



*Advancing Women in Transportation*  
Greater New York Chapter



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**Save the dates for these upcoming events!**

**Learn from a Leader Series**

In 2014, WTS-GNY launched a new program: Learn from a Leader Round table Series.

Leaders from both the public and private sectors shared their experiences with small groups, providing insight into the exciting work they are doing and the lessons learned in getting to this point in their careers.

To register Click [here](#):

**Monday, June 27th, 6pm -**

Yvonne Lopez- Diaz, HNTB Vice President, Human Resources Director at HNTB's Manhattan Offices.

For more information about Yvonne, click [here](#):

**Thursday, June 30th, 12:30pm -**

Lisa Navarro, Senior Project Engineer, New Jersey Turnpike Authority

For more information about Lisa, click [here](#):

**Thursday, July 21st, 5pm -**

Dana Hecht, Director of Capital Program Management, New Jersey Department of Transportation at HDR's offices in Lawrenceville, NJ.

For more information about Dana, click [here](#):

**Tuesday, July 26th, 5:30pm -**

Anita Miller, MTA Chief Employee Relations and Administrative Officer at MTA's Two Broadway offices. For more information about Anita, click [here](#):

**Monday, August 8th, 12:00pm -**

Debbie Chin, Executive Director of Positive Train Control (PTC) at Long Island Rail Road

For more information about Debbie, click [here](#):

**Tuesday, August 16th, 12:00pm -**

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Beth DeAngelo, Deputy Area Manager and Vice President, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff.  
For more information about Beth, click [here](#):

**Tuesday, August 23rd, 5:30pm -**

Emily Gallo, New York City Department of Transportation, Chief of Staff, at NYC DOT  
For more information about Emily, click [here](#):

**Emerging Women Leaders On-Site Training Series:**

Hear outstanding women leaders share their top career and leadership tips.

- Add to your toolkit of leadership skills
- Learn proven strategies to advance your career

These webcasts are offered quarterly on Tuesdays at 1:00pm at the following locations;

- Newark, NJ - One Newark Center, NJTPA
- Trenton, NJ - 1035 Parkway Avenue, NJDOT
- Queens, NY - 144-41 94th Avenue, LIRR
- New York, NY - 22 Cortlandt Street, Ch2m

**Tuesday, August 30th, 1:00 - 2:00pm**

Attracting the Attention of an Influential Sponsor.

**Tuesday, October 18th, 1:00 - 2:00pm**

Questions that Leaders Ask Themselves and Others.

**Tuesday, December 6th, 1:00 - 2:00pm**

Nine Types of Courage for Emerging Leaders.

Click [here](#) for more information:

**And More... Upcoming Events !!**

**Saturday, August 13th**

Join WTS Young Professionals for its annual volunteer event when we will be helping out at Recycle a Bicycle by working alongside their youth employees to fix up old bicycles. Our efforts will help prepare the organization for their monthly Bike Bonanza, an event for families to bring their kids' bikes and swap them for newer bikes that have been refurbished/tuned up. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up:

**Thursday, October 06, 2016, 5:30 - 8:30pm**

WTS-GNY 2016 Annual Gala 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

**Week of October 24th**

New Jersey Dinner Program

**Week of November 7**

**JACOBS**



**RUBY**



**CUBIC**  
Transportation Systems

**Thursday November 17, 6:00 - 8:00pm**

Boots on the Ground, Club 101

**December**

Holiday Party

Check the WTS GNY website: [here](#)  
for updates on events, and watch your email inbox for invites!

**WTS GNY - Volunteer Opportunities!**

**Contact Keri Cibelli at [kcibelli@akrf.com](mailto:kcibelli@akrf.com), for more information**

**2017 Annual Conference:**

Please join for an exciting opportunity to help prepare for the WTS 2017 Annual Conference in NYC!

**October 6th Annual Gala Planning:**

Please come help create a fabulous evening as the Chapter comes together to celebrate at the annual gala.

