



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 Annual Conference.

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

- Long-range transportation planning studies;
- Transportation 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

All members of the Ontario Traffic Council (OTC) are eligible for this award. 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, 2020 and March, 2021, that fit the above description.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applicability:

- *Will the project contribute to the general quality of life, including a public benefit for customers/users (e.g., improved mobility, increased multi-modal approach, support the economy, improved safety, etc.)?*
- *Are the benefits of the project to the public, both currently and into the long-term, clearly articulated?*

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?*

Significance:

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

Sustainability:

- *To what extent does the project contribute to making infrastructure planning, operations or the urban environment more sustainable from an environmental and climate change perspective?*

Content:

- *Does the project submission clearly state the purpose and objectives of the project, and summarize its outcomes and recommendations?*
- *How well is the final report/project deliverable written and presented, including clear and compelling visuals?*

Technical/Analytical Approach:

- *Does the project contain a well thought out and documented study approach and work plan, 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 and presentation 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 Ontario Traffic Magazine.

SUBMISSIONS

Complete and submit the form at the following link, ensuring that you are addressing the criteria outlined above as it relates to your project:

Submission Form: <https://form.jotform.com/203363498878270>

Submission deadline is end of day, Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 4pm.

All award nominees will receive a 5-10 minutes live presentation opportunity at the annual conference. The timetable for presentation will be shared by OTC closer to the event dates.

For questions regarding the submission process or the OTC Awards program, please contact the OTC office at 647-346-4050 or traffic@otc.org