

ITE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE STANDING COMMITTEE JOHN LAPLANTE AWARD

Purpose

The ITE Pedestrian and Bicycle Standing Committee John LaPlante Award is bestowed on a project that applies innovative solutions or techniques related to pedestrian and bicycle activities. Submissions that effectively communicate a problem statement, clearly outline methods used, highlight results, advance feasible and reliable solutions, and demonstrate benefits to the public will be given the highest consideration.

John LaPlante was a Fellow and Life Member of ITE and a generous contributor throughout his 58 years of service to the organization. A pioneer in the area of complete streets and a well-known champion for pedestrian and bicycle safety, John is remembered by colleagues as working “tirelessly” on behalf of these causes before their importance was widely recognized. The John LaPlante Best Pedestrian and/or Bicycle Construction Project Award honors John’s memory by recognizing a completed project that exemplifies the judging criteria.

The award will recognize the project that best meets the criteria by a diverse set of judges from the selection committee. Construction projects and those based in the study/policy/technology realm will all be evaluated together, with the selection committee weighing all criteria factors evenly.

Eligibility

1. Projects being entered for consideration must have been finalized or substantially complete and opened to the public within the prior calendar year.
2. The applicant submitting for the award must be an ITE member in good standing.

Award

The award will consist of a trophy or plaque presented at the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit. The selected projects will also be recognized in the *ITE Journal*.

Submission/Selection Process:

1. The submission must be uploaded by **March 1, 2021**, to ITE’s award platform (<https://ite-awards.secure-platform.com/a/>)
2. Cover letters should describe how the project met the judging criteria.

For any questions, contact **Tyler Krage** (tkrage@alliant-inc.com) with the email subject line: **Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee John LaPlante Award**

Judging Criteria

- **10 points | Application Presentation**
The submission should provide a clear and concise summary of the problem; a summary of the methodology; a description of the results/outcome of the project; and a description of the benefits of the project to the bicycle and pedestrian community.
- **30 points | Application of Innovative Ideas**
The submission should demonstrate how the project was an original idea or an application of an idea within a new geography or applied in a new manner. The submission should clearly articulate why the project is innovative. This criteria factors geographical, cultural, and societal context and associated challenges.
- **30 points | Strong Applicability to the Industry**
The submission should demonstrate how the main components of the project as related to bicyclists and pedestrians can be transferable to other projects, agencies, or geographies.
- **30 points | Demonstrates a Commitment to Improving Multimodal Travel**
The submission should demonstrate how the project encourages more multimodal travel, improves bicycle/pedestrian safety, provides for geographic or social equality, increases the overall efficiency of a pedestrian and/or bicycle system, improves travelers experience, promotes improved health and/or improves environmental outcomes based on the bicycle and/or pedestrian component.