

# WTS Sacramento Chapter Newsletter



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## WTS Reception for Mike Wiley, GM/CEO of Sacramento Regional Transit District, April 2008

by Judy Matsui Drury, CH2M HILL

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### Coming Events

**July 22 Monthly Meeting**  
Leonard Takayama and Kristi Hogan, Sacramento County Airport

**August 19 - Monthly Meeting**  
Post I-5 Construction debrief from Caltrans



Mike Wiley with Roberta MacGlashan, Chair of the RT Board and District 4 Supervisor for the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors



Mike Wiley and Judy Matsui Drury

WTS Sacramento held a reception to honor **Mike Wiley** as the new General Manager/CEO for the **Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT)**, on April 14th at the California State Railroad Museum Roundhouse in Old Sacramento.

At the end of February 2008, the RT Board of Directors appointed Mike Wiley to lead the agency. Mr. Wiley is the eighth general manager of RT and previously served as RT's Deputy General Manager and has held various executive management positions during his 30-year career with RT.

Mike is very active in the community and strives to help the public. Mike is committed to making the Sacramento region a better place to live, work, and raise families by advancing quality transit. His objective is to expand transit to a level that people can fully depend on for their travel needs.

Several honored guests from the County and City of Sacramento provided welcoming remarks about the new head of RT, including

**Mike Penrose**, Director for the Sacramento County Department of Transportation, **Azadeh Doherty**, Principal Transportation Planner for the City of Sacramento, and **Roberta MacGlashan**, Chair of the RT Board and District 4 Supervisor for the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

WTS is excited to have Mike Wiley as a marquee representative of our Sacramento region.



Mike Penrose, Director, Sacramento County Department of Transportation



Sacramento Regional Transit staff at Mike Wiley reception - California State Railroad Museum

## John Hummer, BT&H Deputy Secretary for Goods Movement, Speaks at the April Program

By Judy Matsui-Drury, CH2M HILL

WTS Sacramento was honored to have guest speaker, **Mr. John Hummer** speak at the April monthly program. **Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger** appointed John Hummer as Deputy Secretary for the Goods Movement at the Business Transportation & Housing Agency in June, 2007. Mr. Hummer is the Administration's lead Deputy working on the goods movement transportation issues for the State of California. His current focus is working to implement the State's Goods Movement Action Plan and the programmatic element of the Trade Corridor Improvement Plan created under Proposition

1B in November 2006.

Mr. Hummer gave a very informative presentation on *California Trade – Challenges and Opportunities*. His discussion touched upon various aspects affecting the goods movement improvement plan across the state from concerns for global warming, funds from the bonds, port/rail/highway capacities, local economies and foreign markets, and global ports development like the Panama Canal.

Prior to coming to the Business Transportation & Housing Agency in California, Mr. Hummer was the Manager of Freight Initiatives and Special Projects for the

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), a metropolitan planning organization. There he prepared two regional Freight Master Plans and the freight elements of the NJTPA's Regional Transportation Plans. Mr. Hummer managed and developed a number of special projects including an inter-regional Truck Rest Stop analysis; a statewide analysis and land use study of Brownfield Economic Redevelopments strategies and the Conrail Merger Transaction. He managed numerous statewide and inter-regional freight planning initiatives in the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut metropolitan area.



John Hummer, BT&H Deputy Secretary and Judy Matsui-Drury, WTS Chapter President at April Meeting

WTS Sacramento thanks Mr. Hummer for sharing his vast and collective knowledge on the complex issues that surround the goods movement program.

## Tom Zlotkowski, New Executive Director for the Connector Authority, Speaks at the May Program

By Bernice Ho, CH2M HILL

WTS Sacramento was pleased to invite guest speaker **Tom Zlotkowski, Executive Director of the Elk Grove – Rancho Cordova – El Dorado Connector Joint Powers Authority (Connector Authority)** for the May Monthly Program. As Executive Director, Mr. Zlotkowski's current focused responsibilities are to create a strong organization, and to manage the Connector project through to completion.

Mr. Zlotkowski opened his presentation by commenting that an eye opening trip to India spurred his desire to be involved with any Sacramento transportation project that is committed to innovation and efficiency. When the opportunity to fill the Executive Director role with the Connector Authority came, he saw this as a rare opportunity to make a change.

The Connector Authority

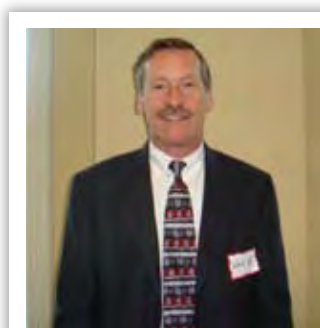
was created in December of 2006 to bring together the decision making process for the Connector project from planning to environmental review to engineering design to construction for the five local jurisdictions which include City of Rancho Cordova, City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, El Dorado County, and Sacramento County. Each jurisdiction elects one representative to sit on the Connector Authority's Board of Directors.

