

Project of the Year Award

Ontario Traffic Council

Transportation Planning Committee

INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Traffic Council (OTC) Transportation Planning Committee is pleased to announce a call for nominations for our Project of the Year Award! This award is intended to acknowledge and showcase excellence undertaken in the field of transportation planning by the public or private sector. It will be presented at the OTC's 68th Annual Conference in Kingston on May 8, 2018.

Projects eligible for nomination can stem from a variety of initiatives within the transportation planning field such as:

- Long-range transportation planning studies;
- Master plans;
- Environmental assessment studies;
- Macro, meso and/or micro transportation modelling projects;
- Corridor improvement/complete street studies;
- Transit planning studies;
- Active transportation plans;
- Transportation Demand Management including parking studies;
- Network performance and monitoring reports.

Note that public sector projects undertaken by third party consultants can be nominated on behalf of the municipality or government agency leading the study, or the consultant.

ELIGIBILITY

We are seeking nominations from individuals, public sector agencies or private-sector companies who have worked on transportation planning projects or studies that were completed between March, 2017 and March, 2018, that fit the above description.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1) Innovation:

Does the project demonstrate excellence in innovation and establishing best practices in transportation planning, resulting in work being done in a better, more efficient, more sustainable or safer way?

Does the project embrace new technology, or use existing technology in a creative or unique way?

2) Significance:

Does the project contribute to the practice and knowledge base of the profession?

Will the project contribute to the general quality of life, including a public benefit for customers/users (e.g., improved mobility, increased access to public lands/open spaces, opportunities for economic benefits, improved safety, etc.)?

3) Sustainability:

To what extent does the project contribute to making infrastructure planning or the built environment more sustainable from an environmental perspective?

What are the benefits of the project to the public, both currently and into the long-term?

4) Content:

How well is the final report/project deliverables written and presented, including clear and compelling visuals?

Does the project contain good documentation and a thorough study approach?

5) Technical Analysis:

Does the project contain a well thought out and documented technical analysis, which helps support its recommendations?

What degree of technical information is applied in the study, and how clearly is it conveyed?

AWARD

The winner of the Project of the Year Award will receive the following:

- Recognition as the Project of the Year Award winner at the Annual OTC Conference;
- A commemorative plaque from OTC recognizing the achievement, to be presented at the Annual OTC Conference; and
- Recognition of the project on the OTC website and in an issue of OT Magazine.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations for the Project of the Year Award shall include the following:

- Cover letter, including a summary of the project and explanation why it should win the Project of the Year award
- Nominator's contact information; and
- Link to the final report or project deliverables, available for download in PDF format.

Please send applications to traffic@otc.org by Wednesday, March 21 at 4pm.