



COMMUTER CHOICE AWARDS 2011

OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION NOMINATION FORM

All nomination materials must be received by Monday, October 10, 3 p.m.

Send your completed nomination form to awards@metc.state.mn.us

Directions

The 2011 Commuter Choice Awards nomination must be submitted by e-mail. Please, no handwritten nominations. Visit metrotransit.org/awards to download a nomination form. If you have any questions about this nomination form, please contact a transportation management organization or Metro Transit. Contact information is on the last page of this form.

Eligibility

Organizations must be located within the seven-county metropolitan area and encourage their students, tenants, community members, etc. (any other audience besides employees) to consider their transportation options. Awards recognize outreach efforts and programs designed to reduce drive-alone traffic that were completed between October 2010 and September 2011. **If the primary purpose of your organization is to provide or advocate travel demand management solutions, please consider serving as a judge or adviser to the event.** The intent of the awards ceremony is to applaud voluntary efforts for reducing congestion. If you have questions about eligibility, please e-mail awards@metc.state.mn.us

Note: If you are an employer that had outreach efforts targeted toward employees of your organization, please complete the Employer Nomination Form.

Judging panel and criteria

Nominations will be judged by a panel of Twin Cities' transportation experts, commuter benefits coordinators, community leaders and HR, Wellness and Sustainability professionals. Judges will evaluate entries based on the documented efforts and success of promoting transportation options. The goal is to reward and recognize organizations that are actively contributing to reducing congestion and emissions in the Twin Cities' area through alternative transportation initiatives.

Nominee

Please type in the blank boxes below.

Please provide your name and organization name exactly as you want it to appear on news releases and other promotional materials.

Organization Name	<input type="text"/>		
Organization Contact	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone	<input type="text"/>		
E-mail	<input type="text"/>		
Street Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
		Zip	<input type="text"/>
Short description of organization	<input type="text"/>		

Number of tenants, community members or students, etc., if applicable

Number of years organization has promoted commuting options

Number and percentage of community members, students and/or tenants who use an alternative transportation option three or more times per week on average (number participating)
 (percentage of total employees)

Note: If you haven't conducted a commuter survey to determine the number of participants, your transportation management organization representative can help.

Person submitting nomination, if different than above

Name	<input type="text"/>
Organization Name	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
E-mail	<input type="text"/>

2010 Winners*

City of Bloomington, City Champion

Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Progressive Organization

NorthMarq Property Management - Normandale Lake Office Park, Sustained Commitment to Transportation Options

** Final categories and awards to be presented are determined by the judging panel on a year-to-year basis.*

Commuter Amenities

Please check the amenities offered at your location and list participation levels for each, if applicable.

	# of participants	# of eligible participants
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle racks	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered bike storage	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Secure bike store area	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Showers	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Changing area and lockers	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Transit information kiosk/rack/library	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Covered shelter for transit users	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial subsidy (by employer) for employees who don't drive alone	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sell transit passes	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Preferential parking for poolers	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Outreach & Efforts

Please detail your organization's efforts below. Judges will use this information in their evaluation. Limit your response to approximately **50 words** for each line for each example of your efforts. You are encouraged to attach pdf versions of promotional materials and other supporting documents to this form. If there aren't enough spaces to discuss all of your efforts, please attach the information.

Please give us one to three examples about the organization's efforts completed between October 2010 and September 2011, including the following descriptions for each example:

- Project or Initiative Description** (e.g. installed bike rack, started selling transit passes to students or tenants or members)
- Goals** (e.g. decrease environmental impact of commutes, increase available parking spaces for visitors)
- Description of Efforts:** Detail efforts in trying to achieve stated goal. If applicable, list any events or organizations that the organization partnered with or participated in to achieve overall goal. (e.g. earmarked funds from Program ABC for promoting commuter options, partnered with transportation management organization to host commuter fair)
- Results:** Conclude with the nominee's results of efforts. Describe the positive results including any measurement of success (e.g. decreased demand for parking spaces by 50, increased number of bikers or transit users by 10 percent in community/facility/etc.).

Example 1

a. Project/Initiative:

b. Goal(s):

c. Description:

d. Results:

Example 2

a. Project/Initiative:

b. Goal(s):

c. Description:

d. Results:

Example 3

a. Project/Initiative:

b. Goal(s):

c. Description:

d. Results:

What prompted you to start a commuter resource, amenities or outreach program for your tenants, students or community members? Or what prompted you to start a commuting benefit program? (Please keep your answer to under 250 words.)

Closing Statement

Please tell the judges why this entry should win a Commuter Choice Award; include any details not listed above.

Nominated organization's consent

I hereby authorize the use, in connection with the Commuter Choice Awards program, of my name, my company's/ organization's name, non-financial information, photographs or video recordings of me from whatever source. I agree that no compensation shall be due me or my company for such usage.

By typing your name in this box you agree to the above terms.

Signature or Typed Name		Date	
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Edina, Minnetonka and
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