Volunteers... they make the WTS world go around, don’t they? Our volunteers make events, technical sessions, professional development sessions and even our annual Transportation Mini Series (TMS) happen. I am thankful for the many dedicated volunteers that drive the progress of every successful event and endeavor. In a perfect world, every member would have time to volunteer and we’d have perfectly executed events, and our organization would have unlimited funds to pursue every idea and suggestion made by members and friends.

We have always worked with a few committed individuals. For these people I am grateful. On behalf of the WTS CT Chapter Board of Directors, I would like to thank those individuals and companies serving the WTS community by giving their time and financial support to advance the WTS mission and initiatives.

For those members that are interested, I would like to extend an invitation to volunteer and join any one of our committees. We are always looking for new volunteers and can use the help wherever your interests may lie. As a volunteer, you will gain a sense of giving back to the transportation profession, increase your knowledge and learn new skills through networking, enhance your career and build relationships with new contacts and old friends.

Currently WTS Connecticut has the following active committees:

- Events Committee – with the assistance of the board plans all of our activities throughout the year.
- Membership Committee – maintains membership contact information, provides our current members with support, executes international membership drives and reaches out to potential members.
- Communication Committee – manages our website, creates Evites and WTS announcements, and the newsletter with everyone’s input.
- Scholarship Committee - maintains contact with local higher education schools and manages the process for selecting and granting merit-based scholarships to young women pursuing an education in the transportation industry.
- Mentor Program Committee – manages a year-long professional...
WTS Connecticut takes great pride in recognizing those individuals and firms for their outstanding achievements and innovative projects at the Annual Award Dinner. Not only have these individuals and firms differentiated themselves from the rest with their hard work and dedication to the transportation industry, but they have also made incredible contributions to the WTS mission of creating new opportunities and advancing the careers of women in transportation.

The April Scholarship and Awards Dinner was an inspirational event recognizing the following individuals and firms:

- Cheryl Malerba - Woman of the Year
- Amy Jackson-Grove - Member of the Year
- Job Links of Northwest Connecticut - Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership
- VN Engineers - Employer of the Year
- CTDOT & H.W. Lochner - Innovative Project Solutions for CEI Contracts on the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge construction
- Melissa Paciulli of University of Massachusetts – Scholarship Recipient

WTS Connecticut was privileged to host the honorable Connecticut DMV Commissioner, Melody A. Currey as our guest speaker. Her light humor and presentation on the DMV’s current evolution initiative was captivating. Thanks to the Commissioner, doing business with DMV is changing for better with initiatives aimed at enhancing the customer experience and improving efficiency.

We also recognized the Mentor and Mentee graduating teams. These were: Crystal Engram & Latoya Smith, Susan VanBenschoten & Shawna Bartkus, Jim Ford & Tess Milkove, and Carla Tillery & Amanda Jenkins. The WTS Board of Directors would like to thank our mentors for their support and time volunteered to participate in the program. Their knowledge and wisdom imparted upon their mentee will be great help and support throughout their career. A graduation and final session for mentors and mentees is scheduled for June 26, 2013.
WTS International announced the winners of annual recognition awards for 2013. Each of the five awards were presented at an awards banquet on May 16 during the 2013 WTS Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA. The recognition award winners are:

- Woman of the Year – Beverley Swaim-Staley, President/CEO, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation
- Member of the Year - Lupe Harriger, Former Senior Transportation Planner, Arizona DOT
- Employer of the Year – HDR Engineering
- Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award – Ann Richards School for Young Women Innovative Transportation Solutions Award – Presidio Parkway Project

History of International Women's Day - March 8

International Women's Day is a time to celebrate the important accomplishments and contributions of women. This is a day to pause and remember how far we, women, have come since the first International Women's Day over 100 years ago, when women had the right to vote in only two countries and many faced restricted education and career opportunities. This is also a day to remember how far we still have to go. I’m proud to say that as WTS members, we continue to contribute to the cause. International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. Cheers for your inspiration and for the contributions and commitment you have made to the communities you live in, your families, and where you work!

www.internationalwomensday.com

I am happy to announce that International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world today. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

International Women's Day first emerged from the activities of labor movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe. It was international only in the technical sense that women in four European nations marched. These activists were ahead of their time in thinking about women's economic and political equality: they may not have been so far ahead of their time that they envisioned what it has come to mean for many of us today. Only in 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on the 8th of March. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions. In adopting its resolution, the General Assembly recognized the role of women in peace efforts and development and urged an end to discrimination and an increase of support for women's full and equal participation.

