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2019 WTS Winter Reception at the 98th TRB Annual Meeting in Washington D.C.

January 13th, 2019, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

WTS International, in partnership with the TRB's Committee on Women's Issues in Transportation, invites you to join us at our Annual Winter Reception. Register **here!** 

WTS Young Professionals' Future City Competition Judging January 16th, 2019, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

The WTS-GNY Young Professionals' Committee will be hosting a volunteer event where members will come together to both judge Future City models and network with other young professionals in the Greater New York transportation industry. Register <u>here!</u>

Webinar: "Developing Your Professional Social Media Brand" January 29th, 2019, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

We all know how to open social media accounts. We have figured out how to post. But now what? Are you leveraging social media for professional development? Do colleagues and potential business partners know where to find you? Does your profile accurately reflect your personal brand? Spend an hour with us to learn to maximize social media to generate the best impressions, get positive attention, and attract the right audience. Register here!

#### 2019 Annual Meeting

January 30th, 2019, 05:30PM - 8:00PM

Please join us for the 39th Annual Meeting and 22nd Annual W/M/DBE Expo, featuring keynote speaker Diannae Ehler, Director of the Tunnels, Bridges & Terminals Department at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The program includes the presentation of the chapter's annual awards. Register here!



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# The Future of Midtown: The Cross-Section of Rezoning, Real Estate, and Transportation

The WTS-Young Professional's event, *The Future of Midtown: The Cross-Section of Rezoning, Real Estate, and Transportation,* took place on November 5<sup>th</sup>. It was part of the WTS-YP Trending Topics networking series in which panelists share their experiences and stories in an informal setting over a glass of wine or a cold brew.

The night's panel consisted of Northeast Regional Director of Environmental Services at VHB Nancy Doon; Managing Director at SL Green Realty Corp Robert Schiffer; and Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee of Manhattan Community Board 4 Christine Berthet. The discussion highlighted how rezoning efforts in east and west midtown were woven together by lucrative development interests that spurred major transportation improvements.

In her role as the environmental lead for the Greater East Midtown Rezoning project, one of Ms. Doon's responsibilities was the execution of the environmental impact statement (EIS). Because the rezoning was designed to allow for increased density, the EIS indicated a significant increase in traffic volumes and congestion in the 78-block rezoning area. As a result, the City committed to various measures to diminish the effects on all forms of transportation. These included the creation of new zoning mechanisms that will minimize transportation impacts and allow for street-level enhancements.

One of those zoning strategies is pre-identified transit improvements, such as the construction of new entrances, stairways, and elevators to the existing transit stations in the rezoning area. At the street level, developers could use the landmark transfer and overbuilt floor area mechanisms that would require contributions to the Public Realm Improvement Fund. Improvements to the public realm include enhanced public plaza areas, sidewalk and curb extensions, widened medians, construction of shared street space, and new bus stop and lane facilities. For more information on the Greater East Midtown rezoning proposal, see the <a href="NYC Planning's project page">NYC Planning's project page</a>.

To read the full article, <u>click here!</u>

Event volunteers - 11ffany Cummings, Ece Koch, Portia Henry, and Aimee Jefferson







To view more photos from this event, <u>click here</u>.

#### WTS-GNY Holiday Party 2018

WTS GNY held its annual holiday party on December 19th at Legends. As always, it was a great success, providing an opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues and meet new ones too. This year's theme was in honor of next year's Women's World Cup and was accompanied by a fun icebreaker game in which each attendee was presented with an image of a flag and required to find two other attendees at the event with the same flag. Once three people with the same flag - be it Japan, Croatia, or any one of many other countries - they could return to the registration desk and claim their prize.

Many thanks to the organizers for arranging such a great evening: Sofia Berger, Bibi Khan, Sheriza Majid, Daniela Zellers, Reema Albahri and Han



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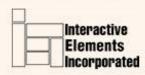
















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#### **Volunteers Wanted and Appreciated!**

WTS-GNY is always interested in volunteers to help the chapter. Don't see anything of interest below, but want to help? Email our volunteer champion, Elizabeth Hynes, to find a committee that's right for you!

**New Jersey Programs Committee** is looking for active members to assist with planning and execution of events.

The **Communications Committee** is looking for volunteers to write content for social media sites and develop marketing material for the chapter!

## **Transportation Job Opportunities**

WTS-GNY is a resource for women seeking positions in transportation and firms looking for candidates. Visit our <u>Job Opportunities</u> page for the latest updates!

If your firm would like to post a position, fill out our <u>job form</u>. We will share your job opportunity on our LinkedIn Page and in our next Chapter News as well as our website.

#### July Opportunities (more on the WTS-GNY Jobs Page)

**Employer** Dewberry

Job Title Marketing Pursuit Manager

How to Apply Dewberry Website

**Deadline** March 25, 2019



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**Employer** New York City Department of Transportation

Job Title School Safety Project Manager

**How to Apply** Website

**Deadline** January 31, 2019

**Employer** Port Authority of NY & NJ

Job Title Summer Interns (Various Departments)

**How to Apply** Website

**Deadline** January 31, 2019

**Employer** U.S. Department of Transportation

**Job Title** 2019 Summer Transportation

Internship Program for Diverse Groups (STIPDG)

**How to Apply** Website

**Deadline** January 22, 2019

### Have exciting content for the next issue?

Article pitches, women in transportation news, member spotlights, discussion topic ideas: email us by 1/30/2019.

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