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Tempe receives prestigious EPA award for Transportation Center

Tempe, Ariz. – The city of Tempe today received a coveted Smart Growth Achievement Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its downtown Transportation Center. EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson recognized the facility as a model for sustainable design, a vibrant, mixed-use regional transportation hub that incorporates innovative and green building elements tailored to the desert environment.

The Tempe Transportation Center is a true multi-modal facility that integrates a METRO light rail stop, the city's main bus station and the Bicycle Cellar, a full-service bicycle commuter facility with secure bicycle parking, showers, lockers, bicycle sales and rentals.

www.thebicyclecellar.com

“Every year the Smart Growth Achievement Award winners show us new and creative ways to bring environmental sustainability to our communities – and this year is no exception,” Jackson said. “Smart growth has an important role to play in building a new foundation for prosperity in communities across the nation.”

Tempe was one of four communities receiving the National Award for Smart Growth Achievement at today's ceremony in Washington. Other recipients were: Lancaster County, Pa., Planning Commission; city of Charlotte, N.C; and Chicago Housing Authority.

For more information on the Tempe Transportation Center, call 480-350-2775 or visit

www.tempe.gov/greenprograms.

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