Now, International Women's Day represents a movement that is for every woman and girl, no matter where they live. This year, Malala Yousafzai became the youngest Nobel Peace Prize nominee in history by risking her life for the cause of universal girls' education. Her courage has inspired women across the world. Some of the bravest, most revolutionary voices about empowerment are coming from women and girls like Malala who are calling the world's attention to social norms that prevent women from realizing their full potential.

In my opinion, this is why marking International Women's Day is important. It's a chance for so many people to move beyond "celebrating" and take action to create meaningful and sustainable change for women and girls. Although, much progress has been made to protect and promote women's rights in recent times according to the UN, nowhere in the world can women claim to have all the same rights and opportunities as men. The majority of the world's 1.3 billion absolute poor are women. On average, women receive between 30 and 40 percent less pay than men earn for the same work. Women also continue to be victims of violence, with rape and domestic violence listed as significant causes of disability and death among women worldwide.

Please join us or any charitable organization and show your support and commitment to the communities you live in, your families, and where you work!

Source: www.internationalwomensday.com
Bus Rapid Transit in Connecticut, CT fastrak Tour

by Amanda Marino

On Tuesday, May 7th WTS Connecticut Chapter hosted a tour of the project that is revolutionizing central Connecticut's public transit system! The CT fastrak project is a bus rapid transit system that combines the benefits of a light rail system with the flexibility of a bus system and includes dedicated lanes that stretch along a 4.4 mile corridor from New Britain to Hartford. The tour group met at the CT fastrak Program Office on New Park Avenue in West Hartford. The Team gave a presentation on the history of the project, the current status of the construction, and their vision for the start of service in 2015. They explained how the system will work and all of the benefits it will bring to commuters in the area such as reduced congestion and easier access to regional employment, shopping, cultural, educational and healthcare destinations. They also spoke about the benefits the system would bring to local communities, and the transit oriented development opportunities that would arise as a result of this program.

After the presentation, the group walked around the building to observe the construction of Flatbush Avenue Bridge. The next portion of the tour involved a bus excursion of project sites stretching from Hartford to New Britain. The CT fastrak Team pointed out major construction elements including station sites and guideway bridges. All attendees of the WTS CT fastrak Tour were officially the first CT fastrak riders! The group was given an exclusive ride on a newly paved segment of guideway.

Many thanks to our speakers: Lisa Rivers, CT DOT Transit Manager; Michael Mendick, CT DOT Construction Supervising Engineer; Maureen Lawrence, CT DOT Transportation Planner; and Carrie Rocha, CT fastrak Deputy Program Director.
On May 16th, a group of 35 students from the Hartford Academy of Engineering had the pleasure of touring the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. As the students toured this mega project they learned about various areas of engineering including: structural, civil, site, environmental, and waterway, site planning, model building, computer design, and architecture. Students were provided direct access to the project team to ask questions and learn about the project.

The day long program consisted of multiple presentations which discussed the design of the project, the teams of people involved and a description of the equipment they are using to build the new bridge and other improvements to the surrounding area. The sessions included an overview of all phases. These phases include a delicate design of a new 10-lane extradosed bridge and construction improvements to I-95/I-91/Rt-34 interchange, I-95 interstate, waste water treatment plant, utility improvements and the relocation of beloved historical boat house.

All of the students were very excited to wear hard hats, safety vests, and to explore the area where the construction is taking place. The tour of the job site was packed with real construction information. After the tour the hungry, yet happy students, enjoyed lunch with the Q-bridge team. The third presentation continued through lunch and discussed the various work being done on the bridge. After the completion of the third presentation a more in depth presentation was given on 4-D modeling and its importance in today’s construction management and planning. An interactive question and answer session closed out the day.

This tour helped the students to understand the most important message: the success of any project is build on a strong foundation. This foundation is created by education which is paramount to success and to meeting personal and professional goals.

