

The Rural Mobility Champion Award

To be presented at the
23rd National Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference
Breckenridge, Colorado
September 30 – October 3, 2018

Nomination Deadline: July 15, 2018

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Research Board's Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Committee has established the "Rural Mobility Champion Award" to honor individuals who have made significant achievements in improving transportation services in communities in rural America. This award is established in parallel with the Committee's Roger Tate Is Smiling Award, which is awarded to individuals who are recognized for their contributions to rural transportation improvements on a national scale.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive the Rural Mobility Champion Award, a person must be involved in improving transportation services in rural communities through activities such as service provision, advocacy, planning, administration, education and training, or research and demonstrations. Involvement can be at the local, state, or federal/national level in public or private sectors. The focus of this award is on significant and measurable improvements in transportation services now being offered to people in rural communities.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE AWARD DEMONSTRATED BY THE NOMINEE:

1. A passionate commitment to improving rural transportation opportunities and operations for people in rural communities.
2. The ability to recognize needs and problems in their community and to implement workable ideas and solutions that contribute to improved or expanded rural mobility services or programs.
3. Being able to positively influence local and/or state leaders to support local rural mobility programs through advice, advocacy, agreements, education, legislation, or training.

4. A record of championing rural mobility causes without the necessity of receiving personal recognition or gain.

THE NOMINATION AND AWARD PROCESS

Nominations should, at a minimum, include a description of how the nominee meets or exceeds each of the qualifications mentioned above. Additional consideration will be given to persons who are recognized as someone whose contributions were so significant that local rural mobility improvements might not have been possible without their efforts. **Specific examples are required** and supporting materials from the nominator or others are welcome. You must provide

- the name, title, and complete contact information for the nominee, and
- the name and contact information of the individual submitting the nomination.

Nominations may be submitted to a designated contact person on the Transportation Research Board's Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Committee by any person or group involved in any way in rural public, intercity bus, or human services transportation. For 2016, nominations should be submitted by email to Jon Burkhardt at this address: JonBurkhardt@comcast.net.

This award will be presented in person at the Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference. The recipient(s) of this award will be eligible for scholarship(s) that will help defray the costs of attending the Conference where this award will be presented.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

*Nominations for 2018 must be submitted by **July 15, 2018**.*

JUDGING PROCESS

The Rural Mobility Champion Award selection committee will be established bi-annually by TRB's Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Committee. Committee members nominated for the award may not serve on the selection committee. A representative of TRB will review the nominations received by the deadline and will advise the Committee if any members of the selection committee have been nominated.