

Past Recipients

President's Award

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| Kathy Jensen | 2009 |
| Dave Robley | 2008 |
| Myra Peterson | 2007 |
| Bill Richard | 2006 |
| Matt Shands | 2005 |
| A.J. Siddiqui | 2004 |
| Chad Sauer | 2003 |
| Steve Sauer | 2003 |



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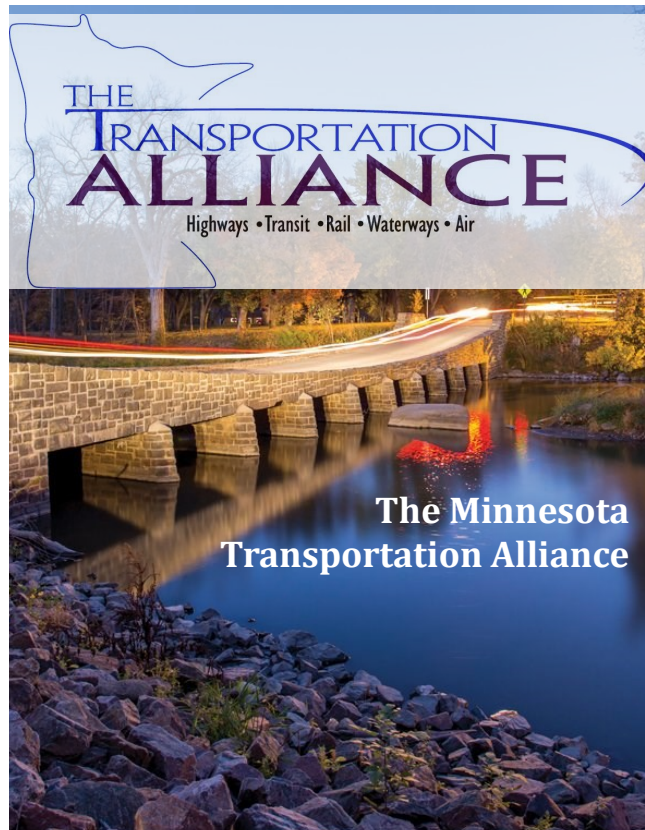
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2020 Transportation Advocate Award Winners

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Past Recipients

Transportation Advocate of the Year

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| Senator Amy Klobuchar | 2016 |
| Congressman Rick Nolan | 2016 |
| Congressman Tim Walz | 2013 |
| International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 | 2007 |
| Elwyn Tinklenberg | 2002 |
| Erv Schoppe | 2001 |
| Senator Carol Flynn | 2000 |
| Congressman Martin Sabo | 1999 |

The William Koniarski Transportation Advocate Award

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| Mitch Rasmussen | 2019 |
| Mary Beth Davidson | 2018 |
| Wayne Sandberg | 2017 |
| John Okeson | 2016 |
| John Stahl | 2015 |
| Mike Forsman | 2014 |
| Jon Olson | 2013 |
| Will Branning | 2012 |
| Counties Transit Improvement Board | 2011 |
| Alan T. Forsberg | 2010 |
| Roger Gustafson | 2009 |
| Peter McLaughlin | 2008 |
| Jim Hovland | 2007 |
| Mike Sheehan | 2006 |
| Association of Minnesota Counties | 2005 |

The Richard J. Mathiowetz Transportation Advocate Award

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|---------------------|------|
| Dale Grove | 2019 |
| Joe Kelly | 2018 |
| Khani Sahebjam | 2017 |
| Jason Duininck | 2016 |
| Ron Bray | 2015 |
| Kent Peterson | 2014 |
| Richard Wolters | 2013 |
| Randy Geerdes | 2012 |
| Douglas Weiszhaar | 2011 |
| James Looney | 2010 |
| Richard "Dick" Ames | 2009 |
| Gary Sauer | 2008 |
| Randy Ahlm | 2007 |
| Gary Clark | 2006 |
| Chuck Siggerud | 2005 |
| Larry Koenig | 2004 |

Past Recipients

Legislator Advocate Awards

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| Representative Paul Torkelson | 2017 |
| Representative Dean Urdahl | 2017 |
| Representative Rod Hamilton | 2015 |
| Senator John Pederson | 2012 |
| Representative Tim O'Driscoll | 2012 |
| Representative Terry Morrow | 2010 |
| Representative Melissa Hortman | 2009 |
| Representative Margaret Kelliher | 2008 |
| Representative Neil Peterson | 2008 |
| Representative Bernie Lieder | 2007 |
| Representative Ron Erhardt | 2005 |
| Senator Steve Murphy | 2005 |
| Senator Dean Johnson | 2002 |
| Senator Mark Ourada | 2002 |
| Representative Steve Sviggum | 2002 |

