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2016 Woman of the Year
2016 Annual Gala

October 6, 2016

PROGRAM

Cocktail Reception

Dinner
Welcoming Remarks  Polina Knaster, WTS-GNY president
Special Guest Host  Veronique “Ronnie” Hakim, President, New York City Transit
Scholarships  Molly C. Campbell, Director of Port Commerce, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Danielle Koch and Tracey Slochover, WTS-GNY Scholarship Committee co-chairs
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Message from WTS-GNY President Polina Knaster

Thank you for joining us at the 2016 WTS-GNY Annual Gala, as we celebrate another successful year in advancing women in the transportation industry. Please join us this evening in honoring Karen Rae, senior advisor for Innovative Project Delivery for Empire State Development, our 2016 Women of the Year. Karen is a nationally recognized transportation expert. Over the course of her 35-year career both at the federal and state levels, she has been involved in critical funding issues. Karen has helped to foster use of such innovative project-delivery methods as design-build. In addition, she is a strong proponent of public-private partnerships. Karen is a longtime friend and supporter of WTS.

Tonight, we also want to take a moment to remember Susan Baer of Port Authority New York and New Jersey (PANY&NJ), who passed away this summer. Susan was WTS-GNY’s Member of the Year in 2012. She was PANY&NJ’s first woman aviation director and a highly respected transportation pioneer cracking the glass ceiling of an industry long dominated by males. We were all deeply saddened by her passing, but are motivated by her accomplishments and her contributions. She set the bar high as an industry leader and mentor to the women coming up in the ranks behind her. We must, and will, continue her efforts.

Our double mission of advancing the transportation industry and professional women can only be achieved with the ongoing dedicated support of GNY members, the Board of Directors, the Advisory Board and all of the individuals who keep our organization moving forward. We especially want to recognize the generosity and vision of our corporate partners. Thank you to those who have renewed their memberships and welcome to those of you who have recently joined. I also would like to thank all of you who have donated to the Silent Auction this year. All proceeds from the auction will go toward our scholarship program—so please bid generously to support our future leaders in transportation.

Thank you and have a great evening.
Karen Rae was appointed senior advisor for Innovative Project Delivery for Empire State Development (ESD) in May 2015. She leads the ESD team working to develop new best practices guidance to bolster the MTA’s use of the design-build project delivery method. Currently, she is the strategic design-build procurement and integrity lead on ESD’s Javits Expansion project.

A nationally-recognized transportation expert with over 35 years of experience, Rae previously served as Gov. Cuomo’s deputy secretary for Transportation. In that role, she oversaw the budget, policy and the governor’s initiatives within the transportation portfolio, including the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), NYS Thruway/Canals Corporation, MTA, Department of Motor Vehicles, Port Authority of NY & NJ and NYS Bridge Authority. She has represented Cuomo during the introduction and enactment of the state’s design-build legislation. Utilizing this law, Rae coordinated three transportation agencies’ efforts to expedite environmental review and project procurement. She played an integral role in the governor’s initiative to secure a $1.6 billion federal TIFIA loan for the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement.

Rae’s long career also includes a stint as deputy administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, where she managed the federal high-speed rail initiative and developed national freight-and passenger-rail policy. In addition, Rae has served as deputy commissioner at the NYSDOT and as director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, where she spearheaded the successful negotiation of a public-private partnership agreement to advance the Dulles Rail project. In addition, she has been director or general manager of other transit systems in the nation. Rae was named WTS International Woman of the Year in 2010.

2016 Woman of the Year Karen Rae
Polly Trottenberg was sworn in by Mayor Bill de Blasio as Commissioner of the NYC Department of Transportation on January 27, 2014.

