

**CALTRANS Awarded Agency Lifetime Achievement Award for integration of Walking in California Multi-Modal Transportation Network.** The Award, a world-renown Boris Bally artwork original created with actual recycled pedestrian traffic signs, was announced at Pedestrians Count 2012! Successes, Challenges and Data: Making All Communities Walkable for All People seminar in Los Angeles, and presented to Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans Director, in Sacramento on May 16, 2012.



The California Department of Transportation was recognized for decades' long active transportation efforts exemplified by the Complete Streets Update of the Highway Design Manual just completed pursuant to Caltrans' Complete Streets (DD-64) Implementation Plan; Making Walking and Street Crossing Safer Challenge Area 8 of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan; Smart Mobility Framework; Blueprint, Environmental Justice and Community-Based Transportation Planning grant programs; Active Transportation Livable Communities Advisory Group; California Pedestrian Advisory Committee; California Add-On, National Household Travel Survey; Developing, Designing and Planning for Safety FHWA PSAP staff training; Safe Routes to School program; ADA Infrastructure Program and other efforts. For more information on Caltrans initiatives, see [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov).

California Department of Public Health was also recognized for bringing active transportation and the built environment to the transportation table, awarded another Bally pedestrian safety recycled sign artwork. CDPH leadership initiated Safe Routes to Schools, a statewide network of walk groups, Health in All Policies, and a host of pedestrian injury prevention and fatality reduction efforts.

Lifetime walk advocate leadership award recognized Anne Geraghty, founder of *WALK* Sacramento, organizer of California WALKS, and current Co-Chair, of Making Walking and Street Crossing Safer, Challenge Area 8 of the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Anne recently retired after nearly 15 years as *WALK*Sacramento's Executive Director. She helped organize the last 8 CW statewide summits.

Elected Lifetime Leadership was awarded to Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley in recognition of pedestrian safety championship throughout his career. Highlights include California's Senior Speed Zone,

a law which permits local jurisdictions to reduce speed limits near senior housing, centers and clinics and California's first pedestrian plan, adopted in Oakland.

Los Angeles WALKS was recognized as urban walk organization of the year. One of California's earliest walk organization founders, Deborah Murphy was recognized for her pedestrian leadership, perseverance and constancy with another Bally original. Murphy currently serves on LA's Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee and on the LA Local Host Committee for Pedestrians Count 2012!.

Rhianna Babka, State Network Coordinator of California WALKS, was recognized for the organization of Pedestrians Count 2012! She has been instrumental in developing California's first pedestrian safety high school curriculum, Using Video Voice for Transportation Equity Engagement and brought NHTSA's Older Adult Pedestrian Safety, to national recognition through the CW United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County project.

Jonathan, Jennifer and daughter Julia Lopez were recognized for their pioneering walk advocacy leadership in developing the California WALKS Youth Leaders, a statewide youth technical assistance team of video voice mapping facilitators, translators, web and social media communications network leaders. Jonathan has been California WALKS' first Southern California Coordinator.

Greenfield Walking Group, rural walk organization of the year, was recognized for its peer mentorship, leadership, its physical activity health testimony before the California Legislature and its national model for community change. From 2 mothers, GWG evolved over 7 years into a daily walk group of 70, peer mentoring across the state multiple walk efforts and transforming its neighborhood park from a drug-infested, derelict into a thriving center of physical activity for all ages, with daily use of a year round walking path.

Pedestrians Count 2012! Was an overwhelming success, sold out with over 240 participants and 2 days of cutting edge research, best practices, educational and policymaking successes, exploring the role of walking in achieving sustainable communities through implementation of California's Climate Action laws (AB 32 and SB 375).

Keynote was given by Dr. Richard Jackson, UCLA Public Health Professor and former Director, US Center for Disease Control as well as California State Department of Public Health. Chris Murphy, Director, CA Office of Traffic Safety followed, announcing the launch of "It's Up to All of Us," California's first statewide pedestrian safety media campaign.

Peds Count was opened by LA Metro's Executive Director Art Leahy and closed by LA Metro Board former President Pam [redacted], Santa Monica City Councilmember. Mary Lee of PolicyLink, Manal Aboelata of Prevention Institute, opened Peds Count plenary on Equity. Hasan [redacted], SCAG Director, Martin Tuttle Deputy Director of Planning, Caltrans, Matt Carpenter of SACOG and [redacted] of SANDAG showcased regional and state SB 375 sustainable community strategy and walking transportation efforts.

Other Caltrans presenters included Chris Ratekin, Complete Streets Implementation Plan Coordinator, Brian Alconcel, Pedestrian Programs Manager, Darold Geikins, ADA Infrastructure Program, Leonard Seitz CA NHTS. These and other Peds Count 2012 presentations by California's pedestrian leaders and experts are now available through SafeTREC's California Active Transportation Safety Improvement Pages at UC Berkeley, <http://catsip.ideascale.com/a/pmd/133095-19451>