

# WTS-GNY Community Buzz



Advancing Women in Transportation  
Greater New York Chapter

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## What's happening at WTS-GNY

### Attention all WTS-GNY Members

On Wednesday June 25th, twelve WTS-GNY members attended the first in a series of roundtables with industry leaders. Lisa Schreibman, Chief Office for Strategic Planning for the MTA Fare Payments Program, spoke to a group of transportation professionals in both the public and private sector. Lisa began by providing a quick overview of her career before and with NYCT and quickly moved into a discussion of some of the lessons she has learned over the years. Attendees engaged Lisa in a discussion about some of the challenges in soliciting construction feedback, responding to challenging personalities, and career planning strategies.

The informal nature of the event resulted in an honest dialogue about some of the challenges we face as women in the industry and some tools at our disposal to help overcome those challenges. We look forward to more thoughtful engagement with current and future leaders in transportation at our upcoming Learn from a Leader roundtables. Click [here](#) for more details, and to register for the Learn from a Leader roundtable series!

And members, don't forget to sign up for **Take Us Out to the Ballgame IV, Yankees v Rangers, Tuesday July 22**. Click the link to the right. Hurry, only a few tickets left!!

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WTS Community - Stay Connected!



## Save the dates for these upcoming events

- [July 14 - Pop Talks](#)
- [July 22 - Take Me Out to the Ballgame IV, Yankees v Rangers at Yankee Stadium members & guests \(one guest per member\) only a few tickets left!!](#)
- [Learn from a Leader Series - multiple dates](#)
- [August 13 - Membership Recruitment](#)
- [October 7 - Annual Gala](#)

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## 2014-15 Corporate Partnership Program

**WTS-GNY seeks your company's participation in our 2014-2015 Corporate Partnership Program.** As readers of this monthly Community Buzz are aware, WTS is a 501(c)(6) organization of professionals dedicated to helping women pursue professional careers in transportation and transportation-related fields. The GNY chapter has over 300 members in New York and New Jersey, including many prominent leaders from both the public and private sectors.

The funds raised through the Corporate Partnership Program are used to sustain and expand our chapter's professional development programs, industry recognition of women in transportation, our mentoring program, and scholarships for young women planning to enter the transportation industry.

They also support our programs which this year featured Elise Bremer-Nei, supervising planner, Bureau of Commuter Mobility, NJ Department of Transportation; Veronique "Ronnie" Hakim, executive director, New Jersey Transit; Mary K. Murphy, executive director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; Tom Prendergast, Chairman & CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation.



Some of the benefits of being the Corporate Partner include:

Tickets to this year's Annual Gala, programs and special events

Recognition at WTS events

- Prominent display of your logo on the WTS-GNY website along with a link to your company's website
- Company ads in our newsletters and event programs
- For W/M/DBE partners, participation in the Annual W/M/DBE Expo

There are several partnership levels available to your company. Please click on this link [xxxxxxxxx](#) for more information on the benefit and joining the Corporate Partnership Program. In order to take advantage of the tickets and ad posting at this year Annual Gala on October 7th, please return the response form by August 26th and provide your firm logo, advertisement, and gala attendee list per request schedule.

Please contact Janice Li at [janice.li@ch2m.com](mailto:janice.li@ch2m.com) or 908.963.6420 for more information and to receive a FACT SHEET with investment levels and benefits.

## CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT - Aurora



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facilities maintenance management for new and existing GIS, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, electrical aeronautical, fire protection, and IT building and airfield systems. Arora's geographic reach blankets the East Coast with offices from Boston to Ft. Lauderdale.

At Arora, we combine the resources of a large firm with the personal touch and hyper-responsiveness for which much smaller firms are known. It's something we're proud to call the Arora Advantage - and it starts with Arora's culture. Here, everyone is family. We work in a progressive team environment rich in collaboration and creativity. We are consummate communicators. The Arora Team acts as one to reach a goal for all. We embody the philosophy of "work hard - play hard." Outside of work, we embrace healthy living by participating in fitness activities such as softball, yoga, cardio, and strength training. We join together to celebrate our personal and professional successes.

We promote active participation in technical and professional societies such as WTS. Arora's participation provides valuable opportunities for our staff to network and form long-lasting relationships, to learn and develop both personally and professionally, and to foster a continued sense of teamwork - not just within our firm - but within the transportation community at large. Arora embraces the mission of the Women's Transportation Seminar and is proud to be included among the sponsors of the Greater New York chapter.

## "Railality Bytes" Transportation News Links

- [President Obama urges Congress to fund the rapidly depleting Highway Trust Fund by eliminating corporate tax breaks during a speech Tuesday July 1.](#)
- [The Public comment period has opened for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's proposed amendments to the Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\).](#) The proposed amendment programs and reprograms funding for projects throughout the NYMTC planning area. This comment period gives the public the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the TIP.
- The MTA Reinvention Commission (a panel of 22 international experts) is requesting public input as part of their examination of the challenges facing the MTA in the 21st century. Submit comments or plan to attend one of the public meetings on Tuesday July 15, Wednesday July 16 or Thursday July 17. [Click here for more information and to register as a public speaker.](#)

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*\*See/ read transportation-related news? Send the link to our Twitter account, @wts\_gny, so we can post here.\**

## Job Opportunity

Delaware River Port Authority  
Senior Engineer

### Position Purpose

This position is responsible for the management of capital improvement

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projects from planning and design to final construction. This position provides effective design and construction management of complex projects, in order to achieve a safe, reliable, and convenient transportation system for bridge commuters and PATCO transit patrons, including building facility improvements and maintenance. The position must have a working knowledge and understanding of technical issues related to DRPA facilities, and a proven track record of applying this knowledge in either a design or construction inspection capacity.

Qualifications

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the duties, responsibilities, knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. The Authority will adhere to all applicable laws and regulations in assessing an employee's ability to carry out or otherwise meet the job requirements set forth herein in a satisfactory manner.

For more details and to apply, click [here](#).

