

2nd Annual Arizona Legacy Awards

The 61st Conference on Roads and Streets
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The Roads and Streets Legacy Awards Committee is seeking your nomination(s) for deserving individuals for the 2nd Annual Legacy Awards.

The Legacy Awards are a prestigious honor bestowed on professionals that have made a significant contribution to transportation in Arizona. 2011 was the inaugural Legacy Awards celebration and ten people were honored at the closing luncheon of the Roads and Streets Conference.

The criteria for selecting nominees for this prestigious award are:

- The nominee must have made a significant contribution to transportation in Arizona
- The nominee can be living or deceased
- Nominees can be government, private practice, construction, education or industry

Please email all nominations to: PGibson@azdot.gov by **Wednesday, February 01, 2012.**

A Roads & Streets selection panel will review all entries and select the recipients.

Name of Nominee: _____

Submitter, Telephone Number and E-mail: _____

Why does the nominee deserve this award? *(See examples of last years award recipients attached)*

(Attach additional page if needed)

HONORING THE PAST – CREATING THE FUTURE



FIRST ANNUAL LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS – 2011

James Attebery, City Engineer, City of Phoenix, *Retired*

Throughout his career, Jim combined a legendary work ethic with uncompromising professionalism and dedication to public service. In Jim's own words, he described his success as an example of the *triumph of perseverance over talent*. In truth, Jim Attebery possesses an extraordinary amount of both. He provided public infrastructure to the City of Phoenix during a time of historic growth. From 1959 to 1987 Jim was a key figure in Phoenix, determining what was done and how it was done. For much of this time, he served Phoenix, first as assistant Director of Public Works, then as City Engineer. Jim played a crucial role in the national development of utility location techniques and organizations. He was responsible for developing the uniform color code for underground utilities. Jim led Phoenix in public infrastructure and transportation, served APWA and ASPE at the local and national level, and continues to be a repository of historical knowledge, possessing a deep understanding and appreciation of those who came before.

John J. "Jack" DeBolske, Executive Director, League of Arizona Cities and Towns and Maricopa Association of Governments, *Retired*

Jack served as Executive Director of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns from 1957 to 1997. He was a staunch advocate for local government and was a prime mover in ensuring all of the cities and towns in Arizona are professionally managed through the council manager form of government. Jack was instrumental in protecting the cities and towns from raids on their revenue sources, including HURF. He assisted with legislation transforming the "*Arizona Highway Commission*" to the present "*Arizona Department of Transportation*." In 1967 Jack helped create the Councils of Governments and also formed the Maricopa Association of Governments which he led from 1967-96. In 1985 Jack worked with the business community, ADOT, Legislature and Governor to enable MAG to bring Prop. 300 to the voters in Maricopa County. The one-half cent sales tax for transportation was one of the first of its kind in the nation and is largely responsible for funding the new regional freeway system in Maricopa County.

Katie Dusenberry, Pima County Board of Supervisors and Arizona Transportation Board, *Retired*

Katie's lifelong commitment to improve the lives of Tucson and Arizona residents in many ways includes a concentration on better transportation services. As a member of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, she strongly supported and encouraged upgrades to the roadway system throughout Pima County, including assuring the implementation of bond funded transportation improvement projects. As a member of the Arizona Transportation Board, she worked tirelessly to assist rural communities in expressing their need for transportation services throughout all areas of Arizona. In 2006, as a Co-Chair of the "*Yes! For Regional Transportation*" initiative, Katie was instrumental in the creation of the Regional Transportation Authority, with its related sales tax devoted to all modes of transportation, that will result in the investment of \$2 billion for improved transportation in the Tucson region.

Ed Hall, City of Phoenix Director of Transportation, *Retired*

In 1960 Ed was recruited by Phoenix to become the Street Improvement Administrator. He continued to work in the Office of the City Manager for 23 years until retiring in 1983. Ed was responsible for the total street program with major emphasis on financing and freeway system development, regional transit operations, planning and financing, transportation planning and coordination, as well as oversight of the entire capital improvement program scheduling and problem identification. Ed's career was best summed up by the City Manager when Ed was selected as one of the Ten Top Public Works Leaders of 1982. He cited Ed's singular achievement of guiding a boom-town with a dusty, antiquated street system through turbulent, headlong growth, anticipating and meeting its transportation needs as Phoenix grew from a small town to become the nation's ninth largest city (*now the sixth largest*). Other honors include John C. Park Award; Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award; Life Member of ITE, ASCE and APWA.

Dr. Rudolf Jimenez, Professor Emeritus at the University of Arizona, *Retired*

Rudy received his BS and MS in Civil Engineering from the University of Arizona and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M. His research in the area of pavement materials and structural design have lead to more than 50 publications. Rudy has served the engineering community through numerous assignments, i.e. member and chairman of the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration, member of the National Council of Engineering Examiners, NSPE Professional Engineers in Education Governor, board member of the Pima County Traffic Survival School, member and committee chairman for the Transportation Research Board/NRC, President AzSCE, chairman of the Arizona Roads and Streets Conference for more than 25 years, and much, much more. Honors for Rudy include the John C. Park award, Engineer of the Year in Education from ASPE and ASCE, NCEE's Certificate of Distinguished Service, and Honorary Member Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists. Rudy remains an outstanding mentor to students.