We sincerely hope that through this visit, students gained insight into what future employers seek in their perspective employee. Students were given advice on how to be successful in college and how to prepare themselves for future employment. The goal of these activities for the students was to help connect Hartford Academy of Engineering school experiences with real-life work.

Special thanks to our presenters: Brian Mercure of CT DOT, Vlad Kaminsky of CT DOT, Matt Briggs of CTDOT, and Melissa Guerrero of PB.
Have you considered becoming a Corporate Partner?

A sponsorship of WTS Connecticut offers vital mutual benefits to WTS and your company. WTS Connecticut offers outstanding networking and professional development opportunities for transportation industry employees and leaders at every level. WTS offers informative programs, scholarships for students, mentoring program, and information exchange through our newsletter and website (including job postings). For more information on the Corporate Sponsorship Program please contact our Chapter President, Pat Padlo at padlopt@CDMSmith.com.
Forming and Promoting Student Chapters

by Tiffany Ann Jackson

Some of the best work WTS International chapters do is to develop future leaders in the industry by working with students. Chapter programs add value for student members by exposing them to tools to help launch their transportation careers and by introducing them to seasoned professionals and leaders in the field.

WTS International has several active student chapters. We want to celebrate their success by raising awareness on the WTS International website. Do you know a group of students interested in forming a new WTS student chapter? Please forward the contact information and name of the university, school, or technical institute to Chapter Development Director, Tiffany Jackson, so she can connect with the group and lead them through the formation process.

Please forward all student chapter info to: tjackson@wtsinternational.org

WTS 101

by Pat Padlo & Shawna Bartkus

On May 1st WTS Connecticut hosted a WTS 101 Program. This event was designed to introduce current and prospective members to the roles, missions and benefits of participation within the organization. Board members were in attendance to share their experiences and offer insight on the various committees which make up our chapter: including Mentorship, Diversity, TransportationYou, Events, Membership, and Scholarship.

Michael Baker Jr. in Rocky Hill, our corporate sponsor graciously accommodated WTS with the use of their conference room and the provision of refreshments. This event not only provided good networking but also a little fun with a WTS trivia wheel and prizes!

The WTS Connecticut is always looking for new ideas in support of advancing women in transportation. Our vision of an empowered, diverse membership begins with you – men and women alike. Join us in bringing top technical and professional programs on industry trends, in finding new ways to engage young women in the math and sciences and building long-lasting professional industry relationships. For more information contact our Membership Chair Theresa Albanese,

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Contact our Chapter President for further information at padlopt@CDMSmith.com

Student Poster Competition - for opportunity to present at TMS

We invite all students to participate in our annual student poster competition to present their research at the WTS Connecticut 7th Annual Transportation Mini Series (TMS). Posters will be judged on significance to the transportation industry today, the appropriateness of research and methodology, a concise description of results, as well as organization, clarity and aesthetics of the poster. For more information please contact:

Shivani Mahajan at shivani.mahajan@urs.com or Lauren DiGovanni at ldigovanni@mbakercorp.com.
Mentor Program

by Shawna Bartkus

The WTS Connecticut 2013/14 Mentor Program is an outstanding opportunity for individuals to expand their careers through professional development programs, networking, the sharing of ideas, learning from your peers, and guidance from senior-level transportation industry leaders. Our program, which is in its fourth season, has scheduled top-notch speakers to address issues we deal with on both a personal and professional level. Terry Newman, Business Coach and Consultant, founder of Newman Management, will discuss Work-Life Balance in a September session; in November we will offer a Women’s Transportation Industry Roundtable Discussion to learn how some of today’s leaders created their path and forged their way to the top; later in January of 2014 we will discuss Confronting Conflict and Dealing with Difficult People, presented by Rosetta Jones. Ms. Jones is retired from a well-established career within corrections; her final position held being Warden of the Brooklyn Correction Institution in Connecticut. Her professional and personal accomplishments have been recognized by the Connecticut General Assembly, Association of Police Commissioners, Council of Negro Women, and Permanent Commission, Permanent the Status of Women, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, Connecticut College Students Organized against Racism (SOAR), The Day, CPTV and many others.