Trottenberg’s 22 years of government experience include over four years at the U.S. Department of Transportation, most recently as the under secretary of Transportation for Policy, where she developed key initiatives for the Obama administration including the groundbreaking TIGER discretionary grant program. In 2008, Trottenberg was named as the first executive director of Building America’s Future, a non-profit organization that advocates for increased investment in infrastructure and major transportation policy reform.
Guest Speaker Veronique “Ronnie” Hakim

As president of North America’s largest public transit agency, Ronnie Hakim leads a force of 48,000 employees responsible for the safe and efficient transport of more than eight million subway, bus and paratransit customers each business day. Hakim is the eighth person and the first woman to hold this position in the history of New York City Transit (NYCT). She oversees an annual operating budget of $7.637 billion; 6,400 subway cars; 5,700 buses; 469 subway stations; and 15,000 bus stops.

Hakim led the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) and New Jersey Transit (NJT) prior to assuming her current role. During her tenure as executive director of NJTA, she spearheaded cost-cutting initiatives; maintained high performance levels; and guided the agency’s massive road-widening project all while increasing transparency and public accountability. An early effort at NJT involved her establishing a consolidated Office of System Safety with an eye towards creating the safest environment possible for both customers and employees. For her, the area of safety remains a constant focus and high priority.

Hakim’s appointment marks her second stint at NYCT. She began her career at the agency in 1987 as an attorney. She worked on projects with a strong emphasis on construction and technology, including MTA’s MetroCard pilot program. Coincidentally, she is now responsible for the implementation of a new, 21st century fare payment initiative, which will replace the MetroCard. Hakim eventually served as general counsel and executive vice president of the MTA Capital Construction Company. Her responsibilities included providing senior management with policy and legal advice to support such megaprojects as the construction of the Second Avenue Subway; East Side Access; and the extension of the Flushing Line to the Manhattan’s far West Side.

Upon her return to NYCT, Hakim immediately launched an in-depth review, including site visits to several facilities around the system. She also met with employees from all levels of the organization. A believer in consensus leadership, she views communications with both customers and employees as an important tool and has demanded improvements in both areas.

Hakim earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of Rochester and a juris doctorate degree from the Pace University School of Law.
Guest Speaker Molly C. Campbell

Molly C. Campbell is the director of the Port Commerce Department at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. She oversees the management and operation of the major marine terminal facilities within the Port of New York and New Jersey, the largest port on the East Coast and the third largest in the country, which handled 75 million tons of cargo in 2015, and approximately 6.4 million TEU’s (twenty-foot equivalent units).

As director, Campbell is responsible for all aspects of the agency’s port operation, including facility maintenance; capital programs; environmental initiatives; port performance; and other special projects dedicated to the continued sustainability and modernization of the region’s port infrastructure. She also supervises the port’s relationships with maritime stakeholders, including operators of the agency’s terminals, intermodal and trucking partners; national and international logistics business cargo owners; and leaders in port operations across the globe.

Campbell’s extensive career in the maritime industry has been marked by a dedication to public service. She joined the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) in 2000 as its chief financial officer and was promoted to deputy executive director in January 2007. In this leadership position, she guided the day-to-day administration of the nation’s busiest port complex. She was in charge of operations and maintenance; management of the POLA’s annual operating and capital budgets; and key strategic projects, including the financing of Pier 400, POLA’s largest terminal, and the development of the Clean Truck Program. Most recently, Campbell served as director of Financial Management Systems at Los Angeles World Airports for the City of Los Angeles, where she provided tactical direction for airport-wide financial and revenue management, as well as enterprise business planning. Aside from her diverse background in public transportation, Campbell has played active roles in national and international logistics associations, including as chair of the American Association of Port Authorities Maritime Economic Development Committee and vice chair of the Finance Committee for the International Association of Ports and Harbors.

Campbell holds a master’s degree from Georgetown University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.
In Memoriam Susan Baer

WTS and the transportation industry lost a dear friend and champion when Susan Baer passed away earlier this year. WTS-GNY recognized Susan’s unique leadership qualities by bestowing the Woman of the Year Award on her in 2012. The chapter would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to a great woman.

