



Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater New York Chapter



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Upcoming Events

June 2019

NJ Glass Ceiling Panel: The Women Who Have Broken Through

June 17, 2019, 5:30 PM-8:00 PM

Continuing the conversation in New York, female executives will describe their career development paths, including challenges, opportunities and advice to women on a similar journey. Register [here!](#)

Emerging Women Leaders On-Site Training Series

June 25, 2019, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

It's time to lose the cape! Superwoman had it wrong. Striving for perfection while juggling many roles is more likely to lead to burnout than to balance. In this webinar, learn practical tools for redefining work/life balance and making it all work for you. Register [here.](#)

Young Professionals Committee Open House

June 25, 2019, 6:00-8:00 PM

Interested in joining the Young Professionals Committee? Come find out what this committee is all about including the types of programming we do, how our meetings work, and what opportunities become available by being an active participant. This event will include a presentation from the committee's co-chairs, Ece and Tiffany, as well as an opportunity to ask questions and mingle with current committee members over beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Register [here.](#)

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- July 11th: Book Club Meeting with Catherine Rinaldi. Click [here!](#)
- July 19th: YP Port Authority Bus tour, 2pm- 4pm

August 2019

- August 20th: Emerging Women Leaders On-Site Training Series- The Leadership Pipeline. Click [here!](#)

Scholarship Reminder: The American Public Transportation Foundation



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRANSIT STUDENTS

Each year the APTF awards a minimum of twenty scholarships, ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000, to college students and transit professionals who are pursuing or advancing their career in public transportation. Awards cover the academic year, beginning in the fall semester, and assist with tuition costs and other educational expenses.

Who Should Apply?

Applicants must be enrolled in a fully accredited institution, have and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate a strong interest in entering the public transportation industry. College sophomores (30 hours or more satisfactorily completed), juniors, seniors, or those seeking advanced degrees may apply.

All applicants must be sponsored by an APTA member organization.

How to Apply

Applications are due Monday, June 17 by 11:59 pm (EST)

To apply, please visit the APTF website

www.APTFD.org



WTS-GNY Chapter Survey #5: New York Programs

WTS Greater New York Chapter is conducting a series of surveys to give us insight into how we as an organization better can serve our members and the transportation industry. This survey is on behalf of the Glass Ceiling Committee.

We value your opinion. All responses are optional and



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anonymous.

Everyone who completes the survey by **June 30th** will have a chance to enter to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card. Your contact information will be kept separate from your survey responses. Thanks for your participation!

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE SURVEY](#)

Member in the News: Jeannie Kwon



Jeannie Kwon has been promoted to Senior Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer at NJ Transit

In April of 2019, Jeannie Kwon was promoted to senior vice president & chief administrative officer after having served as the assistant executive director for projects & strategic investments at NJ Transit. Jeannie has over fifteen years of experience in capital construction, transportation management, and economic development. She holds a Master in Public Administration in Transportation Policy and Management from New York University. She earned her Bachelor of Science in African American Studies and History from Oberlin College. We congratulate Jeannie on her new position!

Member in the News: Dana Hect



Dana Hecht is recognized as "Government Engineer of the Year" at the 2019 ASCE Annual Awards Dinner

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On May 9th, 2019, Dana Hecht, a member of the American Society Civil Engineers (ASCE) NJ Section, received an award for her achievements in the public sector. The award is presented to an outstanding civil engineer in government service who has contributed substantially to the profession. ASCE was founded in 1852 and represents more than 140,000 civil engineers worldwide with 4,100 in New Jersey. ASCE is dedicated to the advancement of the individual civil engineer and the advancement of the science and profession of civil engineering through education.

Dana has been tasked with leading the PATH to Newark extension project. To learn more about her accomplishments, click [here](#). We congratulate Dana on her award!

