

ITS Florida 2007 Awards

Congratulations to the following well deserving recipients:

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement

The **FDOT District Seven ITS Program** is recognized for leading and advancing ITS in Florida, and for designing and deploying the Tampa Bay SunGuide Center as a model for other public agencies.

The **FDOT District Four ITS Program** for using value engineering-type best practices. The staff created a \$1.3 million cost savings.

ITS Champion

The ITS Champion is **George Gilhooley**, "Mr. VII," a former FDOT District Secretary, a steward of Florida's vehicle infrastructure integration efforts, and the state's representative on the National VII Coalition.



ITS Professional of the Year

Dong Chen, FDOT District 4 ITS Program Manager is recognized for his significant contribution to the ITS community.



ITS Florida Member of the Year

Pinellas County Public Works Transportation Division is recognized for utilizing public/private partnerships to deploy a sophisticated real-time traffic adaptive signal control system on US 19 and State Road 60. The improvements resulted in 1.35 million dollars of savings in fuel cost annually.

ITS Florida President's Award

Jay Calhoun is a recognized leader in the development and advancement of ITS throughout the transportation industry.



2007 Anne Shanklin Brewer Annual Scholarship

The Scholarship has been renamed in honor of Anne Shanklin Brewer and was awarded to **Ms. Yan Xiao** from



Florida International University in Miami. Ms. Xiao is a PhD student and has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Her focus is Transportation Engineering and she is working as a research assistant on funded research projects.



The Brewer family pictured here was present for first Anne Shanklin Brewer Scholarship

Award presentation.

Honor Roll

ITS Florida recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to ITS in the State of Florida. We are please to add the following to the ITS Florida Honor Roll.



Kenneth G. Courage, University of Florida (retired). Ken is a long-time supporter of ITS and is an innovator in ITS data collection and evaluation, signal control and various other aspects of ITS technology.

Edward Mueller, Retired from the FDOT and Morales and Schumer, Inc. He has had a long and distinguished career throughout which he was a strong supporter of innovative transportation. He was the first person appointed as "Secretary of Transportation" and served from 1970-1972. He also served as Executive Director of Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA).

Diana Carsey, Executive Director, ITS Florida Retired - Diana has managed the affairs of ITS Florida since 2004. She assumed the Executive Director position after retiring from HART in Tampa. She previously served as a Director at Large officer with ITS Florida.

David Wolters received a Special Award and Expression of Appreciation for the time he devoted to ITS Florida business.



ITS Florida Member Forum

ITS Florida held its first Member's Forum December 11, 2007. Several presentations were made on FDOT District ITS Projects and Events. The links to these presentations are:

- [District 2 ITS Projects](#)
- [District 4 ITS Project Video](#)
- [District 6 SunGuide TMC](#)

2008 Board of Directors

At the December 11th Annual Meeting in Tampa, Jay Calhoun announced results of the elections. The 2008 Officers and Board of Directors for ITS Florida are:



- Past President – **Elizabeth Birriel**, FDOT
- President – **Anita Vandervalk**, Cambridge Systematics
- Vice President – **Denise Bunnewith**, First Coast MPO
- Secretary – **LA Griffin**, OOCEA
- Treasurer – **Ken Jacobs**, Pinellas County

Directors at Large, serving their first of two-year terms:

- Dale Cody**, Metric Engineering
- Jesus Martinez**, Southwest Research Institute

Director begins a second two-year term:

- KK Saxena**, Kimley-Horn

Directors at Large serving the second of their two-year terms:

- Mary Hamill**, Global 5
- Peter Vega**, FDOT
- Essam Radwan**, UCF

Get to know your Board of Directors. Email addresses and telephone numbers are all posted at this link: [Board of Directors](#).

The Clarus Initiative

The *Clarus* Regional Demonstration moves forward. The 3 multi-state teams are diligently working on their Concepts of Operation (ConOps), which will describe road weather management strategies that use the quality-checked observations coming from the *Clarus* system. Eight State DOTs are providing data into the *Clarus* system, along with 3 Canadian Provinces. Please go to: <http://www.clarusinitiative.org/ConnectionProgram.htm> for more information.

Transportation Research Board Meeting

The TRB meeting will take place in Washing, DC from January 13-17, 2008. For more information visit the web at this [link](#).