These programs combined with participation in our annual conference in October, the Transportation Mini-Series, make this program a win-win situation for our members, sponsors, and participants alike. The program is at no cost to the participant, but it does require a commitment of time on a monthly basis. Our mentoring program is kicking off on August 8th, just prior to our Chapter’s annual summer social, and closing in April of 2014. For this eight month period we ask for a small commitment of time, on a monthly basis, that has the ability to make a life time of change. Our Chapter’s professional development programs typically have a limited registration to allow for an open dialogue, sharing of thoughts and experiences.

On a final note, to close out our 2012/13 season we have scheduled a professional development session with Kathy McAfee, Marketing Motivational Speaker and Executive Presentation Coach. Ms. McAfee will present Master Your Mind For A Change. A session to help you create big changes in your outcomes by making small changes in how you think, feel and respond. You’ll use self-mastery techniques from Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP), the study of how you run your brain. Brians are bossy. When you better control your brain you can improve your ‘inner game’ and help propel your career.

Applications for participation in the 2013/14 season are due by July 12th to our Program Chair, Shawna Bartkus. We are currently accepting applications for mentors and mentees. Should you be of interest contact Shawna at sbartkus@hwlochner.com.

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The 2013 WTS Annual Conference took place May 15-17th in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Several Connecticut Chapter members were fortunate, through the support of the chapter and their employers, to attend this year: Lauren DiGovanni (Michael Baker, Jr.), Krista Kenney (Michael Baker, Jr.), Shivani Mahajan (URS), Carie Rocha (Keville Enterprises), Nancy Rolfe (AECOM), Susan VanBenschoten (FHI) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation Deputy Commissioner Anna M. Barry.

The conference theme, “Liberty in Transportation for All” seemed quite appropriate. First, since Philadelphia is considered the birthplace of the United States and second, the city’s multimodal transportation network certainly is a testimony of freedom to travel both throughout and beyond the city. I took advantage of both the subway system (SEPTA) http://www.septa.org/ within the Philadelphia, and Amtrak train service to the conference and then home to Connecticut. Additionally, I was able to utilize commercial bus service (Greyhound) from NYC to New Haven Station due to the track outage of Metro North.

The conference had much to offer from professional networking events to book discussion groups, technical tours to poster sessions. Each day three tracks of sessions were offered: professional development, transportation innovation, and finance and funding.

Several highlights included:

- Panel Discussion: Women Leaders in Aviation
- Climbing the Ladder: Tools for Career Advancement
- An Unlikely Pair: Understanding Public-Private Partnerships
- Listening, Launching, and Leaping: Technology and Entrepreneurship
- Get Noticed and Get Promoted: Five Skills to Make You Stand Out from the Crowd
- Technical Tour: Walking tour of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge
- Technical Tour: Philadelphia International Airport

Transportation Innovations Session, “Listening Launching, and Leaping: Technology and Entrepreneurship” was presented by Buzzcar© Founder and CEO Robin Chasse, HNTB Vice President Yassmin Gramian, and JBC Associates, Inc. President Janet Cunningham. It was fascinating and inspiring listening as Ms. Chase brought the group through her thinking process, setbacks and journey to co-founding Zipcar© (http://www.zipcar.com) and now launching Buzzcar© (http://www.buzzcar.com). Buzzcar is a service that brings together car owners and drivers in a car sharing marketplace and empowers individuals to take control of their mobility, without looking to governments or big business for solutions. For more information about this amazing transportation innovator visit: http://www.robinchase.org/.

The technical tours showcased the extensive transportation system and infrastructure that serve the region. Among the tours was a “behind the fence” tour of the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). I and a group of about ten got a closer look at the runways, taxiways, deicing facilities and even went up into the control tower. Keith Brune, the Deputy Director of Operations and Facilities operations along with Security Manager Renee Tufts gave the group an overview of the PHL Master Plan as we drove the perimeter of the airport. The PHL Master Plan includes strategies and timelines for airport improvements over a span of 20 years and also provides for thorough studies on the airport's efficiency and potential impact of any proposed new development. The plan which includes airport expansion and the construction of a new runway may be viewed at http://www.phl.org. One of the most interesting facts Keith Brune shared with us was that PHL was the 4th most delayed airport in the country in 2009.

Two speaker highlights were keynote speaker Gloria Steinem and lunch speaker Dr. Mae Jemison.