Advocate Awards

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| Ryan Thilges | 2019 |
| Jim Wafler | 2019 |
| Charlie Zelle | 2018 |
| John Piper | 2017 |
| Lyndon Robjent | 2016 |
| Kyle Makarios | 2016 |
| Jim McDonough | 2015 |
| Nora Slawick | 2015 |
| Dave Smiglewski | 2014 |
| Julie Skallman | 2014 |
| Jennifer Munt | 2014 |
| Commissioner Randy Maluchnik | 2013 |
| Mary Hershberger Thun | 2013 |
| Alan Goodman | 2013 |
| Greg Isakson | 2012 |
| Michelle Sommers | 2012 |
| Commissioner Dan Erhart | 2011 |
| Commissioner Richard Samuelson | 2011 |
| Jon Olson | 2010 |
| Tony Kellen | 2010 |
| Commissioner Colleen Landkamer | 2009 |
| Debra Brisk | 2009 |
| R.T. Rybak | 2008 |
| David Tripp | 2007 |
| Bill Fahrney | 2006 |
| Dennis Kuechle | 2006 |
| John Brunkhorst | 2005 |
| URS | 2004 |
| Darrel Sudheimer | 2002 |
| LaVonne Kroells | 2002 |

The William Koniarski Transportation Advocate Award

This award is presented periodically to an individual or unit of government from the public sector who has shown outstanding leadership and commitment on behalf of improving Minnesota's transportation infrastructure. Bill Koniarski served for many years as a Scott County Commissioner and was always a leading advocate for transportation investments in Scott County and beyond.

US Highway 14 Partnership

Kevin Raney, the current President of the Highway 14 Partnership and Owatonna City Council Member is accepting the award on behalf of the Partnership. He has been a member since 2012.



Councilmember Raney has represented the Coalition many times at the State Capitol, testifying in front of many committees.

The U.S. Highway 14 Partnership was formed in 1998 to expand U.S. Highway 14 to four lanes between New Ulm and Rochester.

The Partnership collaborated with state policymakers to advance a funding plan that will combine state and federal resources to finally expand the 12.5 miles of two-lane highway between the cities of Nicollet and New Ulm. Legislation to enable this plan was adopted by the state legislature in March 2020 and MnDOT is working closely with the USDOT to deliver the project as quickly as possible.

The Richard J. Mathiowetz Transportation Advocate

This award is presented periodically to an individual or company from the private sector who has shown outstanding leadership on behalf of improving Minnesota's transportation infrastructure. Richard Mathiowetz of the Mathiowetz Construction Company in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, committed his life to his company, employees, industry, and community. Richard was active in many organizations dedicated to improving Minnesota's highway and transportation system.

John Minnerath



Central Specialties, Inc. (CSI) is a third generation, family owned, general contracting company serving Minnesota and the Dakotas. CSI was founded in 1976, over 40 years ago, by Al Minnerath with a vision and desire to provide next level services in the heavy highway construction market.

Vice President John Minnerath has been a strong supporter of the industry and a member of the Minnesota Transportation Alliance and its predecessor - Minnesota Good Roads.

Central Specialties has been a strong supporter of the advocacy work done by the Alliance as well as through Progress In Motion, the arm of the Alliance that focuses on public relations. Progress In Motion was instrumental in organizing the industry in support of passage of the 2008 transportation funding legislation that continues to support transportation investments.

Advocacy Award

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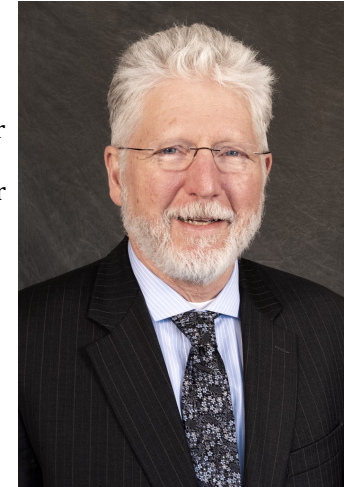
Scott Peterson

Scott Peterson is the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Administrative Officer of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Scott was hired at MnDOT in 1995 as a Senior Economist. Subsequently he has worked as the Director of Finance and Assistant Commissioner of Policy and Government Affairs.

Scott has worked with many legislators; helping to develop innovative transportation programs and policies. With his background in finance, he has worked to make funding needs and investment outcomes more transparent and understandable. He has been a great partner, working with the Transportation Alliance on a number of funding and policy proposals.

Before joining MnDOT, Scott worked as an Economist Analyst at the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development and Operations Officer for Marquette Bank. Scott received a BA degree from Dakota Wesleyan University and a MS from South Dakota State University.



Legislator Advocate

This award is presented periodically to legislators who have shown outstanding leadership on behalf of improving Minnesota's transportation infrastructure.

Senator David Senjem

Elected in 2002, Senator David Senjem currently serves as chair of the Senate Capital Investment Committee. He is also a member of the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy. During his time in the senate, Senator Senjem has worked hard to make critical infrastructure a priority.



In 2020, Senator Senjem persevered over many months of special sessions during the most unusual session, with remote hearings, to deliver the largest bonding bill in state history with significant levels of funding for all modes of transportation.

Representative Mary Murphy



Rep. Mary Murphy is the Chair of both the Capital Investment Division and the Ethics Committee. She was elected in 1976 and has 43 years in her position, serving District 3B. Under her leadership, the Capital Investment Committee held 43 hearings, heard 250 bills and traveled the

state for 17 days to learn more about bonding requests. When the Bonding Bill passed in October, Rep. Murphy successfully led passage of the bill, securing more than the 3/5ths majority vote needed for passage and championing the funding for transportation projects and programs.