

Dear Middle-School Teacher,

Could your classroom use a cash prize of \$200, \$300, or even \$1000?

You could be cashing that check, if you win the 2019 Garrett Morgan Sustainable Transportation Competition!

Sponsored by the US Department of Transportation, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and other industry partners, this program was created to engage students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), perhaps leading to careers in transportation.

## Here's how it works:

- Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) provides curriculum workbooks and teacher guides at no cost.
- Each participating teacher helps his or her class (or a team from the class) create a sustainable transportation project to present to a senior representative from US Department of Transportation and other transportation leaders in Spring 2019. Teams receive \$50 to help with project expenses.
- The project can be a demonstration, model, PowerPoint, or other presentation suitable for a video-conference broadcast.
- In the spring (usually mid-April), each participating team presents its work in a coast-to-coast live broadcast. The specific date will be chosen to avoid school blackout dates (e.g. spring break, state testing, etc.) and to coordinate with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Caltrans, and other industry representatives.
- Judges will score the presentations, and the winners will be announced within one week.

First place team receives a \$1000 cash prize, a plaque, and an all-expenses paid trip for three to San Jose, CA for the MTI awards banquet in June 2019.

- Second-place team receives \$300 and a plaque.
  - Third-place team receives \$200 and a plaque.

• All students who compete will receive a signed certificate.

For more information about the program, visit the MTI website's Garrett Morgan page at <u>https://transweb.sjsu.edu/education/garrett-morgan-program</u>. The site includes samples of the workbook and entry forms, plus transcripts and videos from previous competitions.

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