

# 9th Annual Arizona Transportation Legacy Awards



ARIZONA  
TRANSPORTATION  
LEGACY AWARDS

Presented at the 68th Conference on Roads & Streets Luncheon  
Friday, April 19, 2019 at Westin La Paloma Resort – Tucson

The Roads and Streets Legacy Awards Committee  
is seeking your nomination(s) for an individual to receive the  
**9th Annual Arizona Transportation Legacy Award.**

The criteria for submitting individual Nominees for this prestigious award are:

- The Nominee must have made a significant, noteworthy contribution to any mode of transportation in Arizona. Significant contributions include (but are not limited to) planning, design, technical development, construction, management, education, and/or multi-modal transportation.
- The Nominee may come from government, private practice, construction, education or industry.
- The Nominee may be living or deceased, and may be working or retired.

Please email all nominations and refer questions to: Kelly Kaysonepheth at [kkaysonepheth@aztec.us](mailto:kkaysonepheth@aztec.us)

**Deadline: Friday, February 15, 2019**

The Roads & Streets Legacy Awards Committee will review all entries and select the 2019 recipients.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

As applicable, the Nominee's Title/Company and contact information (email, phone):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All nominations must include this completed nomination form, a response to each numbered item below, and attachment of a high-resolution photo of the nominee (if available). Letters of reference, newspaper articles and other supporting documents can be scanned and submitted as attachments with nomination. ***Please do not submit resumes.***

1. Provide the nominee's story.
2. Provide specifics regarding nominee's contribution to transportation in Arizona.
3. Provide justification why this nominee should receive the Arizona Transportation Legacy Award.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Arizona Transportation Legacy Awards Nomination

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**1. In 500 words or less, please tell us your nominee’s story.**

*Consider: Your nominee’s educational background, career highlights and community/industry involvement.*



Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. In 1,000 words or less, provide specifics regarding your nominee’s contribution to transportation in Arizona.**

*Consider: How has he/she affected change? Describe how the nominee has mentored others in the industry? Why is the transportation industry better in Arizona because of this person?*



Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. In 250 words or less, provide justification why this Nominee should receive the Arizona Transportation Legacy Award.**

*Note: If the nominee is selected, this section will provide the basis for all ACEC/AZ publicity for this award.*



## Past Legacy Award Recipients

### 2011

James Attebery  
John J. "Jack" DeBolske  
Katie Dusenberry  
Ed Hall  
Dr. Rudolf Jimenez  
Oscar T. Lyon, Jr.  
Jim McDonald  
William Ordway  
John Ritoch  
Robert Vaughan

### 2012

William "Bill" Alfier  
Harold Ashton, Sr.  
Nathan "Nate" Banks  
Jerry Cannon  
Hurvie E. Davis  
Robert C. Esterbrooks  
Kim Lilly-Moody  
R. Dale Martin  
John Nelson  
Mary Peters  
James R. Redpath  
Thomas L. Swanson

### 2013

Alan "Wayne" Collins  
Kenneth "Ken" H. Davis  
Ginger Murdough

### 2014

Timothy "Tim" M. Ahrens  
E. LeRoy Brady  
John E. Carlson, Sr.  
David K. French  
Dr. Larry Hansen  
Dean Lindsey  
Richard "Rick" J. Simonetta  
Elizabeth "Liba" Wheat

### 2015

Peter L. Eno  
Shellie Ginn  
Geza Kmetty  
Daniel (Dan) S. Lance  
John Eugene McGee  
Robert (Bob) Mickelson  
Curt Slagell

### 2016

James B. Girand  
Ed Green  
Ralph Hoffman  
Charles H. Huckelberry  
John Louis  
Victor Mendez  
Martin Shultz

### 2017

John Bernal  
Dave Crawford  
James Glock  
Jane Morris  
Michael Sabatini

### 2018:

Janice Burnett  
Priscilla Cornelio  
Kent Dibble  
Bill Hayden  
Roger Herzog  
Tom McGovern  
Jim Pyne

## [Sample Excerpts from Past Recipients...](#)

**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.

**Harold Ashton, Sr.**, The Ashton Company, *Deceased*

Harold founded The Ashton Company as a commercial/residential builder in 1946 in Tucson. His philosophy was 'never quit, strive until you succeed.' It was Harold's determination and ability to recognize opportunity that led him to the road building industry when he successfully bid to construct his first bridge over the Santa Cruz River at St. Mary's Road in Tucson in 1951 and by 1962 built the I-10/I-19 Benson-Nogales Interchange that included nine bridges. Harold's innovation and approach to road and bridge building made his company a fierce competitor. One innovation was Ashton's creation of his own crushing and batch plants to produce their own materials and self-performing a majority of the work. Since 1970, his company has constructed over 300 bridges along with hundreds of miles of roadways and highways in Arizona. Harold joined the Association of General Contractors in 1950 and Life Directorship was bestowed in 1990. He served as State President in 1972 and National Director in 1978. Although Harold passed away in 2003, his legacy and commitment to the profession and community carry on to the present time. His philosophy of learn, build, achieve and teach is still present in the company today.