

**AASHTO CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE
SMART GROWTH COMPETITION**

APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

The application is a Microsoft Word document. A narrative response is needed for a number of the replies. The "block" that appears for your response is a one-row, one-column table that should expand as needed when you insert the information. Please do not alter the section headers (shaded bars) or questions. More importantly, do not change the wording or order of the sections or questions. **Answers to application questions should not exceed six pages in total (excluding this first page) and must be signed by the state Department of Transportation Chief Executive Officer.**

PRIMARY CONTACT:

Name:	email:	
Position:		
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APPLICATION CATEGORY:

Please select the appropriate category for which you are submitting the application.

PROJECT – collaborative efforts to plan, design and construct a major project that reflects smart growth principles (e.g., projects that increase transportation mode choices).

PROGRAM – organizational policies and programs that illustrate smart growth principles throughout a program or function (e.g., corridor management plans, scenario design techniques, design criteria to foster a sense of community)

INSTITUTIONAL – efforts made to make permanent the changes in attitudes and organizational structure that help institutionalize smart growth practices in the agency's delivery of transportation services (e.g., adoption of policies, use of performance measures, use of quality assurance and control procedures).

SIGNATURE:

Signature of Chief Executive Officer, State Department of Transportation

_____ (signature) _____ (Date)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Please describe the project/program/initiative/policy, including when it was initiated and its current status, i.e., adopted plan or policy, completed construction, etc. Eligible entries should describe a project/program/initiative/policy that was completed, adopted, and/or initiated after January 1998. For project category entries, please be sure to include the project name, total cost (including funding shares and sources), and project scope (rural, local, metropolitan or statewide). For the institutional category, please be sure to focus on how the initiative will maintain its viability over the long-term.

(up to 500 words – box will expand as information is entered)

PRINCIPAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

The panel will use the criteria listed below to evaluate projects/programs/initiatives. Please address all criteria applicable to your project/program/initiative. When completing the application please be mindful that the review panel will consider all criteria in their deliberations.

Criteria:

I. Coordinated Transportation and Land Use

- A. How has/will the project/program/initiative specifically strengthen the integration between transportation and land use (e.g., targeting transportation investments to existing communities, transit-oriented developments, supporting existing planned land uses – access to brownfield redevelopment sites, etc.)?**

- B. How have partnerships with land use decision makers helped to ensure that the project/program/initiative is supported by appropriate land uses (e.g., land uses that support multi-modal and/or efficient transportation systems)?**

- C. How have or will indirect effects of development and transportation be considered in the project/program/initiative (e.g., impacts on the economic viability of older communities; promotion of affordable housing; minimization of gentrification, etc.)

II. Intermodalism and Multi-Modalism

- A. How has/will the project/program/initiative improve mobility and access issues and will the project/program/initiative improve transportation choices?

- B. Does the project/program/initiative have a freight component? If so, does the project/program/initiative improve freight movements in a way that protects and/or enhances the quality of life of surrounding communities?

III. Innovation and Evaluation

- A. How does/will the project/program/initiative demonstrate new approaches that differ from traditional practice? What elements may be transferable to other areas of the country?

- B. What measures of success have been or will be used to determine the overall effectiveness of the project/program/initiative in meeting smart growth goals?

IV. Environmental Protection

- A. What noteworthy environmental benefits (e.g., reduced air emissions, reduced runoff) has or will the project/program/initiative achieve(d)? If there are quantifiable benefits, please indicate.**

V. Partnering/Outreach

- A. Describe how partnerships between transportation agencies and other stakeholders (public, private and non-profit) have or will impact the success of the project/program/initiative. Also describe the public outreach and involvement that has taken place at the local, regional and/or state levels and how this collaboration has influenced planning and implementation of the activity.**

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Please list attachments accompanying this application. Note: while no limit is placed on the number of pictures that may be submitted, the submission of brochures and other forms of graphic materials is limited to six attachments per application. All digital photographs must be submitted as RGB jpegs, PhotoShop documents or PCD files. They should be no less than 2M in size, although larger file sizes are preferred. Digital photographs should be submitted on CD or as email attachments if file size permits.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

All applications must be submitted through the state Department of Transportation (for the state where the project is located) to AASHTO **by Friday, April 16, 2004**. State DOTs should submit the applications directly to:

Erik Friesenhahn
AASHTO
444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 249
Washington, DC 20001

An electronic version of the application may be downloaded from the Center for Environmental Excellence's website, www.environment.transportation.org or the AASHTO homepage at www.transportation.org. Please submit one (1) printed copy of the application with original signature. Please also include a copy of your application on a diskette or CD-ROM, and four (4) sets of any attachments (slides only require two (2) sets).

If you have questions about this recognition program, please contact Kris Hoellen at 202-624-3649 or Erik Friesenhahn at (202) 624-3624 or erikf@ashto.org.