



### Upcoming Events

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#### 2021 Leadership Breakfast November 4, 2021 | 7:45 AM\*

WTS SC is hosting a virtual Leadership Breakfast featuring Ted Creech, Director of Governmental Affairs at SCDOT, to provide a legislative update for the transportation industry. Non-members and members are welcome to attend. Event will now take place virtually.

#### Lunch Bunch November 9, 2021 | 12:00 PM \*

Interested in joining this networking event for members only? Check your email for the Zoom link or contact Petrina Butler at [Petrina.Butler@mbakerintl.com](mailto:Petrina.Butler@mbakerintl.com)

#### Annual Membership Meeting December 14, 2021 \*

\*Check your email and WTS SC social pages for more information

## President's Pen

As I wrap up my term as WTS SC's first President, I am in awe of how far we have come. We began with regional interest sessions two and a half years ago and are now a thriving organization with over 80 members. And, the chapter grew all while adapting to a pandemic! A perfect example of our progress was the turnout for our Signature Program at the Columbia Museum of Art last month. It was an amazing evening with Transportation Trailblazers SCDOT Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall and FHWA SC Division Administrator Emily Lawton and nearly 100 attendees.



Raven Gambrell (Right) & Joy Riley (Left)

The success of our chapter would not be possible without a hardworking board, supportive sponsors and members dedicated to our mission to attract, sustain, connect and advance women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry. As I roll into the Immediate Past President board position, I know the chapter will be in good hands with Joy Riley as President and a diverse board eager to continue our mission.

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WTS SC President



### Be on the lookout for WTS SC Awards Nominations, Scholarship Applications, and 2022 Sponsorship Opportunities!

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## Events Recap

*What has WTS SC been up to?*

### Signature Program: Transportation Trailblazers

We are grateful to everyone who joined us at our inaugural WTS SC Signature Program, Transportation Trailblazers. It was a gorgeous evening at the Columbia Museum of Art, with nearly 100 attendees. We would like to thank our sponsors and featured speakers, SCDOT Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall and FHWA SC Division Administrator Emily Lawton.

In recognition of Secretary Hall's contributions to women and to the transportation industry, Secretary Hall was awarded a WTS SC Honorary Membership. Secretary Hall is a transformational leader that has made tremendous strides in implementing long-term improvements to the SC Department of Transportation. Secretary Hall embodies the successful advancement of the transportation industry that we strive for through WTS's vision and mission, and we are grateful for her continued support of our chapter.





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## 2022-2023 Board of Directors

The 2022-2023 Board of Directors was announced at the Signature Program. Members include:

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**Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA**

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2022-2023 Board of Directors (Heather Robbins absent)

## Diversity & Equity Event with Tamika L. Butler

On October 20, 2021, five chapters of WTS, Central VA, DC, Hampton Roads, NC Triangle, and South Carolina, met virtually to listen to nationally recognized expert, Tamika L. Butler, Esq. Tamika discussed diversity vs. inclusion, intentional inclusion and action-based plans, bystander intervention, industry-centric employee relations, and the retention rate of women and women of color in the industry.



## Transportation in the News

### South Carolina Transportation News Highlight

SCDOT is conducting a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study for the I-526 Lowcountry Corridor EAST (I-526 LCC EAST), which extends along I-526 from Virginia Avenue in North Charleston to approximately US 17 in Mount Pleasant. This is the first PEL to be completed in South Carolina and will be used to establish a vision for the corridor that will guide future transportation improvement projects. Currently, a Public Information Meeting is underway to explain how public input has been used to inform the concepts development and screening process, ask for input on the Reasonable Alternatives, and outline the next steps as the results of the PEL are carried forward into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. [Learn More.](#)

### Join a Committee

If you are interested in serving the WTS SC, please email: [SouthCarolinaWTS@gmail.com](mailto:SouthCarolinaWTS@gmail.com)



- Membership
- Programs
- Communications
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Professional Development
- Community Outreach
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Scholarships & Awards

### 2022 WTS Annual Conference

The dates and location for the 2022 WTS Annual Conference have been announced. Join us in Seattle, Washington May 18-20, 2022! [Learn More.](#)



**Connect with us!**  
We look forward to hearing from you!



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