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Public Works staffers awarded for innovation, cooperation

Innovation and cooperation are among the attributes the Town's Public Works staff was recognized as having during a ceremony this week where staffers accepted two awards.

The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association presented the awards in recognition of the Town's fleet management/operations and of its street and traffic engineering/operations/maintenance.

The fleet award went to Fleet Services Superintendent Todd Richardson for his management and operation of the Town's Fleet Division.

"Todd has successfully implemented a fleet services program that uses customer service feedback and performance measures to provide outstanding service to the Town," according to the January 2010 Colorado Public Works Journal.

The Fleet Division provides vehicle and equipment maintenance, repair and asset management for 267 light-duty units and 63 heavy-duty units.

Richardson's innovation in the development of the Town's Green Fleet policy and cooperation with Douglas County for heavy-duty vehicle washes both were mentioned in the article.

A group of Public Works employees – Public Works Director Bob Goebel, Assistant Director Maria D'Andrea, Engineering Manager Chuck Childs, Project Manager Tom Bendel and Senior Construction Inspector Aaron Monks – accepted the street engineering award for their work on the Southeast Arterial Connection Road project.

The project, completed last fall, improved transportation and connectivity in Town. It "advances the vision for the Town by improving access between neighborhoods, available commercial and industrial development areas and the historic downtown to regional transportation and the rest of the community," the issue of the Public Works Journal said.

The project, which included 1 mile of new road, was lauded for being completed under budget and ahead of schedule. Innovative measures included community outreach regarding roundabouts (the project included two roundabouts), and cooperation with area landowners and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was involved.

“Although originally submitted for its environmental sensitivity, this project was awarded by the judges for its engineering and design as a whole,” Goebel said.