2019 Transportation Trivia Night

On April 24, 2019, the 10th Annual Transportation Trivia event took place at Smithfield Hall NYC. This was a joint activity supported by the local WTS Young Professionals Committee (WTS YP), Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT), and American Planning Association (APA-NYM) chapters. Participants came up with witty team names like "Miss Congestionality" and "Nights & Weekends." WTS YP contributed questions to categories on "Who Runs the World? Women in Transportation" and "Congestion Pricing." A question that stumped many teams was "which city introduced a 21 percent-discounted, one-day transit pass for women only on March 18th (Equal Pay Day) to reflect the gender pay gap?" The correct answer is Berlin, Germany. The winning team was called "Game of Gridlock" and represented the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. They won a DOT-fabricated street sign and bragging rights as the reigning transportation trivia 2019 champions.



From Left: PANYNJ staff including Zach Bloom, Kirsten Jones; Ahmed Ismail; Catherine Britel; Victoria Carley



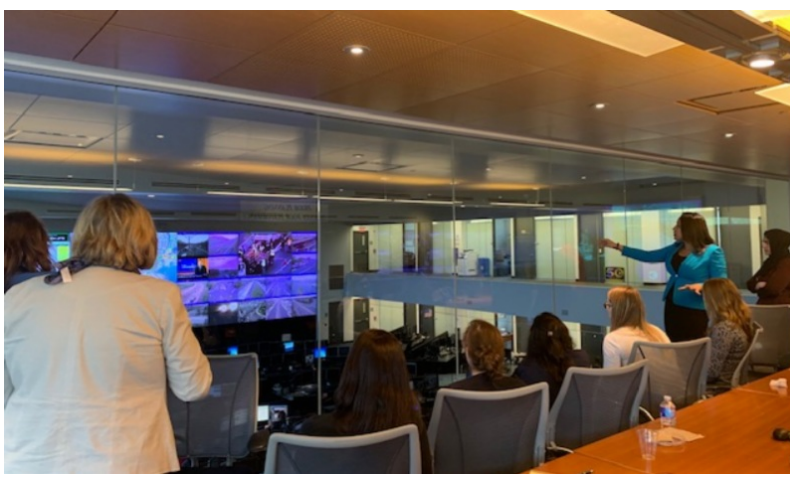


From left: Joseph Molinaro, STV Inc.; Alan Belsky, Lyft; Diana Chiavetta, STV Inc; Alexandra Chamandy-Cook; STV Inc.; and WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Portia Henry, PANYNJ

NJ STMC Tour for WTS members!

On Tuesday April 30, 2019, the NJ Programs Committee organized a technical tour of the Statewide Traffic Management Center located in Woodbridge, NJ for WTS members. Special guests at the tour included Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) Executive Director John Keller, NJTA Director of Operations Kevin Dunn, NJTA Deputy Director of Operations Frank Jordan, and the Manager of the Traffic Management Center Ruth Rodriguez. WTS volunteers at the event included Janet Sharkey (NJ Programs Committee Chair), Zenobia Fields (Vice President-NJ), and Kruti Barut (NJ Programs Committee member).

The event kicked off with welcome remarks given by the Commissioner who gave a brief history of the Traffic Management Center (TMC), calling it the heartbeat of incident management. Ruth Rodriguez, manager of the Traffic Management Center, then gave an overview and guided tour of the facility which is staffed by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, New Jersey Department of Transportation, and the New Jersey State Police. Ms. Rodriguez showed the group the wide variety of video monitors, mapping, and software tools which help TMC staff quickly identify incidents, monitor them in real time, and provide a coordinated response to facilitate faster response and recovery times.



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 us at wtsgny@gmail.com 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 would like to be a resource for women seeking positions in transportation and firms looking for candidates. Visit our [Job Opportunities](#) page for latest updates!

If your firm would like to post a position, fill out our [job form](#). We will share your job opportunity on our LinkedIn Page and in our next Chapter News as well as our website.

April Opportunities (more on the [WTS-GNY Jobs Page](#))

Employer	Micheal Baker International
Job Title	Senior Aviation Planner
How to Apply	Website
Deadline	Open until vacancy filled

Employer	NJ Transit
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Job Title	Deputy General Manager, Bus Service Planning
How to Apply	Website
Deadline	Open until vacancy filled
Employer	Envision Consultants, Inc
Job Title	Documents Control Manager
How to Apply	Website
Deadline	06/17/2019

Have exciting content for the July issue?

Article pitches, women in transportation news, member spotlights, discussion topic ideas: [Email us](#) by 6/21/2019.

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