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International Partnering Institute Awards Mineta San José International Airport's Assistant Director with Prestigious Chairman's Award

-- Judy Ross receives highest honor for her contributions to IPI and SJC --

San José, Calif.— Judy Ross, Assistant Director of Aviation at [Mineta San José International Airport \(SJC\)](#), was awarded with the [International Partnering Institute's](#) highest honor for an individual with the **Chairman's Award**. The distinguished award is presented annually to an individual who makes a tremendous difference for both their organization and IPI's mission to grow and share the model of partnering. Every year IPI honors organizations and individuals who have worked to make the construction industry more collaborative for a successful outcome.

IPI recognizes projects and individuals who best exemplify the principles of partnering and promote its mission to transform the construction industry to achieve exceptional results through a culture of collaboration. The awards celebrate success, lessons learned and best practices, and acknowledges teams and individuals who achieve extraordinary results.

"We are extremely proud of Judy's well-deserved recognition from IPI, and her continued dedication in utilizing best practices learned from IPI for Silicon Valley's Airport," said **John Aitken, Director of Aviation**. "Judy's leadership and forward-thinking provides our Airport and employees with stability and opportunities to achieve success."

Ms. Ross is accredited with introducing the concept of a Pilot Partnering Project based on her findings from an IPI committee and best practices she learned through IPI from other nationwide airports. For her efforts in piloting this program, SJC received IPI's Diamond Level Project of the Year Award in 2018 for its Security Perimeter Technology Project. The team was awarded this exemplary honor for their dedication to the partnering process, achieving excellent results, and delivering an overall outstanding project.

In addition, SJC was awarded the IPI's Diamond Partnering Level Award in 2020 for their construction collaboration with [Hensel Phelps \(HP\)](#), [Fentress](#), [Southwest Airlines](#) and [OrgMetrics LLC](#) in building SJC's Interim Facility in Terminal B. The Interim Facility is intended to serve passengers until the Airport's future expansion of a new terminal is realized, as a part of the [Airport's Updated Master Plan](#). According to IPI, SJC raised the bar by delivering the fastest design build project in San Jose, while inviting other nationwide airports to witness partnering in action.

"Ms. Ross is so generous with her time, strategic in her thinking, and a great leader and champion for partnering on Mineta San Jose International Airport's projects," said Ivar Satero, IPI President of the Board. "It gives me great pleasure to honor Ms. Ross with this year's IPI Chairman's award."

Ms. Ross serves on IPI's Board of Directors, and supports IPI by providing updates to its by-laws. In addition, Ms. Ross participates in IPI's membership and sponsorship committee.

For more information about SJC's capital improvement projects, visit flysanjose.com/improvement.

To learn about IPI, visit <https://partneringinstitute.org/>.

SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels

Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San Jose. The airport, now in its 71st year, served nearly 15.7 million passengers in 2019, with nonstop service across North America and to Europe and Asia. SJC was America's fastest-growing major airport the past four years, based on percentage increase in passengers served. For more airport information, visit <https://www.flysanjose.com>.