

WTS-GNY Community Buzz



Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater New York Chapter

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What's happening at WTS-GNY

WTS International Annual Conference
The Power of Connection
Portland, Oregon

Wednesday, May 14 - Friday, May 16, 2014

for more information about the great sessions and
professional development opportunities offered,
[click here](#)
to register, [click here](#)

WTS Greater NY and Philadelphia chapters are pleased to sponsor the TransConOpps panel discussion at the TransAction conference in Atlantic City on April 9, 2014. The conference dates are April 8-10, 2014.

This is not a stand-alone WTS event. To attend the panel, you must register for the conference (minimum one day Wednesday registration).

SESSION DESCRIPTION

During the annual TransAction conference in Atlantic City, NJ, this program will deliver briefings on upcoming opportunities in NJ/NY/PA/DE region for the transportation sector. The session will provide detailed information on the anticipated contracting opportunities for the architecture, engineering, construction, and environmental communities for the next two to three fiscal years. Presentations will include an overview of each agency's mission and procurement practices. Speakers will be senior-level executives familiar with all aspects of the opportunities.

Wednesday April 9th

Save the dates for these upcoming events

- Tuesday, April 8, [Transportation Trivia](#), co-sponsored by YPT and APA Young Professionals
- Thursday April 10, tour of NYCT's Rail Control Center - SOLD OUT!
- [Wednesday April 30, NY Dinner Program](#) featuring [NYCDOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg](#)
- [Friday May 2, NJ Transit Newark Light Rail tour](#)
- Thursday June 26 "Summer Solstice" Networking Event at Rat's Restaurant, Hamilton, NJ

Chairman

SPEAKERS

- Denise Berger, Deputy Chief Engineer - Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Rob Fischer, Chief Engineer - NJ Turnpike Authority
- Joe Resta, Executive Director - Delaware River Joint Bridge Toll Commission
- Tracy Borda, Assistant Director Aviation, Audits & Contract Management, Aviation Division - Philadelphia International Airport
- Michael P. Venuto, PE, PLS, Director of Engineering/Chief Engineer - Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

And introducing newly-appointed Executive Director of New Jersey Transit - Ronnie Hakim

With Panel Session Moderator: Susan Boone, Legerity Consultants

Speakers from several other agencies are being confirmed. Check the WTS website more emerging details.

REGISTRATION

To attend the session, you must register for the conference at <http://www.njtransactionconf.com>
No additional charge for the session (#41 and #47)

Of interest to our readers:

Call for Experts!

Interested in showcasing your work at a conference, or discussing major issues on a panel? Let us find you through the new WTS Experts List. Fill out a form, and you'll be added to the list, so that your expertise can be called upon for news articles, academic research and conferences, and to connect with others in the same industry. Fill out the form at: <http://bit.ly/WTSExperts> and you'll be automatically added to the list.

Email Sarah Kaufman at sarahkaufman@nyu.edu with any questions.

**Coming soon on Transportal,
for members only...NY/ NJ job listings**

WTS Community - Stay Connected!



We  Volunteers!

The chapter needs you! Here's the update on all the opportunities to get involved and hope you'll consider joining a committee.

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The following is the list of committees that need new committee members:

Membership Committee is looking for volunteers to help with outreach and membership tracking.

Communications Committee needs writers for the monthly Buzz and quarterly newsletter.

Transportation YOU Committee needs a volunteer to periodically write short articles to publicize committee events. Articles will appear in WTS newsletter and on the WTS website.

Scholarship Committee is looking for a co-chair and committee members interested in outreach to colleges and universities.

Young Professionals Committee needs volunteer to help plan fun networking events like Transportation Trivia.

New Jersey Programs Committee is looking for a co-chair.

Corporate Partners Committee needs members willing to conduct outreach to current and potential corporate partners.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities and would like more information, please contact

Rena Barta at rena.barta@jacobs.com or 862.242.7261.

USDOT Needs WTS Members' Input

Transportation needs have never been greater; airports, transit systems, highway systems, and bridges all need investment. Too many vehicles clog our streets, adding to the greenhouse gasses in our communities. Transit service has been reduced, so people are waiting for buses and crowding the few trains. Airports need upgrades in their traffic control systems as well as in many of their existing terminals.

Unfortunately with all of these needs, we as a country still cannot find the will to fund transportation infrastructure improvements. The USDOT has asked us to take photographs that represent our transportation funding needs: crowded public transit, congested highways; anything that shows that our transportation infrastructure needs funding. The program is running on social media under #REBUILDAMERICA. The USDOT plans to use these photos to send a message to Congress that money is desperately needed to keep America moving.

The USDOT and WTS are terrific partners! You can help this partnership and our industry by sending your photos. Your chapter's submissions will be added to the WTS International's virtual #RebuildAmerica bulletin board, which will be presented to Secretary Foxx: <http://www.pinterest.com/wtsprojects/us-transportation-needs-funding-rebuildamerica/>

Please send your photos to Mary Petto (mpetto@wtsinternational.org) by FRIDAY APRIL 4th.

Thanks for your help with this important initiative!

WTS Members in the News

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CAMBRIDGE
SYSTEMATICS

 **Dewberry**

GILBERT TWEED ASSOCIATES INC.
For Innovation in Executive Search...

 **Kawasaki**
INNOVATING RAIL



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BTA
B. THAYER ASSOCIATES

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Envision Consultants, Ltd.

ROBINSON
AERIAL SURVEYS, INC.



Elizabeth Hynes

Elizabeth Hynes, WTS-GNY Treasurer, from Parsons, has been named as one of the Top 20 under 40 by Engineering News Record. The announcement is included on Parsons website ([click here](#)).

WTS-GNY member **Emily Gallo** recently joined the NYC Department of Transportation as Chief of Staff.

Congrats to Emily and Liz!

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environmental graphics,
planning & design

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