Susan Baer became director of Aviation at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANY&NJ) in September 2009. In that role, she was responsible for the operation of the world’s busiest airport system – John F. Kennedy International, Newark Liberty International, LaGuardia, Teterboro and Stewart International airports. She oversaw a staff of 930 aviation department employees; a $2.3 billion operating budget; and $500 million in construction spending.

A 37-year PANY&NJ veteran, Baer began her career as a management analyst. In 1985, she was promoted from manager of the Public Services Division of the Tunnels, Bridges and Terminals Department to manager of the Lincoln Tunnel. The following year, she became manager of the Midtown Manhattan Port Authority Bus Terminal. She was the first woman to hold both of these jobs. In 1988, she joined the Aviation Department as general manager of Aviation Customer and Marketing Services. Baer was the first person in the agency’s history to manage all of its major airports. She was named deputy director/chief operating officer of the Aviation Department in 2008 and then director the following year. She retired from the agency in 2013 to become Global Aviation Business leader at Arup.

Baer served on the Board ofVaughn College of Aeronautics and the Newark Museum. In addition, she was one of only three airport representatives among the 19 members of the Future of Aviation Advisory Committee created by former U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. She was a member of the NextGen Advisory Committee. She was honored by the New Jersey AFL-CIO; the Newark International Airport Airline Managers Association; the Newark Regional Business Partnership; Barnard College; and the Aviation Institute, among others.

Baer held a bachelor’s degree in Urban Studies and Anthropology from Barnard College and a master’s degree in Business Administration from New York University.

TRIBUTES

“Sue Baer’s career was one of many firsts. She left a legacy of professionalism, integrity and leadership at the Port Authority. Her colleagues responded to her service with fierce loyalty. Sue was a great public servant.”
— Patrick J. Foye, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

“Talented...compassionate...Sue was a woman of integrity and intelligence. Through her involvement in Women’s Equity, a Port Authority women’s empowerment organization...WTS and various industry organizations, Sue demonstrated her commitment to reaching out to help others achieve their dreams and potential.”
— Lillian Borrone, chairwoman of the Eno Transportation Foundation

“Sue was always there for WTS-GNY and so many of us as we came up through the ranks in this industry. We will truly miss her!”
— Mary K. Murphy, executive director of North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

“Sue Baer made pioneering leadership in transportation look effortless even as she overcame tremendous obstacles to achieve her success in life. Sue was with us only a few years yet left her indelible imprint on who we are as people and as a company.”
— Trent Lethco, principal, Arup
LEONARD BRAUN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Megan Young graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Lafayette College in 2013 and is pursuing her MBA at New York University’s Stern School of Business. Young is a bridge design engineer at Hardesty & Hanover, LLC, where she works on some of the Tri-State area’s largest infrastructure projects. She plans to remain in the transportation industry after graduation and to use her knowledge to develop more practical and advantageous project delivery systems. Young was heavily involved at Lafayette College as an Executive Board member for the crew team and recipient of the Oarsperson of the Year Award in 2013. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and volunteered as a campus ambassador. Young remains connected to her alma mater by coordinating alumni events and received the Chapter Event Chairperson of the Year Award in 2015. She also is a teaching fellow at NYU and is extremely proud to be a part of the WTS-GNY Membership Committee.

THE LEADERSHIP LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Kelly Glenn is a student at the Bloustein School at Rutgers University. She is pursuing a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning, specializing in transportation. She received her B.A. in International Studies from Seattle University, with a focus on Latin America and Spanish language. Before graduate school, she taught English as a Second Language in Seattle through AmeriCorps and advocated for affordable housing and tenants’ rights in New York City. During her first year at Rutgers, Glenn conducted research on public outreach strategies with the Voorhees Transportation Center and interned with Michael Baker International. She is a recipient of the Bloustein School Excellence Award and an American Public Transportation Foundation scholarships. After graduation, Glenn intends to combine her interests in transportation and land-use planning to work as a city planner.