After giving a brief background of the history of Measure A and the recent renewal as the funding source for the Connector Authority, Mr. Zlotkowski shared with the audience the Connector's three alignment alternatives. He explained that the Connector is intended to have capacities less than that of freeways but more than that of boulevards. These present alternatives will consider all modes of transportation including transit and bicycle/pedestrian

trails. Accommodation of existing usage and several other factors makes determining the level of access for the Connector a challenging issue that will soon be addressed. Other technical considerations include the Connector's requirement to be built as a 200-year facility and to find the best solutions for building the roadway in a flood plain on top of natural animal habitats. From a different point of view, Mr. Zlotkowski hopes that the Connector will serve as a border for urban and economic development.

The Connector will be built in segments with the likelihood that the Sheldon segment be the last section at an estimated construction cost of about \$1 billion.

Mr. Zlotkowski concluded his presentation with a reminder that the Connector is still in an early stage and many options are open for discussion – such as the possibility for design-build and



Tom Zlotkowski, Executive Director of Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Connector Joint Powers Authority

the option for public-private partnerships.

WTS congratulates Tom Zlotkowski on his new position as the Executive Director and as the champion of this very exciting project.



## Jim Earp, CTC Commissioner, Speaks at the June Program

By Judy Matsui-Drury, CH2M HILL

WTS Sacramento was honored to have guest speaker, **Jim Earp**, Commissioner of the **California Transportation Commission**, speak at the June monthly program. Mr. Earp is the Executive Director of the California Alliance for Jobs, a business-labor partnership that represents contractors in the heavy construction industry and union members they employ throughout northern and central California.

In February 2007, Mr. Earp was appointed by **Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger** to serve on the California Transportation Commission. His four-year appointment became effective March 1, 2007 and he will serve through 2011.

Mr. Earp has worked for the

California Alliance for Jobs (CAJ) since 1998 after serving as a Board Member since 1994. Under Mr. Earp's tenure, the CAJ has become a strong advocate for transportation investment, working on the state's housing shortage, meeting California's water needs and other issues that impact California's economy and the construction industry.

Mr. Earp felt very strongly about the protection of Proposition 42 funds for transportation so in 2006, Mr. Earp launched an initiative campaign to increase protection for these funds. The CAJ has been a major political force for increasing transportation investment in California. The CAJ was the leading supporter in the successful 2002 campaign to pass Proposition 42, which dedicated the state sales tax on gasoline to transportation projects.

While working on protecting Proposition 42, Mr. Earp worked closely with the Governor's administration and other legislators in developing what eventually became Propositions 1A through 1E, which created \$37 billion in infrastructure bonds and dedicated \$1.5 billion a year in gasoline sales tax revenue to transportation. Mr. Earp subsequently chaired the Yes on 1A-1E campaign, which was successful in passing all five measures on Nov. 7, 2006. Under Earp's leadership, the California Alliance for Jobs has also played a critical role in helping to pass more than \$15 billion in transportation sales tax funding for Northern California counties.

WTS Sacramento thanks Commissioner Jim Earp for his dedication and hard work for the transportation industry.



Jim Earp  
CTC Commissioner

## Investing in Our Future: UC Davis Student Reception

WTS Sacramento and the University of California, Davis Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) Sustainable Transportation Center (STC) hosted a reception on May 1st to engage students, faculty, and working professionals regarding transportation careers and opportunities. The evening event was held at the UC Davis Alumni Center and

entailed catered food, meeting new people, and a chance to hear from several students entering the transportation field. Attendance included high school, undergraduate, and graduate students; several faculty members from ITS; and WTS Members from industry. Information on the WTS-Sacramento's four annual student scholarships, monthly lunch programs, field

outings, and social activities in the Sacramento region was conveyed to the students, and this WTS-members-only event was a true success building on the continuum of a great relationship with our future transportation leaders!

More information on ITS-STC information is available at: <http://stc.ucdavis.edu>



# WTS Activities Across the County

The 11th Annual Transportation Summit is being hosted by the City of Irving, TX. This is the second year WTS has served as a co-host. The Summit will be held August 12-15, 2008. Please visit the website for more information and to register for the event.

<http://www.transportationsummit.com/>

WTS is co-sponsoring the CMAA Transportation Summit in Los Angeles, CA. This event will be held July 20-21, 2008.

Key note speaker invitation has been extended to Mary Peters, United States Secretary of Transportation

Registration is \$275 for WTS members (discounted from \$350) if you purchase by Friday, July 11. For more information, visit the website.

<http://cmaanet.org/TransSummit08.php>

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## Corporate Partnership and Scholarship Sponsorship Program

The **WTS-Sacramento Chapter** is offering two ways for your Firm / Agency to support Chapter activities and programs and receive annual benefits: the **Corporate Partnership program** and the **Student Scholarship program**.