**Communications Committee:**

A great opportunity to get involved with WTS GNY! If you have a background in writing/editing, technology or social media, the WTS Communications Committee has many opportunities to offer you.

**Transportation You Committee:**

Committee is looking for new mentors and committee members for 2016-2017. Our mentoring program inspires young women (14-18) to pursue careers in STEM and Transportation. Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers girls an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. WTS members work to make a difference in the lives of high school girls in New York City and Newark, NJ, by offering site tours, professional development and group activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation. We also seek to encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry.

Find out how you can get involved and help us create a great program this next academic year by contacting Erica Swansen [eswansen@vhb.com](mailto:eswansen@vhb.com) or Alyssa

**EMERALD**





Pichardo [apichardo@rpa.org](mailto:apichardo@rpa.org).

### **Glass Ceiling Committee:**

WTS-GNY Yvonne Lopez-Diaz, VP and HR Director with HNTB Corporation, will lead a new committee focused on "glass ceiling" issues that could be impeding the growth of women in the transportation industry. Yvonne will organize a "Glass Ceiling Committee" whose goal will be to conduct research and make recommendations on programs and policies that can be led by WTS-GNY to further its mission of advancing women in transportation.

### **Relive WTS Summer Fun!!**

**On Monday, July 18th**, WTS GNY enjoyed a summertime members appreciation cruise. The event was a great success. [Membership Appreciation Photos](#)

**On Saturday, July 16** the WTS Young Professionals' Committee competed in the Waterfront Alliance's ninth annual City of Water Day - Cardboard Kayak Race on Governor's Island. Our six participants, billed the "WTS-Making Waves Team", applied their engineering, planning, and inspired intuition to design and build a human-sized vessel to compete in the race. On event day, all 25 teams were given 10 sheets of corrugated cardboard, 3 rolls of black grafting tape, 10 rolls of clear waterproof packing tape, and two hours to design and build their kayaks. The WTS team edged out competition in the first heat of the race, paddling out and back around a marker in the embayment to win first place! Although WTS-YP was defeated in the championship round, they made plenty of waves to remember!

Team Members: Alexandra Chamandy-Cook, Portia Henry, Aimee Jefferson, Heather Jones, Winifred Lao, Lori Skarup

See pictures [here](#);

### **Congratulations!**

#### **Yvette Janniere-Houlder,**

MTA IT Program Manager was presented the Reverend Jerry Moore President. Leadership Award at the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) 45th National Meeting and Training Conference in Dallas, Texas

#### **Sarah Steib,**

**SAPPHIRE**



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 **Stantec**

**Thornton Tomasetti**

formerly Structural Engineer at Jacobs Engineering is now Supervising Engineer at T&M Associates. She is also Co-Chair of the Mentoring Committee.

### **Taylor Reiss Gouge,**

on the arrival of her baby, Eliza Reiss Gouge, born July 2, and her return to her native Australia. Taylor had been Deputy Director, Transit Development, NYC Department of Transportation and also WTS Transportation YOU Co-Chair.

**Create a system of transportation for the United States that will meet the needs of all users in 2050 and beyond.**

HeroX is reaching out to the community to conceptualize a futuristic transportation system for the third and the final phase of the [Infrastructure Vision 2050 challenge](#).

The Build phase is seeking transportation solutions which will carry people from wherever they are to wherever they want to go, and do so in a way that far exceeds the efficiency and safety of today's transportation models. It should be able to serve the United States population in the year 2050 and beyond.

**Prize Details:** The total prize purse for the build phase is \$ 100,000 USD. In addition to monetary prizes, winners shall receive tremendous exposure for their work.

**Application Instructions:** Last date for submission is December 15, 2016. No entry fee is required. Innovators may originate from any country.

**Guidelines/ Registration Link:** You may visit the [Infrastructure Vision 2050](#) challenge page for complete challenge guidelines and to register as an innovator.

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