



Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter



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October 2017 Newsletter

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

In the wake of our Fall Professional Development Program, it seems appropriate to spend some time talking about our fourth goal for 2017- Provide Meaningful Programs.

I think the Programs and Professional Development Committees have done an exceptional job planning a variety of informative sessions this year. Topics have ranged from transportation funding and legislation, and mobility innovations, such as the Hyperloop and automated vehicles to updates on local and regional projects, including High-Speed Rail, and the SM Wright Parkway and Midtown Express projects. These sessions help keep us in-the-know about all aspects of transportation, and enable us to bring that knowledge into our work to help solve problems and look ahead.

We're fortunate to be able to draw on the wealth of experts among our members who present programs, as well as help us contact key leaders, project managers and others who can share their experiences and knowledge.



Your feedback is important for identifying ways to improve and enhance the Greater D/FW Chapter's programming. We welcome your comments on past programs and your ideas for future ones. Please contact Programs Director [Kimberly Sims](#) or Professional Development Activities Chair [George Cisneros](#) to share your thoughts.

Belinda Pate
President, WTS Greater D/FW Chapter

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Professional Development

2017 OCTOBER PROGRAM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

JOIN WTS FOR A CONVERSATION WITH DALLAS CITY MANAGER T. C. BROADNAX AS HE DISCUSSES THE UPCOMING BOND ELECTION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR TRANSPORTATION IN THE NATION'S NINTH LARGEST CITY.

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FALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Our fall professional development topic focused on two innovative projects in the region--the Katy Trail Extension over Mockingbird Lane and the Hyperloop. Both projects have unique challenges and will change the way we look at transportation.

Stephen Knox, P.E., with HNTB led the presentation on the Katy Trail Extension over Mockingbird Lane. This pedestrian bridge is being constructed over Mockingbird Lane and the DART tunnel. Major components of the bridge were constructed off-site and the bridge design included expanded polystyrene fill (EPS) on the approaches and cantilevered abutments. To eliminate formwork over the roadway, pre-cast panels were used. Micropiles were used for the foundations and cables were installed to a predetermined length.

Steven Duong, AICP, with AECOM is leading the design for the Hyperloop in the DFW region. Imagine getting around in a tube similar to the ones that you use in the drive-through in the bank. The Hyperloop will eventually give us the ability to travel anywhere in a similar manner. The Texas project would travel along an elevated, magnetized track between Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Laredo and Houston in under two hours. The project is expected to transport freight by 2020 and people by 2021.



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

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following areas:

- Mentoring Program
- Programs Committee
- Communications Committee



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WTS WOMAN OF THE YEAR - TxDOT APPOINTMENT



Congratulations are in order for the Greater D/FW Chapter's 2017 Woman of the Year -- Lacey Rodgers, P.E.!

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently announced that Lacey has been appointed as the Alternative Delivery Engineer for the Dallas District effective October 1, 2017.

Lacey started her career with TxDOT as a summer hand in the Midland Area Office in 1999 and after graduating from Texas Tech University in May 2004, began an impressive career with the transportation agency. She became a licensed Professional Engineer in 2008 and since then has honed her design and management skills in the Collin County Area Office and at the District.

As Alternative Delivery Engineer for the Dallas District, she will manage staff and the completion of the 35E Express, (SH 183)MidTown Express and Southern Gateway projects, as well as execution and delivery of the IH 635/LBJ East Project.

We wish you well in your new role, Lacey.

WTS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & RATES - 2018

WTS fosters interaction among members of the transportation industry, on both professional and personal levels, and is dedicated to furthering the advancement of women in transportation. Through sponsorship, corporations have ready access to a wealth of transportation expertise, contact with industry professionals, agencies, and other corporations nationwide. Corporate Partnership fees are divided between the local chapter WTS Scholarship Fund and the chapter operating budget.

With your support, the Greater D/FW Chapter of WTS can continue providing informative luncheon programs, recognition of local transportation leaders, scholarships for women pursuing a career in transportation, and professional development programs.

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS AND BENEFITS

TITANIUM- \$2500+\$180 per additional member (over 5)
 Includes Items below for 5 (plus) members and
 Unlimited Corporate Staff Attendance to local events at Member Rates

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 Includes items below for 4 members and a
 One (1) time article in chapter newsletter (and listing in all chapter newsletters)

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 One (1) opportunity to participate in a monthly luncheon meeting as the Corporate Spotlight

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 2. Chapter Membership Directory
 3. One (1) individual membership to the local chapter (includes national membership)
 4. Certificate of Appreciation awarded at the annual banquet
 5. One (1) to the Annual Awards Event
 6. Special Reception for Corporate Partner Membership Members Only
 7. Free Job Postings on WTS Website

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