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## MARCH EVENT—MIKE MCKEEVER SPEAKS ON THE BLUEPRINT

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Mike McKeever, Executive Director of the Sacramento Area of Governments (SACOG), was invited to be the guest speaker for the WTS-Sacramento Chapter’s March Event at Ricci’s Restaurant in downtown Sacramento. Nationally applauded for the SACOG Board of Directors’ (Board) efforts on the **Sacramento Region Blueprint Transportation/ Land Use Study** (Blueprint), Mr. McKeever briefly spoke of some of the Blueprint highlights amongst a casual and intimate audience.

Mr. McKeever explained that the Blueprint project was initiated after the Board reviewed a regional computer model that indicated the rate of current growth patterns and transportation development would result in significant increases in congestion in the future. The Blueprint project became a process that engaged the public and local government leaders to jointly develop a vision for the Sacramento region’s future



Mike McKeever speaks to WTS about the Sacramento Region Blueprint Transportation/Land Use Study (Blueprint).

growth.

Mr. McKeever presented excerpts from a slide show presentation that depicted some of the findings of this multifaceted and integrated study. These findings showed that the preferred future plan for the Sacramento region would provide: a greater range of

housing choices and diversity; reinvestment in urbanized areas; compact and efficient development; conservation of natural resources; and mixed use developments with closer integration of jobs, transportation, recreation, and housing.

## MAY EVENT—ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

At the May 20, 2005 WTS Event, Debra Percy, an Environmental Project Manager with Mark Thomas & Company, gave a presentation entitled “Environmental Considerations in Transportation Planning – A Talk in Four Acts”. The talk highlighted

the need for design engineers, as the “first eyes in the field” to observe adjacent landscape features that may affect the environmental review and permitting requirements for projects. Debra reviewed the California Envi- (continued on Page 2)



## WTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2005 National WTS Conference in Phoenix, Arizona just passed but the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) Chapter is developing an exciting and informative program for the 2006 National Conference. That Chapter is bringing together the WTS members and transportation professionals throughout the country to help "Find Your Solution". This conference plans to showcase transportation projects and problem-solving approaches from around the country.

The DFW Chapter distributed a Call for Abstracts for their conference which were due on July 15th. Presenters will be notified this Fall.

WTS members should look

forward to the 2006 WTS Conference in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas on May 17-19.



Sunnie House and WTS National Board at the 2005 National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.



Arizona Department of Transportation Director speaks at the National Conference 2005.



The Welcome Band at the WTS National Conference in Phoenix.

## JUNE MENTOR EVENT

Thanks to everyone for attending the WTS Sacramento Mentor Program Kick-off Meeting at Andiamo's on June 21st. The meeting was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about each other and what we hope to gain from this program. As a wrap up to the meeting: To the Mentors, contact Katie Carr if there are topics you would like to present to the group at a future

meeting. To the Protégés, if you are interested in a one-on-one mentoring opportunity from anyone you met at the kick-off meeting, either call them directly or contact Katie Carr for their information.

Throughout the program we will have guest speakers presenting on topics such as: How to Be an Effective Consultant, How to Manage Conflict, and How to Network at Meetings,

just to name a few. Our next meeting will be in August. We look forward to seeing you then! Thank you again for your interest and participation in this new Sacramento Chapter program.

Katie Carr  
Mentor Program Chair

### MENTOR INITIATIVE:

*"By learning you will teach, by teaching you will learn."*

## MAY EVENT (CONT'D)

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-ronmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental compliance requirements as well as environmental permits frequently required for projects. Taking a humorous approach to conveying the need to design with avoidance in mind, Debra explained the project planning

and construction schedule implications associated with various permits and environmental compliance issues. "The shortest route between two points may not be a straight line; if the ultimate goal is project construction. The shortest route is avoiding sensitive habitats and resources", Debra pointed out. Her presentation concluded

with the reconciliation of the Project Engineer and the Environmental Consultant in the Fourth Act (but we won't give away the ending). After the curtain closed Debra answered a variety of environmental questions from the group.



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## ANNUAL EVENT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. The Sacramento Area Chapter of WTS is currently distributing applications to local universities for undergraduate and graduate student scholarships. The winners of the Sacramento Chapter scholarships will be awarded \$750 at the 2005 Annual Event in November. The applications from the two Sacramento award recipients will be forwarded to the National WTS Scholarship selection committees and become eligible for the *Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship* (\$3000), the *Helene M. Overly Memorial Graduate Scholarship*

(\$6000), and the *Louise Moritz Molitoris Leadership Fund* (\$3000) for undergraduate students. The Chapter's winning candidate for the Molitoris Leadership Fund will not receive a Chapter scholarship but will be eligible for National selection.

We are currently soliciting applications for 2005 scholarships. Applications are available on the WTS website, at

[http://www.wtsinternational.org/sub.php?section=chapters&section\\_id=05.07&chapter\\_id=26](http://www.wtsinternational.org/sub.php?section=chapters&section_id=05.07&chapter_id=26)

To be considered, completed applications should be sent with a post-mark on or before October 14, 2005 to:

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For organizations interested in sponsoring the 2005 WTS scholarship fund, please contact Jennifer Elwood at 916-286-0264 or

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***“Leadership does not just happen. Leaders personally invest and risk much. They must take on struggles that many would avoid and persevere to reach successful outcomes.”***

*Louise Moritz Molitoris Leadership Fund for Undergraduates*

## ANNUAL EVENT SPONSORSHIP

WTS Sacramento will be hosting the Annual Event on Wednesday November 2nd at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel in Sacramento. The Sacramento Chapter anticipates great attendance at this year's Annual Event and is seeking sponsorship and support from organizations and individuals to help make the event a success.

If you're interested in sponsoring dinner tables, wine, advertisement or any other

means, please contact the Annual Event Chairperson, Beverly Mason at 916.567.2542 or [mason@pbworld.com](mailto:mason@pbworld.com).

### SAVE THE DATE

*WTS Annual Event*  
*Wednesday November 2nd*  
*Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel*  
*1230 J Street*  
*(13th and J Street)*  
*Sacramento, CA 95814*  
*Phone (916) 447-1700*

***Employer of the Year***

***Woman of the Year***

***Member of the Year***

## DIVERSITY MESSAGE

The WTS National Diversity Committee led by Gloria Dixon is heading an effort to identify the benefits and importance of addressing diversity.

A Message From the WTS National President:  
*“WTS values diversity. In all endeavors, in every meeting, through every member, WTS supports diversity as a fundamental underpinning that*

*helps fulfill our mission of ‘Advancing Women in Transportation.’ Diversity is strength. And nowhere is that strength more evident than in WTS.”*



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*If you have any projects, issues, or profiles that you would like to see featured in the WTS Newsletter, please contact Judy Matsui Drury at [jmatsui@ch2m.com](mailto:jmatsui@ch2m.com).*