SUSAN MISZKOWICZ MEMORIAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Marisa Budziszewski is pursuing her B.S. in Civil Engineering at Manhattan College. She has been on the Dean’s List for six consecutive semesters. Budziszewski is a member of Chi Epsilon, the National Civil Engineering Honors Society; Tau Beta Pi, the National Science Honors Society, and the National Honor Society. She was a Flight Crew Engineer at Boeing and a Research Assistant at Columbia University. She is currently interning at STG International to pursue a Masters in Engineering at Columbia University. She enjoys giving back to her community by volunteering at various organizations, including the local food bank, a homeless shelter, and a local library. She is passionate about making a positive impact on the world and hopes to continue doing so in her future career.

POLICY INNOVATOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Shara Mirbabaee is a master’s candidate in Urban Planning, with a focus on Transportation, Land Use, and Environment at Columbia University. She also is an assistant transportation planner at BRT Planning International, LLC, where she has collaborated on the development of bus rapid transit (BRT) proposals for cities including Baltimore, Kirkland, WA, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and Bogor, Indonesia. Previously, she worked in the public sector for the City of Villa Park, CA. As an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, Mirbabaee performed research related to climate change and environmental health equity in urban environments. After completing her undergraduate degree in Urban Studies, she worked as a research intern at The Brookings Institution on national freight transportation and international transit funding schemes. Upon completion of her master’s degree, Mirbabaee plans to dedicate her career to the advancement of innovative transit solutions, such as BRT, on an international scale.
Engineering Honors Society; and Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. Currently, she is marketing lead for the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) Student Chapter and was aesthetics manager this past year for the Concrete Canoe Competition. Budziszewski also is a member of multiple nationally recognized engineering societies and associations. She works for Michael Baker International, where she is primarily involved with the implementation of a green infrastructure initiative and signal improvement projects. After graduation in spring 2017, Budziszewski plans to pursue a master’s degree in Transportation Engineering part time, while working full time as a civil engineer.

MOLITORIS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Allison Luongo is a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and will be graduating in May 2017 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, with a focus on transportation engineering. During the past two summers, Luongo interned at Boswell Engineering, where she gained experience in highway, environmental, and municipal engineering, as well as construction inspection and management in the Transportation Inspection and Water Divisions. She is heavily involved with the student chapter of Engineers Without Borders USA, having previously served as vice president and now as professional liaison. After graduation, Luongo plans to enter the transportation field and to work toward earning her Professional Engineering license. She also intends to pursue a master’s degree with a focus in civil engineering, urban planning or construction management.

SUSAN L. KUPFERNAN MEMORIAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Julie-Ann Evans is a fifth year student at NYU Tandon School of Engineering. Currently, she is in the B.S./M.S. program studying Construction Management and is on track to graduate with her bachelor’s and master’s degrees by May 2017. She was on the Dean’s List for the 2015-2016 academic year. At NYU Evans began by studying Civil Engineering, but switched to Construction Management in her sophomore year. Evans has served as a teaching assistant for the EGI001 Freshman Engineering Forum course. She was part of both the Association of General Contractors and the Engineers Without Borders student chapter election boards. Now in her final year, Evans has been elected as the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Student Chapter president.

Evans has been working with Skanska USA Building throughout her summer and winter breaks during college. She has been involved on the Beach Channel Drive Bulkhead Rehabilitation in Far Rockaway; Stamford Hospital in Connecticut; and the renovation of the sixth and eighth floor labs in Roger Hall in NYU Tandon, Brooklyn.

*WTS-GNY would like to thank the David Nocenti for his $1,000 donation to the Susan L. Kupferman Scholarship recipient.

