



# 2021 NATIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR

## ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

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### ELIGIBILITY

Any project that was substantially completed by December 31, 2020 and no more than two calendar years immediately prior to the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) National Annual Conference shall be considered eligible for the National Project of the Year competition provided that the project involves at least one of the following transportation features:

- Highways/Roadways
- Bridges
- Railroads
- Bikeways and Multi-use Paths
- Traffic Control/Signalization (Includes ITS)
- Public Transit

### AWARD CATEGORIES

ASHE recognizes that construction cost categories may vary within each Section's and Region's Project of the Year Awards Program. For the National Project of the Year Award Competition (NPAC), the project entries will be placed into the following cost categories which may be different from the category in which they competed in their Section's or Region's award competition:

- Projects up to \$20M in construction cost
- Projects over \$20M in construction cost

### AWARD ENTRY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Submissions will only be accepted from the Region's designated person as determined by the Region's Board.
- Regions must complete their Region's project evaluations and submit a maximum of one project in each NPAC category to the ASHE National Project of the Year Committee Chair by February 28, 2021. The Chair for this award cycle is Joseph Rikk ([jrikk@gfnet.com](mailto:jrikk@gfnet.com)).
- For each project submitted, a \$100 entry fee payable to American Society of Highway Engineers and shall be mailed to the American Society of Highway Engineers, 610 Radcon St., Johnstown, PA 15904.
- The project must be substantially completed and open to the public by December 31, 2020 and no more than two calendar years immediately prior to the 2021 ASHE National Annual Conference.
- Previous winning projects in the NPAC are not eligible.
- Entry submissions shall contain:
  - ✓ Completed Project Entry Form.
  - ✓ Narrative describing the project not exceeding 1500 words (single sided, 12-point font, 8 ½ "x11" pages); the narrative must address the 6 categories in the scoring and judging criteria below. Project construction costs must be provided.
  - ✓ Up to five (5) five construction drawings on 11"x17" sheets that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria.
  - ✓ Up to five (5) photos (maximum size: 8 ½"x11") that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria.
  - ✓ Verification of substantial completion by the date noted.
  - ✓ Statement of commitment that at least one representative from the project team will attend the awards luncheon.
- The winner's will be required to submit a project panel and brief PowerPoint slide presentation that will be displayed at the Luncheon honoring Past Presidents at the 2021 National Annual Conference.
- The winner's will be required to prepare 500-word maximum summary of their project to be used on the ASHE National Website and in the ASHE Scanner.
- The project entry form, narrative, drawings, and photos shall be compiled into a single PDF file in the order noted. The photos used in the PDF shall also be provided in high resolution jpg format.

### AWARD SCORING CRITERIA AND JUDGING

Each submittal will be judged by a panel comprised of at least three (3) ASHE members that are in good standing. Sections and Regions may nominate judges for the NPAC committee's consideration by February 28, 2021. The NPAC will select the judging panel with a goal of no more than one judge from each region.

Each submittal will be judged based on the following criteria:

25%	Complexity
25%	New application of Existing Techniques / Originality / Innovation
15%	Social/Economic Considerations
15%	Safety
10%	Aesthetics and Sustainable Features
10%	Meeting and Exceeding Owner's/Client's Needs

The winners will be determined based on the highest average score from all judges in each award category and will be notified by March 30, 2021.