

CIHT Scotland Annual Awards National Transport Project of the Year

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Deadline for entries: 20th August 2026

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Overview

The CIHT Scotland **National Transport Project of the Year** award, sponsored by Waterman Aspen, recognises a national transport project, strategy, policy or behaviour change initiative that aligns strongly with CIHT's values – Professional, Inclusive, Collaborative and Progressive.

Eligibility

For a project to be considered '**national**', it must involve work on, or be directly related to, **national services and infrastructure**. This may include (but is not limited to) major improvements to the trunk road, rail, tram or subway networks; improvements to a main bus or train station; improvements to an airport or major ferry port; or a nationally coordinated programme/strategy on one or more mode of transport.

Entries can be submitted by any party involved in the project, including the promoting body, advisors/consultants, contractors or direct stakeholders. Joint entries are accepted. Please seek permission of the promoting body before entering.

If you wish to submit a project but have questions regarding eligibility, please contact us at scotland@ciht.org.uk. If CIHT Scotland considers that your submission does not fit the eligibility criteria for this award but may fit the eligibility for our Local Transport of the Year award, we will contact you to discuss.

Entry Criteria

The award is **free to enter**.

Entries must demonstrate the delivery and outcomes of the project are aligned with CIHT's Values – Professional, Inclusive, Collaborative, and Progressive.

Some examples/suggestions to reflect on when drafting your submission are laid out below:

- **Professional:** In what ways did the project demonstrate good value for money? Were sustainability principles integrated into the approach? How were health and safety risks identified and effectively managed? What lessons were learned that could enhance future project delivery?
- **Inclusive:** How did the project positively impact people's lives? What are the broader benefits to society? Did the project take into account the diverse needs of all groups in society?
- **Collaborative:** How did the project team work together to overcome challenges? What steps were taken to build and maintain trust with external stakeholders? In what ways did collaboration contribute to the project's success?
- **Progressive:** What aspects of the project are particularly innovative? How did the project stand out from others in its field? Does the project set a new benchmark or direction for future initiatives?

Evidence must be given for **at least three** of the above criteria in order to be considered.

Judging

Entries will be assessed by a panel of judges comprising representatives of the CIHT Scotland Committee along with a representative from the award sponsor. In the case that the sponsor organisation submits an entry to this category, their representative will be reassigned to a different category to ensure impartiality. The panel will consider all entries and determine which nomination to support for this years' National Transport Project of the Year Award. Please note that the judge's decision is final.

Entries failing to meet the specified criteria, or which are not submitted in the requested format set out below will not be considered.

Award Details

The winning project team will receive a trophy, certificate, and a full suite of press and promotion across CIHT Scotland channels, including on social media, CIHT website and the Dinner programme.

The winners will be announced at the **CIHT Scotland Annual Dinner on Thursday 1 October 2026 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow** where the winning team will be presented with their award.

Winners may also be invited to present their project to CIHT members via an event (e.g. webinar) at a later date.

Reasons to Enter

- **Showcase Excellence:** Highlight your organisation's work and gain recognition from industry peers, enhancing your profile across the highways and transportation sector.
- **Celebrate Achievement:** Promote your successes and receive formal acknowledgment for your team's dedication and impact.
- **Strengthen Your Credentials:** Add award recognition to your tenders and/or corporate materials, Demonstrating your commitment to the highest standards of quality and professionalism.
- **Support the Industry:** By participating, you contribute to strengthening CIHT as the natural home for everyone working in highways and transportation infrastructure.

How to enter

Submissions will be made via an online form on the CIHT Website

<https://www.ciht.org.uk/about-us/uk-nations-regions/scotland/ciht-scotland-awards/>

The form will ask for details of the entering organisation(s), including names and contact details which will be used solely for purposes related to the award.

Submissions should be a maximum of 1000 words.

You may upload up to 2 A4 sheets (in PDF format) to support your submission. This can be photographs, drawings, figures or report excerpts etc.

You should also include a single paragraph summary outline (maximum. 50 words) of your submission which may be included in the Dinner programme or on display boards during the evening.

Entries should be submitted no later than 17:00 BST on 20 August 2026.

We may use submitted materials in award-related publicity and promotional activities **unless you clearly identify any content that is protected by copyright or subject to publication restrictions.**

If you have any questions about this award, please contact scotland@ciht.org.uk.