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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Tonya Saxon

Is it possible for time to be flying by and standing still at the same time? That is exactly what this summer has felt like. As offices begin reopening and the school year frenzy begins, we are all still finding our new normal and let's be honest, it is challenging. The lines between our home lives and our professional lives are more blurred now than ever before. But what stands out most to me is not the challenges that we face, but the resilience with which we face them. I have spoken to several WTS Atlanta members over the past few weeks and am continually left in awe of how they have managed to create normalcy in a world that feels anything but normal in this moment. Our members, our communities, are finding ways to thrive. I want to encourage us all to focus on those things that will help us thrive and to lean on each for support and encouragement. We are WTS.

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**August 6th, 5:30pm EST: Small Businesses--
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August 19th, 12pm EST: Financial Management

**September 29th, 5:30pm EST: Engineering
Georgia's 100 Most Influential Women and 50
Women in the Know Virtual Honorees' Reception**

WTS ATLANTA MEMBERS, WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

Have you recently received a promotion? Changed companies? Reached a new personal milestone? We want to know about it; we want to celebrate you.

Email leanna.pierre@randstadusa.com to be featured in a forthcoming newsletter.

MEMBER ON THE MOVE: REGAN HAMMOND



VHB is proud to announce the addition of Regan Hammond, AICP, as Transportation Systems Director for the company's Atlanta office where she will lead the firm's focus on planning, traffic and transit solutions.

Regan is highly regarded in Georgia's transportation planning industry. She was named to Engineering Georgia's 50 Women in the Know in 2020 and 2019, and 100 Influential Women to Know in 2018. She is an active member and former Board member of WTS Atlanta and the Georgia Transit Association. Regan currently serves as WTS Atlanta's Elections Committee Chair and volunteers with the Scholarships and Luncheon committees.

Regan's collaborative approach to building consensus with stakeholders and city officials leads to smart and sustainable solutions for long- and short-range multi-modal transportation projects. She will be leading a team that is laser-focused on providing future-proof transportation systems and corridors with expertise in project implementation, smart cities, transit planning, and service coordination, bicycle and pedestrian planning, corridor planning, regional planning, and transportation demand management.

Her passion for planning and implementing complex, user-friendly complete streets that serve the needs of diverse communities will help our clients transform urban and suburban environments, especially in a rapidly changing post-pandemic world.

"We are very excited that Regan will lead and grow our transportation planning team in Atlanta," said Fabricio Ponce, Managing Director of VHB Atlanta. "Regan has a deep understanding of the transportation planning process and its importance, because it impacts all aspects of our lives—living, working, placemaking and economic development."

Prior to joining VHB, Regan served as Environmental/Planning Department Manager in the transportation and professional services industry and brings over 18 years of experience. She received her B.S. in Geography from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Connect with Regan at RHammond@vhb.com

Congratulations, Regan. We are so proud of you.

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The logo for ATKINS, featuring the word "ATKINS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

The logo for CDM Smith, with "CDM" in blue and "Smith" in a darker blue, and the tagline "listen. think. deliver." below it.

The logo for VHB, featuring a stylized graphic of a road or path curving upwards, followed by the lowercase letters "vhb" in a teal color.

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The logo for benesch, featuring a green circular graphic with a white line, followed by the word "benesch" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

The logo for C·E·R·M, featuring a stylized globe icon inside a diamond shape, followed by the letters "C·E·R·M" in a serif font.

The logo for CPLteam.com, featuring a stylized "CPL" icon, followed by the text "ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING PLANNING" and "CPLteam.com".

The logo for EDWARDS-PITMAN, featuring a stylized red "EP" icon followed by the text "EDWARDS-PITMAN".

The logo for JAT CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., featuring the word "JAT" in a large, bold, blue font, followed by "CONSULTING SERVICES, INC." in a smaller, blue font, and the tagline "Financial & Management Consultants" below it.



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MEMBER ON THE MOVE: TONYA SAXON



Our very own WTS Atlanta Madame President, Tonya Saxon, has been promoted to Project Manager II in the Capital Programs Delivery Department at MARTA. Her experience in the transit industry includes two years as a Portfolio Manager, thirteen years as an Operations Planning Analyst, four years as a Maintenance Planner, and eight years as an Electronic Technician.

In her new role, Tonya provides project management oversight for special projects, analytical support and assists with Capital Delivery and Executive initiatives. She manages all aspects of project planning and design which includes development of project management plans to identify stakeholder needs and coordination with project staff, agency officials, and local governments. She also develops policies and procedures to ensure that MARTA meets all its business goals and objectives.

Tonya was recently selected by Engineering Georgia Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Georgia. Tonya holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Management and Associate degree in Electronics from DeVry University in Decatur, GA. She has also earned her Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification.

Congratulations, Tonya. We are so proud of you.



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WTS ATLANTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS



Want to get more involved in advancing women in the transportation industry and expand your professional network? Then consider running for the WTS Atlanta Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 term!

All positions are open for nomination of WTS members in good standing as of August 10, 2020 – including President, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors-at-Large. Through the WTS Atlanta Chapter, you have multiple opportunities to work with both local and national transportation leaders.

Nominate someone you know who would excel at one of the many positions available — even if that someone is yourself. Nominations will open later this month. Members will be sent nomination instructions via email. Please be sure to update your email address in your My WTS account to ensure that you receive all WTS Atlanta member communications.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Regan Hammond, Elections Committee Chair at rhammond@vhb.com.

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Have you been thinking about taking a more active role in WTS Atlanta? There are several committees that you can explore. For more information on the chapter committees, please email Kristin Winzeler, VP of Membership, at kwinzeler@northfultoncid.com.

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