TRANSPORTATION YOU HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Caitlin Stanton will be pursuing her B.S. in Computer Engineering at Cornell University starting this fall. Stanton began her career in technology in Stuyvesant High School’s computer science department during her sophomore year. In 2014, she registered for the Girls Who Code program, hosted by Goldman Sachs. After learning the fundamentals of coding as well as the soft skills necessary in the business world, Stanton started a software development internship with AOL’s Cambio brand. There she polished her skills in technology and business management. Stanton is the founder and head organizer of def hacks(), a bi-coastal and biannual 24-hour hackathon for high school coders of all levels. She also served as a head organizer for PixieHacks, a 12-hour hackathon to immerse females in the world of technology. Stanton is currently a Software Engineering intern at Ask Applications, an InterActiveCorp brand.
Incoming WTS-GNY President Polina Knaster (HDR) presented a plaque to outgoing president Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff) for her service to the organization.

WTS-GNY Programs Committee (NY) Chair Alexa Gangemi (right) presented the Innovative Transport Solutions Award to Jules Flynn of Motivate, which won for the Citi Bike program.

From left: Keynote speaker Karen Rae of Empire State Development Corp. and WTS-GNY President Polina Knaster (HDR).

Students in the Transportation YOU program with advisor Ian Campo.

From left: Marcia Shapiro, president of Marine Tiger Technologies, which is a corporate sponsor and was one of the Expo exhibitors, and Naomi Klein, Westchester County Dept. of Public Works.

From left: 2016 Member of the Year Barbara Kearse (LIRR); Ray LaHood Award recipient Ian Campo (Polytechnic High School); WTS-GNY President Polina Knaster (HDR); Susan L. Kupferman Scholarship winner Kaitlin Lang; and HNTB Senior Vice President Michael Sweeney, who accepted the 2016 Employer of the Year Award.

From left: Vivian Baker assistant director, NJT Transit-Friendly Land and Use Development; Annie Hindenlang, executive director, Perth Amboy Office of Economic and Community Development; Debra Tantleff, founding principal, Tantum Realty; and Mary K. Murphy, NJTPA executive director.
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WINE TASTING

April 6, 2016

From left: Yetunde Adelekan, HDR; Jennifer Bienemann and Elizabeth Fleming, both of HDR; WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Ani Toncheva (Wilson Ihrig).


From left: Julie Green, LTK, and Deda Dedovic, CH2M.

From left: WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Colleen Connolly (Malick & Scherer); Anne Sinagra and Kerry Tyerman, both of Dewberry; Susan Wrights, IBI.

From left: WTS-GNY President Polina Knaster (HDR); WTS-GNY Advisory Board Members Marcia Shapiro (Marine Tiger Technologies) and Deborah Wathen Finn (The Wathen Group).

TEA TIME WITH NYCT PRESIDENT RONNIE HAKIM

April 8, 2016

NYCT President Ronnie Hakim, center, with others from the agency and Transportation YOU interns.

TRANSPORTATION TRIVIA NIGHT

April 19, 2016

The winning team at the Transportation Trivia Night event was The #Feltsociety.
TRENDING TOPICS SERIES: “ACTIVE/GREEN TRANSPORTATION”
April 25, 2016

“TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES – ALTERNATE DELIVERY IN CAPITAL-CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS” PANEL DISCUSSION
May 2, 2016

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION
June 23, 2016

From left: Katie Theis, HNTB; Nette Compton, ParkCentral and City Park Development for the Trust for Public Land; and Dani Simons, Motivate.

From left: WTS-GNY President Polina Knaster (HDR); WTS-GNY Programs Committee (NY) Co-Chair Kellyann Valentine (PANY&NJ); WTS-GNY Immediate Past President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff).

From left: WTS-GNY Secretary Donna Tafro (MTA); Catherine Rinaldi, MNR; WTS-GNY Advisory Board Member Anita Miller (MTA); WTS-GNY Membership Committee Chair Barbara Kearse (LIRR).

From left: David Boate, Gannett Fleming; Richard Fischer, WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff; Marty Taub, VHB.

