

# WTS Sacramento Chapter e-NEWS

MAY 2010



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## Message from the President

Welcome to WTS Sacramento's e-NEWS! We are experimenting with this new electronic format to deliver timely information about our activities to you. This first issue of our e-NEWS includes highlights and photos from our recent special events and monthly programs.



It has been a busy year for us so far, starting in January with our Public Works Roundtable co-sponsored with APWA and continuing in February with our inaugural Casino Night Scholarship Fundraiser, which included a reception for the Capitol Corridor JPA's David Kutrosky.

Amidst these special events, we have continued to hold our monthly lunch programs. So far this year, we have heard about Caltrans' Lincoln Bypass project, Sacramento Regional Transit District's Green Line to the River District, and had a conversation with Sacramento City Councilmember Lauren Hammond. **Don't miss our next program coming up on May 13 -- ICF International's Maggie Townsley will be sharing the transportation-related highlights from the recent Cap-to-Cap trip. Find a full description of this program and register to attend [here](#).**

As always, I would love to hear from you about how we can improve. Whether you have an idea for an event or for how we can make our e-NEWS better, please contact me at [fraustom@sacounty.net](mailto:fraustom@sacounty.net).

--Myriam Frausto, WTS Sacramento Chapter President

## Next Program



**Thursday,  
May 13, 2010**

Cap-to-Cap Recap,  
Maggie Townsley,  
ICF International  
[Click here for full  
program details and to  
RSVP!](#)

**Location:** SACOG  
Board Room

**Time:**  
11:30am - 1pm

**Cost:** Free for  
Members, \$15 for  
Non-Members  
**RSVP by May 11**

## Casino Night Scholarship Fundraiser & David Kutrosky Reception



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday,**

**June 15, 2010**

Richard Shepard,  
Public Works Director,  
City of Elk Grove

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Held on Thursday, February 25 at the Embassy Suites, WTS Sacramento's inaugural Casino Night Fundraiser was a big success! We raised over \$2,000 for our scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who attended -- it was a fun night of gaming, prizes, and good company! Don't miss WTS Sacramento's Awards & Scholarship Dinner in December to see the deserving students who will be benefiting from your generosity!

The evening was kicked off with a special reception for David Kutrosky, the new Managing Director of the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (pictured below, left, with WTS Sacramento President Myriam Frausto and RT General Manager/CEO Mike Wiley).



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## WTS/APWA Public Works Roundtable

WTS Sacramento kicked off 2010 with a special event co-hosted with the Sacramento chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). On Thursday, January 21, we offered you the opportunity to chat with 16 of the region's public works directors and other transportation notables.



Held at the Hyatt Regency, this event was split into three roundtable sessions of a half hour each, followed by a reception with light refreshments. Thanks to all of the directors who gave their time to participate. Based on attendance and feedback, we hope to make this event a WTS/APWA tradition!



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## February & March Programs

WTS Sacramento's monthly lunch program series was kicked off this year with a presentation on Caltrans' Lincoln Bypass Project. Project Manager Sam Jordan detailed the process by which this project has moved forward. After considering many alignment alternatives, a preferred alternative was ultimately selected and construction is now underway so that State Route 65 will no longer double as main street in downtown Lincoln. Rather, there will be a new 12-mile, 4-lane expressway around the city. The project will also eliminate at-grade rail crossings and help control flooding.

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## New Members

Thanks to our new members who have joined this year. Welcome to WTS Sacramento!

--Glenn Armstrong, TRC Solutions

--Brian Bullock, Psomas

--Eileen Cunningham, Caltrans

--Tiffani Fink, City of Elk Grove

--Siew Hwee Kong, Y&C Transportation Consultants, Inc.

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--Lauren Proctor, David Evans & Associates, Inc.



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--Keith Rhodes, T.Y. Lin International

--Colleen Richter, SCRRA-Metrolink

--Christina Ryan, Kleinfelder

--Kip Skabar, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

In March, we heard from the Sacramento Regional Transit District's (RT) Diane Nakano about the Green Line to the River District, the first segment of a new light rail line that will one day extend to Natomas and the Sacramento International Airport. This project involves approximately one mile of new light rail construction on 7th Street from H Street to Richards Blvd. New stations will be created at 7th & Richards and 8th & H. Although not a particularly big project, it is unique in that it is RT's first design-build project, and it offers an excellent learning opportunity for future design-build undertakings. Challenges have included keeping the bid price and extra, unforeseen costs low while working with a new process. Benefits have included an accelerated project delivery schedule and the close partnership that has developed between the design-build team and RT.



Thanks to our speakers for making these programs so successful! Look for highlights from our April program featuring Lauren Hammond in the June e-NEWS!