution to transportation, air quality improvement, or land-use planning in the Sacramento region at the local, state, regional, or federal level.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Activities that promoted regional cooperation in the Sacramento region;
- Significant accomplishments and actions throughout tenure;
- Consensus building and public service; and
- Civic engagement activities, public education, policy recommendations and/or leadership that enhances smart growth, economic development, job creation, and social equity.

**Current SACOG Board members are not eligible*

BLUEPRINT EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Blueprint project is a multi-year study to optimize our transportation system through integrated land-use planning. This category recognizes a project implemented or completed in calendar years 2014, 2015, or 2016, organization, or business for unique approaches to smart growth. The nomination can be for a general plan, complete project, or program that addresses at least four of the following selection criteria and promotes the increased integration of transportation and land-use planning.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Provides a variety of transportation choices;
- Offers housing choices and opportunities;
- Takes advantage of compact development;
- Uses existing assets;
- Mixes land-uses;
- Conserves open space, farmland, and natural beauty through natural resources planning;
- Encourages distinctive, attractive communities with quality design; and
- Enhances economic development, smart growth, and local/regional connectivity.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

This category is for not-for-profit organizations or government agencies that have achieved overall excellence and made a significant effort to address, inform, and/or educate the public about transportation, air quality improvement, or smart-growth issues.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Stellar public involvement campaigns;
- Innovative transportation, air quality, and/or smart-growth plans or programs; and
- Integration of new technology applications in practices, education and/or in informing decision making processes at the local, regional, state or federal level.

REGIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR

This category recognizes a project completed or implemented in calendar years 2014, 2015, or 2016 that has made a significant contribution to the region in transportation, air quality, and/or smart growth.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Positive regional and local impacts;
- Significant public input;
- Environmental compatibility; and
- Quality design.

REGIONAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This category recognizes private businesses that have made significant contributions to the region in transportation, air quality, and/or smart growth.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Innovative projects, programs, or events held by the nominee to educate,

promote, or acknowledge programs in transportation, air quality, and/or smart growth externally or internally within the business

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

This category recognizes an individual employee of an organization or business who has made a significant contribution in the region in transportation, air quality, and/or smart growth.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Contributions to the region through professional involvement.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This category recognizes a private citizen who participates and demonstrates leadership in public involvement activities of transportation, air quality, and/or land-use planning activities.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Contributions to the region through civic involvement and outreach and education to others in the community.

MARY BRILL YOUTH EXCELLENCE

This category recognizes an individual or group of individuals in grades kindergarten through 12 who have made significant efforts on a project or campaign to promote peer education, engagement and behavior change in transportation, land use or air quality.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Engagement and education of peers in land use, transportation, or air quality;
- Program or campaign that educates or encourages peers to become active in land use, transportation, or air quality or supports behavior change; and
- Longevity of program and ability for other youth in the region to participate or replicate.



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