From left: WTS-GNY NJ Programs Committee Member Meghan Myers (Arora and Associates); Tam Sillick, WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff; Kerry Tyerman, Dewberry; WTS-GNY Vice President (NJ) Colleen Connolly (Malick & Scherer).

From left: WTS-GNY Immediate Past President Beth DeAngelo (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff) and WTS-GNY President Polina Knaster (HDR).

From left: Lois Goldman, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; Bronwynn Evans, NYCT; and Gia Mainiero, Dattner Architects.
From left: Lori Skarupa, WTS volunteer; WTS-GNY Young Professionals Co-Chairs Aimee Jefferson (NJTPA) and Portia Henry (PANY&NJ); Heather Jones, HNTB; Alexandra Chamandy-Cook, Parsons; Winifred Lao, HDR.

From left: Lori Skarupa, WTS volunteer; and Heather Jones, HNTB.

From left: Lian Duan, ARUP, and Deborah Chin, MTA LIRR.

From left: Erin Lybeck, Deanna Lu, WTS-GNY Special Events Committee Member Patricia Masi, Christyn Binder, all of B. Thayer Associates.

From left: WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Ani Toncheva (Wilson Ihrig) and Mashal Ali, Infra Tech Engineering, LLC.

NY HARBOR MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION CRUISE
July 18, 2016

WTS members enjoyed wonderful views of the Manhattan skyline.
What does WTS mean to you?

“As a women it gives me a sense that I belong [in the transportation industry]. I get to be with other comrades who give us all a sense of place you need in order to be successful and confident.”

— DEBORAH HOWES
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“One of the only organizations I am a part of and I can’t think of a better one to be a member of. WTS helps me understand exactly what part I play in the entire realm of the industry we work in.”

— MEGAN YOUNG
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— NICOLE HUNTER
HNTB

“WTS is a fantastic organization…it provides excellent training, workshops, and seminars throughout the year.”

— ANITA MILLER, MTA, AND
RHONDA HOGAN-BROCK, NYCT

“Great networking, smart, intelligent great women—and some men in the mix—great workshops, learning, socializing and doing fun things. Thanks WTS!”

— BONNIE SHEPHERD
SYSTRA

“[A] chance to show my support for some wonderful women who I’ve had the chance to associate with for many years—I won’t say decades—but years.”

— HARRY TOM
JACOBS
The WTS Greater New York Chapter’s Transportation YOU Committee is excited to kick-off its sixth year of mentoring young women from City Polytechnic High School in Downtown Brooklyn. The mentoring program is part of a national initiative between WTS International and U.S.DOT to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) transportation careers for girls ages 13 to 18.

The WTS-GNY Transportation YOU Committee has established a dynamic program that offers the City Poly students unique exposure to the transportation profession through behind-the-scenes tours and events. The 2015-2016 program continued to build interest in transportation by introducing junior mentor positions for returning students. The tours this year included the NYCDOT Sign Shop, LaGuardia Airport and the Rail Control Center, as well as our annual professional development workshop. In addition, NYCT President Ronnie Hakim hosted “Tea Time with the President” and had an engaging conversation with the students about important skill sets; their previous experiences working as interns at NYCT; and their career goals.

The STEM summer internship program and College Buddy System, in partnership with City Polytechnic HS and MTA New York City Transit (NYCT), completed its second year and has expanded to include 15 Transportation YOU students. Throughout the six-week internship, the students worked on specific projects within their departments and presented them to NYCT executives/managers, their managers and other industry leaders.

This past year also included the kick-off of the New Jersey-based Transportation YOU Program, with two recruiting events at Newark Park Science High School.

The committee is looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year, which will be full of inspirational events and continued growth of the program.

If you have any questions about the Transportation YOU program in New York or New Jersey, or would like to join our committee, please contact Co-Chairs Alyssa Pichardo (apichardo@rpa.org) or Erica Swansen (eswansen@vhb.com).
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