

The APA 2014 Awards Have Been Announced!

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National Planning Excellence Award for Transportation Planning Hawaii Department of Transportation's Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan



The Award Winning Planning Team

Hawaii's Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan prioritizes pedestrian safety, mobility, and accessibility, and is the first in the nation to have a statewide, pedestrian-only focus. The plan focuses on four critical transportation elements: improving safety; enhancing mobility and accessibility; improving connectivity; and encouraging priority pedestrian infrastructure. To combat the state's high number of pedestrian fatalities, the plan identifies ways to improve pedestrian safety through engineering, education, enforcement, and evaluation. The Hawaii Pedestrian Toolbox is a key component of the plan and includes guidelines and best practices for the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of pedestrian facilities.

The plan was created through a transparent and inclusive process that included extensive public participation. A Citizen Advisory Committee was created to provide a balanced

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representation of stakeholder interests including police, health, transit, vehicle, and nonmotor advocates. The plan also identified 31 prioritized project locations and has included performance measures to gauge the plan's progress and provide accountability. The Hawaii Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan is one component of Hawaii DOT's overall mission of providing safe and efficient multi-modal transportation system.

Client: Hawaii Department of Transportation

- Ken Tatsuguchi, P.E.
- Rachel Roper, P.E.

Consultant: CH2M HILL

- Project Manager: Kathleen Chu, P.E.
- Planner: Paul Luersen, AICP

See link for more information: <http://www.planning.org/awards/2014/>

The other two past national award winners from Hawaii include:

- **Kamehameha Schools' North Shore Plan**
2011 National Sustainability Award. Consultants: Group70
- **Kaho'olawe Use Plan, Island of Kaho'olawe**
1997 Award for Outstanding Planning in Cultural and Environmental Restoration and Environmental/ Preservation. Consultant: PBR Hawaii

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Submit Your Project for a National Award!

The Chapter has great projects! Consider submitting yours for a National award. If you've submitted for a Chapter award, you are almost there and timing is on your side. The nomination materials for a Chapter award (in late spring/early summer) are generally the same as the National submittal (late summer), with some polishing and additional information (okay, it does take more work, but you are more than halfway there). And, if your nomination is at first unsuccessful, APA encourages you to resubmit your nomination the next year as some projects or plans need time to mature and demonstrate the full impact of their results. So, you end up with a couple opportunities to gain recognition for your project. And, you always have the professional satisfaction of documenting the benefits of your project.

[Kalakaua Avenue American Planning Association "Great Streets" Award Ceremony](#)

Below are some photos from the ceremony honoring Kalakaua Avenue as one of 2013's "Great Streets" by the American Planning Association



Art Challacombe presents a gift to King Kalakaua through Kumu Ainsley Halemanu

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Kumu presenting gift given by Gail Atwater



The plaque