Ms. Steinem, perhaps the most iconic leader of the women's liberation movement in the late 1960s and 1970s was remarkably humble and soft-spoken. She conveyed her message of equality for all in the workplace and society and said that she dreamed of the day when gender and race are not a
factor in a person’s successes. When asked what she felt WTS should be focused on in order to advance women in transportation she said, “It is not my place to tell you what you should do, but rather to support your mission and what you care about.” Interesting fact I didn’t know about Ms. Steinem is that she was the founding president of the Ms. Foundation for Women, a national multi-racial, multi-issue fund that supports grassroots projects to empower women and girls, and also a founder of its Take Our Daughters to Work Day, a first national day devoted to girls that has now become an institution here and in other countries. Visit http://www.gloriasteinem.com/ for more information on this inspirational woman leader.

Dr. Mae Jemison was the first woman of color in the world to go into space. She served six years as an astronaut and was NASA’s first Science Mission Specialist performing experiments in material science, life science, and human adaptation to weightlessness. Dr. Jemison, an inspiring and charismatic speaker, is Principal of the 100 Year Starship Project. The 100 Year Starship™ Project (http://100yss.org/) has a goal of ensuring all the capabilities for a successful human journey to another star will exist by 2112. Although the idea of interstellar travel seems the stuff of science fiction, Dr. Jemison reminded us that, “The concept of humans traveling to other star systems may appear fantastical, but no more so than the fantasy of reaching the Moon was in the days of H. G. Wells. “The First Men in the Moon” was published considerably less than 100 years before humans landed on the Moon.” I wonder if a future WTS member will be among the interstellar travelers.

Overall, the conference was inspiring, thought provoking, and empowering. Being surrounded by some 500 corporate and governmental industry leaders all with the same single goal of “advancing women in the transportation industry” has led me to the question and challenge of, “What can I do to further the careers of women around me?”

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**INVEST**

by Theresa Albanese

On March 6th, approximately 15 transportation professionals attended this technical workshop whereby Michael Culp, FHWA, introduced the FHWA web-based tool called INVEST (Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool). The tool is a sustainable highway self-evaluation tool that can assist transportation agencies with opportunities to develop and integrate sustainability into their projects. The types of projects would incorporate stewardship and planning for LEED-based infrastructure for a particular highway project. The pilot test Version 1.0 was released in October 2012. Pilot sites include DOTs and planning commissions. The INVEST Tool covers the life cycle of a project including System Planning (SP), Project Development (PD), and Operations and Maintenance (OM). More information on the various web tool modules can be found at the following link www.sustainablehighways.org.

FHWA is developing a strategic plan to encourage use of the INVEST Tool. Applicable activities include a single project or any state and regional level project; a letter of interest can be submitted to see if they would be eligible to use the INVEST Toolkit.

"Engineering is the science of economy, of conserving the energy, kinetic and potential, provided and stored up by nature for the use of man. It is the business of engineering to utilize this energy to the best advantage, so that there may be the least possible waste."

*William A. Smith*
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development program, a unique one-on-one mentorship with a senior level transportation professional. Also plans three Professional Development Sessions that are also open to WTS members.

- Diversity Committee – promotes a practice of encouraging inclusion and balance in an organization with respect to members’ varied backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, age, disability, education, ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, and sexual orientation.

- Student Outreach/Transportation You – in the process of developing student outreach program that follows national STEM program initiatives.

- TMS Planning Committee – a group that reviews all proposed session topics, and then contacts speakers on behalf of WTS and ITE.

Each of these Committees has a Committee Chair looking for enthusiastic and energetic Committee Members interested in helping them out. We are seeking volunteers who want to be more active in the WTS Connecticut Chapter by becoming a member in one or more of these established Committees. For those individuals who are interested but do not have the time to commit to a committee, we are also looking for individuals to volunteer on an event or task basis. It can be as simple as helping us with making name tags for an event or summarizing all of the articles and pictures into our quarterly newsletter. Become part of our successful team! It’s easy – just contact me and I will forward you any additional information you may need. My contact information is:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 26, 2013 - Golf Tournament  
- June 26, 2013 - Professional Development Session- Kathy McAfee, “Master Your Mind For a Change”  
- August 8, 2013 - Summer Social, Paradise Hills Vineyard  
- October 10, 2013, Transportation Mini Series  

For more information, please contact any of your WTS CT Board Members (see back page for a listing)

REQUEST FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!

