

OCTOBER 13, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 3

REVIEW NOMINATIONS AND SELECT 2026 MEASURE A TRANSPORTATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Action Requested: SELECT 2026 MEASURE A TRANSPORTATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) review the nominations and select 2026 Measure A Transportation Award recipients, if any, for consideration by the STA Governing Board.

Background

The Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) developed the Measure A Transportation Awards as a one-year pilot to recognize measurable transportation results and demonstrate how Measure A funding and STA's countywide coordination role support transportation investment in Sacramento County. The program concept was developed with ITOC input and presented to the STA Governing Board on September 10, 2026. The program concept was included more detail in the staff report, and a nomination form was included with the board package.

The pilot includes four primary categories: Measure A Leveraging, Measure A Partnership, Transportation Leadership, and Transportation Champion. An optional Community Recognition Award acknowledges an exceptional contribution by a Sacramento County resident or community representative. Selection emphasizes documented results, the nominee's specific contribution, public benefit, and a clear connection to Measure A or STA. An award is not required in every category.

STA invited nominations from STA's Professional Advisory Group (PAG), Board and ITOC members, and the public. The nomination deadline was extended to October 2, 2026. ITOC will select recipients for recognition at the November 12, 2026, Governing Board meeting. Current STA Governing Board and ITOC members are not eligible for individual recognition while serving, although their agencies and partnerships remain eligible for project or partnership awards.

Discussion

STA received 12 nominations: seven for the Measure A Leveraging Award, four for the Transportation Champion Award, and one for the Community Recognition Award. No nominations were received for the Measure A Partnership Award or Transportation Leadership Award. ITOC may provide feedback regarding category definitions, nomination requirements, and future outreach.

Measure A Leveraging Award Nominations

- Arden Way Complete Streets – Phase 1
- Chase Drive American River Parkway Connection
- Citywide Traffic Signal Enhancement and Congestion Relief
- Franklin Boulevard Complete Street
- SAC 5 Corridor Enhancement Project (FixSac5)
- SacRT Flex
- Watt Avenue Complete Streets – Phase 1

Transportation Champion Award Nominations

- Jesse Gothan, Supervising Engineer, City of Sacramento
- Kaley Lyons, Transportation Planning Manager, City of Elk Grove
- Leslie Blomquist, City Engineer, City of Citrus Heights
- Wayne Lewis, Project Manager, Caltrans

Community Recognition Award Nominations

- Deb Banks, SABA

Reviewers were asked to return rankings by October 9, 2026, so staff could compile them for the October 13, 2026, meeting. The ranking form asks reviewers to compare nominations within each category, with rank 1 identifying the strongest nomination, and to explain their recommendations in the comments. The rankings will be presented at the meeting.

For Community Recognition, the review should determine whether the sole nominee's contribution merits recognition. A single nomination does not automatically warrant an award.

Consistent with the program concept and nomination form reviewed by the STA Governing Board the ITOC should consider nominations, supporting documentation, and compiled rankings together. Rankings inform discussion rather than automatically determining recipients. Review should emphasize demonstrated outcomes, contributions beyond routine participation or support, public benefit, and the connection to Measure A or STA.

Due to the pilot nature of this program concept the ITOC may recommend no award in a category if nominations do not demonstrate sufficient merit. If several nominations warrant recognition, the Committee may recommend more than one award within a category, including possible distinctions based on project size or population served. Any proposed distinctions should include a clear rationale for Governing Board consideration as part of the inaugural pilot.

For each recommended recipient, ITOC should identify the category and the accomplishment supporting recognition. Staff will use the recommendations to prepare award materials and concise public profiles. The Committee may also recommend improvements to category definitions, nomination requirements, reviewer guidance, and outreach for future years.