Through the **Corporate Partnership program**, the annual benefits include:

- One to four memberships (depending on the selected level)
- Attendance at WTS-Sacramento programs at member prices
- Firm / Agency logo in the Chapter Quarterly

- Newsletter
- Firm / Agency logo on the Chapter website at [www.wtsinternational.org](http://www.wtsinternational.org) – hyperlink to chapter website [www.wtssac.org](http://www.wtssac.org)
  - Recognition of Firm / Agency at the Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner

We also offer the opportunity to sponsor our **WTS Student Scholarship program**. With your tax deductible contribution to the WTS Scholarship (WTSS) program, your Firm / Agency can enjoy annual benefits that include:

- Firm / Agency name in the Chapter Quarterly Newsletter
- Firm / Agency logo on the Chapter website at

- [www.wtsinternational.org](http://www.wtsinternational.org) - hyperlink to chapter website: [www.wtssac.org](http://www.wtssac.org)
- Recognition the Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner

Please note that the Corporate Partnership and the Scholarship Sponsorship are separate contributions. For more information regarding the **Corporate Partnership**, please contact **Sherina Lam** at [sherina\\_lam@urscorp.com](mailto:sherina_lam@urscorp.com) or 916.784.3900 ext. 204.

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## President's Message - Judy Matsui Drury

### WTS Sacramento Chapter



Judy Matsui-Drury

This year has been quite a whirlwind of activities for our chapter as we continue to grow in so many ways. The Sacramento Chapter Board continues to work on developing new

programs that encourage the professional development of our membership, advance the transportation industry through the advancement of women, and shape future generations of transportation leaders.

Through the results of a strategic chartering process that the Board did in February of this year, we've come to realize that we can effectively create exceptional experiences for our WTS members by offering opportunities for professional development education; student development and outreach; and corporate and organizational partnerships. These offerings are, of course, above and beyond our great monthly programs and evening events.

The WTS spirit of community,

inclusiveness, and mutual support is one of our greatest assets. As the Sacramento Chapter and the international organization of WTS continue to grow, I encourage you to become involved in this great organization. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about WTS.

Thanks,  
Judy

What you might not know about the Sacramento Chapter members...

- We are 30% men.
- We represent the public and private sectors of our industry at a 30%:70% (public:private) ratio
- We have representatives from various transportation modes including heavy rail, transit (rail and bus), roads, bridges, and pedestrian advocacy groups
- We have professionals with occupations as engineers, planners, marketing and communications professionals, legislative representatives, executive directors, chief financial officers, presidents, corporate vice presidents, principals, division chiefs, and students.

## From Our Regional Director - Beverly Mason



Beverly Mason

This article marks the first for my term as your Director on the International WTS Board. I am excited to be taking on this new role and look forward to the opportunity to get to know you (the members) better.

Over the last two years the organization has been working to refine, create and implement its Strategic

Plan. Adopted in 2007, the Plan received input from Chapter Leaders, Committee Chairs, Advisory Board members, and Scholarship Board members.

The Strategic Plan defined five specific goals that support the overarching mission "Transforming the transportation industry through the advancement of women".

The implementation has started but there are still many areas which will require time and attention before we can say we have successfully reached our goals. This is a great time to be involved with the organization and I will be encouraging each of you to take ownership of this success story.

For those who don't know me, I am an Engineer with DMJM Harris in Sacramento, CA, focusing on Transit and Rail

projects. I have served as the following: Sacramento Chapter President 2003 & 2004, Job Bank committee co-chair 2003-2006, International Appointment committee co-chair 2006-2008, WTS Scholarship Board member 2006-2008 and a graduate of the WTS Leadership Program in 2007.

The benefits you receive as a member of WTS are important to me. It is my hope that we (the collective organization: International Office & Board, Chapters, Committees, etc.) will work together to make WTS your organization of choice. I am always interested in hearing from you how WTS can improve the delivery system of our benefits and look forward to any chance to talk with you.

- Beverly





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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### August 19

#### Post I-5 Construction De-brief from Caltrans

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

SACOG 1415 L Street, Suite 300 - Board Room

### November 19

#### Members Only Annual Meeting

Discussing the close of 2008 business, events and elections.

River City Brewing Company, Sacramento. Time: TBA

### December 10

#### Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner

Sacramento Grand Sheraton Hotel

To RSVP for monthly programs, contact **Dave Lopez** at [dlopez@markthomas.com](mailto:dlopez@markthomas.com). The Monthly Luncheon Programs are free to WTS members or \$15 for non-members. However, if you RSVP for an event and do not attend, you will be charged a 'no-show' fee of \$15. These prices do not apply to the Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

Visit the Sacramento Chapter Home Page for more information:

[www.wtssac.org](http://www.wtssac.org)

## CHAPTER NEWS

### WELCOME! NEW SACRAMENTO CHAPTER WTS MEMBERS

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Gary Carlin  
Lindsay Juarez

Julie Passalacqua  
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Kelly Burke  
Rachel Audino

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## WTS International, Sacramento Chapter

### Awards and Scholarship Dinner

#### Hosting the California Transportation Commission

#### WHEN:

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

No Host Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner Served at 6:30 pm

#### WHERE:

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel

1230 J Street

Sacramento, California 95814

- For event information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Dave Lopez at [dlopez@markthomas.com](mailto:dlopez@markthomas.com) or (916) 381-9100.
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**Save the Date!**

