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The people making a real difference to transport across London were recognised at the 9th annual London Transport Awards in London last night with the London Borough of Ealing picking up the top award of the night for Transport Borough of the Year. The Award for public transport operator of the year went to LOROL (London Overground Rail Operations Ltd) whilst the award for most improved transport borough award went to the London Borough of Haringey.

Hosted by Scottish radio and television presenter Grant Stott, the awards saw over 400 transport professionals gather at the prestigious ceremony at the Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel, London.

There was a special award on the night for Outstanding Contribution to Transport Across London given to David Brown for his work as Managing Director for Surface Transport at Transport for London. In this role he incorporated a diverse range of responsibilities including; London Buses, one of the world's largest urban bus networks, managing London's Red Route road network, congestion charging, taxi and private hire regulations, coach, river and mobility transport, cycling, including the introduction of the Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme, walking, road safety and transport policing and enforcement. He was there nearly five years before joining the Go-Ahead Group in July 2011 as Group Chief Executive.

Transport borough of the year, Ealing, was last year's winner of the National Transport Awards Most Improved Transport Authority. Ealing's high standard submission shows the comprehensive progress they are making across all key policy areas including road safety reduction, travel to school mode shift and cycling improvements. Investment in cycling has increased by 30% over the last three years to over £700,000 annually, walking and cycling to school has increased by almost 8%, and there has been a 5% reduction in road safety casualties.

Public Transport Operator of the Year was awarded to LOROL for the second year running. Over the past 12 months, customer satisfaction with LOROL has risen by 17%, train performance improved by over 2% and passenger journeys increased by 30%. LOROL has invested more than £35m refurbishing the 44 stations over the last 12 months which has transformed the appearance of LOROL's stations. All LOROL managed stations remained accredited under the DfT Secure Stations scheme and all stations are staffed throughout the operational day.

British Transport Police picked up the award for Transport Partnership of the Year for the reduction of cable theft on the East end of the Central line. Theft of signalling cable is an increasing problem on railways and has cost London Underground £300,000 in repairs. This excellent initiative has almost eliminated cable theft in the area, with scope to be duplicated elsewhere on the network.

One of the most competitive awards on the evening was for most Innovative Transport Project of the year which went to Ultra Global Ltd for the Heathrow Pod, which opened in April 2011. The personal rapid transit system is claimed to be the first new example of transit technology in 100 years. The air-conditioned pods carry four adults with space for pushchairs and luggage. Passengers have exclusive use of their pod – hence the personal tag. Typically 90% of passengers are provided with a pod within a minute. They are expected to carry 500,000 people annually between the Terminal 5 business car park and the main terminal.

Most improved transport borough Haringey, have highlighted good progress across a wide range of policy areas. Particularly strong on cycling, car clubs and school travel planning. A lot of serious effort has been directed towards reducing carbon. Establishing a Sustainable Transport Commission is an innovative approach to aiding this with results underpinning their progress.

The London Transport Awards, in association with Transport Times magazine, were

judged by Transport Times publisher Professor David Begg, Chair of the Judging panel and publisher of Transport Times; Janet Cooke, Chief Executive, London Travel Watch; Nick Lester, Director of Transport, Environment and Planning, London Councils and Elsie Owusu OBE, Principal Partner of Fielden & Mawson.

Peter Hendy OBE, Transport Commissioner, Transport for London said:

"I am delighted to support these awards, which rightly celebrate the many achievements of the organisations which keep our city moving and growing, as we look forward to a great year for London and its transport network"

The full list of award winners and those who were highly commended is as follows:

1 Most Effective Road Safety, Traffic Management & Enforcement Project sponsored by FirstGroup

WINNER - London Borough of Merton - South Wimbledon Business Area Streets for People

HIGHLY COMMENDED - City of London - Happy Feet Children's Pedestrian Training

2 Excellence in Travel Information & Marketing

WINNER – Quickmap - London's Surface Diagram

HIGHLY COMMENDED - TfL – Countdown

3 Achievements in Cycling

WINNER - London Borough of Hackney - Hackney: London's Cycling Borough

HIGHLY COMMENDED - London Borough of Brent

4 Excellence in Walking & Public Realm endorsed by Transport for London

WINNER - Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea - Exhibition Road

HIGHLY COMMENDED - London Borough of Newham

5 Excellence in Technology sponsored by BT Global Services

WINNER – Masabi, Atos & Chiltern Railways – "Pay & Display": the mTicket Revolution

6 Rail Station of the Year

WINNER - London Underground – Green Park

HIGHLY COMMENDED - TfL – Highbury & Islington

7 Most Innovative Transport Project sponsored by Keolis UK

WINNER - Ultra Global Ltd - Heathrow Pod

HIGHLY COMMENDED – Tube Lines - Tube Lines drainage efficiencies

8 Transport Team/Partnership of the Year

WINNER – British Transport Police – Reducing cable theft on the East end of the Central line

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Transport for London & Network Rail - North London Railway Infrastructure Project

9 Contribution to Sustainable Transport

WINNER - WestOne Cars

HIGHLY COMMENDED – Southern - Frontline Champions help grow Southern's green agenda

10 Road Streetworks Contractor of the Year Award endorsed by Transport for London

WINNER - Skanska (working as part of the North London Gas Alliance)

11 LUL Station Customer Service Team of the Year Award endorsed by Transport for London

WINNER - Totteridge and Whetstone station

12 Lifetime Contribution to Transport in London

WINNER - Graeme Swinburne

13 Outstanding Contribution to Transport across London

WINNER - David Brown, CEO, Go-Ahead Group plc

14 Frontline Employee of the Year

WINNER - Peter Tricker, Station Supervisor, London Underground

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Steven Black - London Underground

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Chester Carrington - London Underground

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Karen McAteer - LOROL

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Martin Phillips - Amey

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Gurbhag Kaur Dusanjh - Heathrow Airport Limited

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Lillian Turner - London Borough of Newham

15 Young Transport Professional of the Year supported by Atkins

WINNER - Peter Kalton, LOROL

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Hugh Lawson - Transport for London

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Michael Bloomfield - Transport for London

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Christopher Moores - Transport for London

16 Dedication to Access for All

WINNER - London Borough of Southwark - Southwark Independent Travel Training

17 Journalist of the Year

WINNER - Matthew Beard, Olympics Editor, Evening Standard

18 Most improved Transport Borough

WINNER - London Borough of Haringey

19 Public Transport Operator of the Year

WINNER - LOROL

HIGHLY COMMENDED - Southern

20 Transport Borough of the Year endorsed by Transport for London

WINNER – London Borough of Ealing

The awards are organised by Transport Times Events

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