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Mason Transit Authority Awarded Best in the Nation

Shelton, WA - On June 3, 2015 Mason Transit Authority was named the 2015 Rural Community Transportation System of the Year by the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) at its annual Awards Banquet, held this year in Tampa, Fla. The system was recognized for its efforts in improving service to its passengers and serving the community.

The award recognizes excellence by rural transit systems in serving the needs of people in their communities. CTAA Board Regional Director Barbara Cline, CCTM, in presenting the award, said the organization “offers proof that together for the common good. This county-wide rural operator has made words like innovative and creative far more than mere slogans, they are part of the agency’s everyday operation.”

Cline also noted Mason Transit Authority’s After School Activities bus service, partnership with a local tribal government, volunteer driver program for seniors, its vanpool and worker/driver programs transporting more than 150 daily workers to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyards and the opening of the nation’s first rural, joint transit-community center as key factors in the system’s selection as rural system of the year.

The Community Transportation Association of America, established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. CTAA provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.



Pictured above: Crystal award trophy received by MTA from CTAA.

Mason Transit Authority General Manager, Brad Patterson, stated, “This high honor would not have been achieved without the great work and dedication of each staff member, who work together every day to make our community better. They improve and enrich the lives of our citizens through giving them mobility, an essential element in one’s quality of life”.



Pictured above: Group photo of MTA staff and Board members at an all-staff meeting standing in front of an MTA bus.

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