

## LA County Supervisor Barger Enlightens the Transportation Road Ahead



*Kathryn Barger (District 5 Los Angeles County Supervisor), Photos © John Livzey, 2017*

Breakfast is definitely the most important meal of the day. And on January 27, WTS-LA proved this when District 5 Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger spoke eloquently about transportation in her district and the county, as well as compelling ways to increase opportunities for women in transportation.

“She was very inspiring in both her commitment to serving the county and her constituents, and in her support of transportation,” explains 2017 WTS-LA Programs co-chair and Berg & Associates client relations manager Jenelle Saunders. “She talked about growing up in Los Angeles, her support of Measure M, the growth of our rail system, and about supporting women leaders and expanding internships for young professionals. And at the end of the program, she welcomed questions from the audience and then stayed late to take photos with attendees. Again, she was most gracious and very inspiring.”

Having chaired the event, Ms. Saunders reports that that was the consensus opinion among the 85 attendees. And Supervisor Barger’s remarks were set up brilliantly by a very special guest, Metro Deputy CEO Stephanie Wiggins. Highlighting Supervisor Barger’s achievements while welcoming her to the Metro board, Deputy CEO Wiggins also pointed out that Supervisor Barger joins four other women on the

Metro board, the largest number in the organization’s history. She also expressed her enthusiasm to work together to help advance transportation in the region. Deputy CEO Wiggins then introduced Derya Thompson, the director of Complex Bridges and Structures at Jacobs, the WTS-LA Platinum Sponsor, who introduced Supervisor Barger.



A native of Los Angeles and her district, Supervisor Barger began her public service in District 5 as an intern for her predecessor, District 5 Supervisor Mike Antonovich. In 2001, she became chief deputy supervisor, and served in that capacity until she won election to supervisor after Antonovich’s retirement. Though she brings a wide range of knowledge



to her office, Supervisor Barger possesses unique expertise in transportation, making her remarks all the more germane.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. But it's not just about nutrition. And on January 27, WTS-LA proved this by hosting a compelling and informative breakfast program featuring Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.