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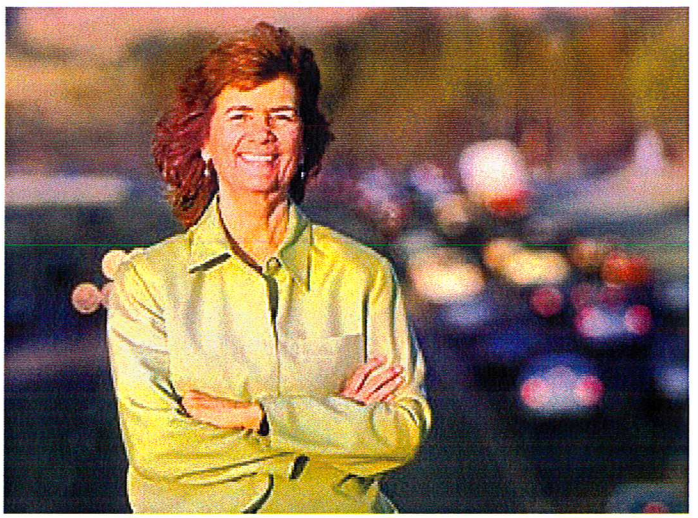
Metropolitan Transportation Commission Awards Jean Hart the Greta Ericson Distinguished Service Award



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) presented eleven "Excellence in Motion" awards during a ceremony on October 22, 2008 in the Oakland Museum Café at 1000 Oak Street in Oakland, CA. The awards honor people, projects and organizations for exceptional contributions to Bay Area transportation.

Among the eleven awardees was Jean Hart who served as Deputy Director of Planning for the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) from 1993 until her retirement in 2007. She previously worked for the City of Martinez and Contra Costa County for twelve years as a planner before she was lured to the CMA by the opportunity to apply her planning skills towards reducing congestion.

Ms. Hart was recognized by the MTC for her leadership in building consensus for projects that involved diverse stakeholders and multiple jurisdictions. Among her valuable contributions to the field of transportation planning are the following:

- Developed the first Countywide Transportation Plan in 1994.
- Was pivotal in converting a section of the carpool lane on southbound Interstate 680 to a high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane which will help alleviate congestion. This project will allow single-occupant vehicles to use the Express Lane during commute hours for a fee.
- Was instrumental in getting agreement with various communities through the Tri-Valley Triangle Study, leading to high occupancy vehicles (HOV) lanes on Interstate 580. She worked on securing a grant to perform a feasibility study, collaborating with various agencies to introduce legislation to change the vehicle code and obtaining capital funding.
- Moderated the San Pablo Corridor Study which resulted in the AC Transit Rapid Bus route that runs from the city of San Pablo to Oakland. The express service which runs every twelve minutes every weekdays use state-of-the-art features that give the riding public a faster, easier, and more convenient ride than the traditional bus service.
- Oversaw the implementation of the Congestion Management Program and Countywide Transportation Plan.

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