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## **BDA's TransManage earns top national award for employer commute programs**

**BELLEVUE, Wash.** – **TransManage**, a service of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), was named the **2009 Outstanding Transportation Management Association (TMA)** by the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT). Presented earlier this week at the ACT International Conference in Washington, D.C., this national-level award recognizes the TMA that has best used its public/private partnerships to achieve local or regional transportation goals.

Established in 1986 as one of the first TMAs in the country, TransManage works in partnership with property managers, the City of Bellevue, King County Metro, WSDOT and several other local transportation organizations to promote non-drive alone commute options.

"Downtown employers are playing a big role in improving their employees' commutes," said Sarah Vega, program manager for TransManage. "Now more than ever, organizations are eager to help employees save time and reduce transportation costs."

TransManage was specifically recognized for its success in extending commute programs to companies with fewer than 100 employees, or the vast majority downtown employers. Through increased sales of FlexPass, RideshareOnline.com registration drives, improved bicycle facilities and coordination with existing programs, 39 percent of commuters arrive downtown by not driving alone, compared to 29 percent in 2005.

The Bellevue Downtown Association is a member-based non-profit organization charged with leading the continuing evolution of Downtown Bellevue as the economic and cultural heart of the Eastside. The BDA advocates for a shared vision of Downtown Bellevue, cultivates economic vitality, fosters a dynamic civic and cultural community and creates an open forum for Downtown constituents.

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