Oscar T. Lyon, Jr., Arizona Department of Transportation State Engineer, *Retired*

Oscar T. Lyon, Jr. graduated from the U of A in 1942. In November he joined the 115th Naval Construction Battalion serving in the South Pacific, New Guinea and the Philippines. Once home, he joined the Arizona Highway Department in Snowflake under Angus Chadwick, Resident Engineer. In 1947 the Department was divided into four districts and Oscar joined District 3 under Roy Holland. His work included rebuilding U.S. 60 through the Salt River Canyon. In 1956 the Districts were realigned and Oscar became Assistant District Engineer for District 3 in Douglas. He advanced to District Engineer in 1957 and served in three of the State's five Districts. In 1963 Oscar was Assistant State Engineer, Operations in Phoenix. He became Chief Deputy State Engineer under Bill Price in 1973 and in 1977 he was appointed Assistant Director of the Department of Transportation and State Highway Engineer. After 34 years with the Highway Department and Department of Transportation, Oscar retired in 1980. Major projects included Mule Pass Tunnel in Bisbee and the Virgin River Gorge in northwestern Arizona.

Jim McDonald, Executive Director, Arizona Chapter of Associated General Contractors, *Retired*

From 1959 to 1995, Jim was the Executive Director of the Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors. This group was made up of engineering contractors, primarily street and highway builders. Most of the work was public. For this reason, Jim organized the AGC along with the appropriate representatives of ADOT, Maricopa Highway Department, Pima County Highway Department, and city engineering departments in Maricopa and Pima counties to form co-operative committees. These groups met regularly to discuss contractual issues and/or specifications. Jim was also involved informally with heads of these organizations, as needed, in the promotion of funding mechanisms for the construction of needed facilities. This included passage of legislation creating sales tax to fund freeway construction in Maricopa County and passage of many bond issues in Maricopa and Pima Counties.

William Ordway, Arizona Department of Transportation Director, *Retired*

Bill Ordway started his career in the L.A. County Bridge Division. In 1957 he came to Tucson as the Senior Resident Engineer District 2 under Bill Price; District 3 Engineer 1961-63; District 5 Engineer 1963-65; Assistant to Operations Engineer Oscar Lyon 1965-68; Deputy Highway Director to Justin Herman 1968-74; Acting Highway Director January to July 1974; appointed as first ADOT Director in July 1974. Bill served as the ADOT Director under four Governors and retired in 1985. He organized the newly created ADOT and guided the development of policies and goals defining its mission. Bill worked with key business leaders and the legislature to authorize the five cent gas tax increase and prioritize the construction program. He testified before Congress for AASHTO to increase the Federal gas tax. Bill was the WASHTO Standing Committee on Aviation Chairman 1977, AASHTO Standing Committee on Planning Chairman 1981-83; president of WASHTO in the late 70's and president of AASHTO 1983-84.

John Ritoch, Ritoch-Powell & Associates, Retired

John is a civil engineering graduate from Arizona State University. Working under the tutelage of Wadsworth, Jensen & Associates, John learned the “ins” and “outs” of consulting engineering. In 1978, John and partners (*Bob Herz and Richard Powell*) started Ritoch-Herz-Powell, Consulting Engineers. John built a reputation for honesty, integrity, and being a real “gentleman.” He gauged each project by having the right firm resources and making certain the contract terms were fair to all. Over the years, John was responsible for designing over 400 miles of ADOT highway, over 1,000 miles of municipal streets, and over 30 parks throughout Arizona. John was an active advocate for the engineering community, promoting qualifications based selection throughout Arizona. He served as president of ASPE, ACEC of Arizona, and APWA. John was the founder of the ACEC of Arizona Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament and chaired the Golf for Gompers tournament that aided handicapped children.

Robert Vaughan, Yuma MPO Director, Retired

Yuma captured this bright young man in the mid-80’s and offered Bob the position of Executive Director, Yuma Transportation Planning/Engineering Board. Bob gladly took the reins and developed a Yuma Countywide Transportation Plan. He led the Yuma countywide 9-1-1 Plan which took 2½ years to complete. Bob also initiated transit service with a Dial-A-Ride. He successfully set up procedures to exchange unused Federal transit appropriations for discounted cash with agencies in Arizona and California. When Bob retired in 1998, the YMPO had a trust fund of \$1.5 M. Bob’s career included a 26 mile, 4 lane expressway between I-8 and AZ/Mexico; coordinated with military and BLM to locate nine miles of the expressway on Goldwater Air Force Range; and led the award and managed over \$50 M in contracts for the new expressway; plus assisted local agencies in passage of a countywide vote to pay the local share. The new highway SR 195 has been named the “Robert A. Vaughan Expressway.”