WTS Connecticut is holding their annual Transportation Mini Series on October 10th, 2013 and we are in need of silent auction items. The event is a full day of technical presentations and panel discussions on a wide variety of transportation related topics. All proceeds from the silent auction will support the WTS Connecticut Scholarship Program.

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**Advisory Board Lends Support to WTS Connecticut**

by Laurel Stegina

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**Member Spotlight - AMANDA JENKINS**

We would like to welcome our new Communications Committee Member Amanda Jenkins from Prime Engineering.

Amanda is a bridge designer with 3 years of experience. Her experience includes In-Service bridge inspection of highway and rail bridges, and load rating for railway bridges. Currently she is working on MBTA railroad load ratings and 75% cost estimates for a bridge replacement for RIDOT. She received her MS in 2011 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and passed her E.I.T.

Outside of work Amanda enjoys running. She participated in her first two half marathons this past year. She is originally from Connecticut but you can find her traveling and relaxing at the beach.

Amanda joined the Communications Committee this year and has quickly proven to be an intelligent, dedicated, self-motivated and reliable individual. She has become an invaluable help to the Chapter! Amanda provides support to the Chapter Webmaster, making sure the Chapter webpages, viewed at the local and national level by members and non-members alike, are always up-to-date and display accurate information. Also within a few short months she was able to master our Evite software and create WTS Announcements. Amanda is enormous asset to the Chapter, and a wonderful enthusiastic person that brings her positive energy to everyone around.

We look forward to working with her and seeing her advancement in transportation and helping others along the way through WTS!

**Joint ITE / WTS Golf Outing**

Wednesday June 26, 2013

The Tradition Golf Club
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For more information, please contact
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Why not get involved with WTS?

The WTS Connecticut could use your help! Volunteering has never been easier and the opportunities are endless. To volunteer, contact one of our Committee Chairs listed in this newsletter.

USDOT Secretary Nominee Foxx - Routers

By Reuters

President Barack Obama nominated Charlotte, North Carolina Mayor Anthony Foxx to replace Ray LaHood for Transportation Secretary. The nomination now goes to the Senate for confirmation.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation announced this week (June 7th) it will hold a business meeting next week to consider the nomination of President Obama’s pick for Transportation Secretary.

During LaHood’s tenure more than 6,000 miles of rail were upgraded and invested $7.9 billion to build new transit rail and bus infrastructure projects across the country.

http://www.aashtojournal.org/Pages/060713FoxxConfirmation.aspx

Connecticut Transportation News:

Connecticut Budget Passed

On Monday, June 3rd the State Senate approved the state budget, following the House’s approval. The budget provides $3 billion for cities and towns including monies for public and private school buses.

DOT Commissioner James Redeker appointed Chair of NEC Commission

Connecticut DOT Commissioner James Redeker was appointed as Chair of the Northeast Corridor Commission, which was formed by Congress to lead the development and implementation of a long-term regional investment strategy for the Northeast Corridor (NEC). The NEC, which connects eight states and Washington, D.C., is the Northeast region’s rail backbone and the busiest passenger rail corridor in the country.

Construction News:

- Nighttime Pavement Preservation along Route 4 in Farmington - nighttime work will begin June 17, 2013, on the pavement reservation of Route 4 in Farmington, between Monteith Drive and Town Farm Road.
- Tree Trimming along I-95 in Westport, Fairfield and Bridgeport - operation will be performed on Interstate 95 in Westport, Fairfield and Bridgeport on Saturday, June 15, 2013.
- Nighttime Bridge Maintenance on Interstate 95 Southbound in West Haven - bridge maintenance project will be performed on Interstate 95 Southbound in West Haven beginning the evening of June 19, 2013.


To all our WTS Members who have helped to put this Newsletter together and have volunteered their time to ensure that all our programs and events have been a success.

