

# Professional Manager of the Year Award Transportation

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Transportation category recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of public transportation professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management by an individual through a significant transportation-related project or program.



## **Nancy J.T. Kraushaar, P.E.**

*City Engineer/Public Works Director  
City of Oregon City, Oregon*

Nancy J.T. Kraushaar's career began following her graduation from the University of Colorado with a degree in civil engineering. She worked as an engineer in the private sector in both Colorado and Oregon for fifteen years before joining the City of Oregon City in 1996. In 2000, Kraushaar was promoted to the highest position in the Public Works Department, the City Engineer and Public Works Director. She oversees a staff of 43 with an annual operating budget of \$29 million including an overall responsibility for the Capital Construction Funds, which regularly exceeds \$10 million.

Kraushaar developed relationships with surrounding cities, counties and agencies to understand the best practices for public works in Oregon City. An example of one such relationship is the City's relationship with Clackamas County. Instead of hiring specialized staff or consultants/contractors to do several roadway maintenance operations, the City hires the County whose crews complete the traffic signal repair and upgrades, strip the roadways, and perform annual chip seal maintenance. This has increased efficiency and productivity, while reducing costs for both agencies. Kraushaar continues to cultivate these relationships through her realistic and honest objectives with other public works professionals and her willingness to help with the few resources she does have.