~ Thank You ~

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If you would like to submit an article for a future newsletter or have any ideas for articles. Please email them to: jperuti@haks.net
Assistant Office Engineer, New Haven, CT,
LOCHNER - We are seeking an Assistant Office Engineer to work on the Construction Engineering and Inspection of the Pearl Harbor Memorial (Q) Bridge in New Haven, CT. Requirements include 4 years of experience in highway/bridge construction maintaining project records. NICET Level II Certification in Transportation/Highway Construction or a BS degree is required. Experience on Connecticut DOT projects and with Site Manager or Contract Manager is preferred.

Structural Design Engineer, Rocky Hill, CT, LOCHNER
Structural Engineer with 10+ years of bridge design experience, strong technical skills in bridge design and plan preparation, excellent written and verbal communication skills and interpersonal skills; proficient utilizing Microstation software. A B.S. in Civil Engineering and PE license is required, as well as a willingness to work with fast-paced schedules and on projects that fall outside of the norm. Must be adaptable, flexible and have a desire for self-learning. Responsibilities would include the design of bridges and conducting analyses including calculations, plan preparation, etc.; evaluating, selecting and applying standard engineering techniques and procedures for steel and concrete structures; may be required to conduct site inspections and will be responsible for working on DOT bridge design projects and highway-related structural design and analysis projects.

Civil Engineer-Transportation Engineering , New Haven, CT, CDM Smith
Serving as lead technical engineer/task manager on Connecticut DOT projects. Performing roadway design, pavement design, pavement marking and signing plans, traffic management plans, specifications and construction cost estimates.; Attending weekly progress meetings with the Connecticut DOT Project Manager, public information meetings, and field visits.; Acting as a mentor for lower level employees. A successful CDM Smith candidate will have: B.S. or M.S. in engineering; minimum 5 to 7 years of experience since B.S.; FE (E.I.T.) or the ability to obtain it within 18 months, P.E. preferred; Familiarity with Connecticut DOT standards required; Microstation/Inroads and roadway design experience required; Autocad Civil 3D is a plus; Traffic signal design experience is a plus; and, Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Highway/Transportation Engineer, Rocky Hill, CT, URS Corporation, (Requisition #: IE77530)
The Infrastructure/Environment Division of URS is actively seeking a creative, highly talented Highway/ Transportation Engineer with a minimum of 5 years of practical experience for immediate employment. The appropriately qualified applicant will be able to demonstrate an established career in Highway/Transportation Engineering specific to intersection and roadway design, traffic control design, and the preparation of construction documents, including plans, specifications and construction estimates. URS is proud to provide our employees with exciting and challenging projects.

Traffic Engineer, Cheshire, CT, Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
The qualified candidate will be responsible for performing analysis and conducting traffic studies, proposal writing, and attendance at meetings under the supervision of senior staff. Requirements: The candidate should have a minimum of two to three years of experience in some or all of the following areas: traffic impact and corridor studies, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities planning and design. The candidate should possess Engineer in Training certification. Additional preferred skills include excellent verbal and written communicative skills, working knowledge of AutoCAD/ Microstation, familiarity with MUTCD guidelines, and traffic analysis software such as SYNCHRO. Knowledge of State D.O.T./FHWA policies and procedures is preferred. Applications from entry level applicants with zero to two years experience will be considered.

Applicants may apply at http://www.hwlochner.com/careers


Applicants may apply at http://jobsearch.urscorp.com/rocky-hill-ct/highwaytransportation-engineer/35223792/job/

Applicants may apply at http://trafficengineer.com/35223792/
WTS - Greater New York
Annual Gala, October 17, 2013.
Michael Jordon’s Steakhouse in
Grand Central Terminal
http://www.wtsinternational.org/
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WTS - Greater New York
Spring Fling & Membership
Recruitment Drive
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
http://www.wtsinternational.org/
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WTS - Rhode Island
East Bay Bike Path Outing
Wednesday, July 17th, 2013 at 5PM
(Rain Date July 24)

WTS - Rhode Island
Rhode Island Infrastructure Design
Professionals 8th Annual Summer
Outing at the Paw Sox
Thursday, August 29th, 2013 5PM

Have an exciting project or know
a woman leader that stands out?

WTS Annual Awards nomination are
coming up in October. If you have a
possible candidate for woman of the
year, innovative project of the year,
diversity and firm of the year contact
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WTS - Connecticut
TMS, October 11, 2013.
Sheraton, Rocky Hill, CT
ALL DAY
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