

# 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](#)

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### Attention all WTS-GNY Members

WTS-GNY is pleased to announce a new program, coming this summer: **Learn from a Leader Summer Roundtable Series.** Leaders from both the public and private sectors will be sharing 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. Keep an eye out for more details on this *members-only* program in the coming months!

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Pratt Institute in Manhattan offers a continuing education class, "Connecting Us...The Arterial Highway System of the NY-NJ Region." This is a one-day course, accredited by NY State for seven PDH towards license renewal for PEs and RAs.

- This course reviews the development of NYC's arterial highway system, focusing particularly from the 1930's through the present. It examines key influences and "influencers," system milestones, points of controversy, current system status, and the outlook for the future.

- The course presents and analyzes past, current, and emerging concepts for policy, planning, and operations of the arterial highway system including, for example, context-sensitive

## Save the dates for these upcoming events

- Thursday June 26  
"Summer Solstice"  
Networking Event  
at Rat's  
Restaurant,  
Hamilton, NJ
- Tuesday July 22,  
Take Me Out to the  
Ballgame 4,  
members & guests  
(one guest per  
member) are  
invited to enjoy  
Yankees v Rangers  
at Yankee Stadium;  
details to be  
announced shortly!

Chairman

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The logo for GPI, featuring the letters 'GPI' in a bold, serif font.

The logo for HAKS, featuring the letters 'HAKS' in a bold, serif font. There is a small square icon to the left of the letters.

design, Bus Rapid Transit, managed lanes, autonomous vehicles, etc.

The next two sessions are scheduled for May 7, 2014 and June 25, 2014 (9 AM-5 PM) at Pratt Manhattan (144 W. 14 St.)

To register on Pratt Institute website (go to Pratt Center for Continuing and Professional Studies). For help with online registration please call Chris Ferrara at 212 647 7370.

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## "Railality Bytes": transportation news links

Following up on Polly Trottenberg's excellent presentation last week at the chapter's Spring dinner, [here's a link](#) regarding the next steps in implementing Vision Zero.

[NPR.org features an ongoing series called "The Changing Lives of Women."](#) Most recent topic is "Advice for Women About Asking for a Raise." Highly recommended reading!

In March, the New York Building Congress released its 2014 Policy Agenda, which you can find [here](#) (along with information about their upcoming events).

Here's an op-ed from the March 24, 2014 [Daily News](#) entitled "[Rebuild NYC, create good jobs.](#)"

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

## CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Dewberry has enjoyed a significant role in shaping the transportation industry of metropolitan areas for more than 50 years, including the Greater New York area and Washington, DC. Both heavy and passenger rail are key components of our transportation practice. We support clients in solving challenges stemming from continued growth; high traffic volumes; overworked transportation networks; and aging infrastructure. We combine our expertise in transportation engineering with subject matter expertise in sustainability; environmental services; planning; geospatial services and mapping; emergency management; program management; and climate resiliency services.

### Silver Line: A True Megaproject

One of the biggest challenges facing the rail industry today is the need for solutions that are quick to implement while providing cost-effective results. Design and construction is being accelerated through evolving project delivery methods, including design-build and public-private partnerships, to

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meet increasing demands. Dewberry is a member of the Capital Rail Constructors team for the largest of three total design-build packages for Phase 2 of the Silver Line project. A true megaproject, this is the first rail line addition to the Washington Metro



system in over 20 years. Phase 2 includes six stations running from Reston, Virginia, through Washington Dulles International Airport, and into Loudoun County, Virginia. Construction of Phase 1, on which Dewberry also worked, is substantially complete and MWAA is now moving toward passenger service. The Silver Line has and will continue to engage many disciplines within the firm, including: transportation; site/civil; architecture; mechanical, electrical and plumbing; station and bridge structural design; landscape architecture; survey; permitting; environmental; and utilities.

### A Focus on Resiliency



In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, which devastated both New York City and the New Jersey coastline, our need to prepare for future storm events has never been so apparent. Following Superstorm Sandy, regional transportation agencies that experienced significant

flooding and costly damage to their systems were faced with recovery activities to restore assets necessary for operation. Dewberry was quick to respond to the needs of these agencies then, and is helping them plan for future events now. We are helping agencies to prioritize resiliency efforts and to justify the need for funding. Working alongside our clients, we are designing both near-term and long-term solutions for the regional rail industry.

To help these agencies with their long-term goals, Jack Kanarek, former NJ TRANSIT director of project development, has joined the Dewberry team. His 29 years of experience within the public transportation industry will help deliver innovative solutions to address the evolving needs of our clients. Having been part of the team that led the development of NJ TRANSIT's groundbreaking rail system integration program and personally directing the planning and development of numerous improvement projects, Jack will collaborate with our project teams to bring his proven capability to the table during the design and planning processes.

As an Engineering News-Record Top 50 Design firm, Dewberry is recognized for combining unsurpassed commitment to client service with deep subject matter expertise. We are a leading professional services firm



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## We Volunteers!



### **By Ella McLeod - WTS-GNY Director-at-Large**

Jing Du joined WTS in 1997 and became more active in the Greater NY chapter after being selected as an apprentice in the 2007 Mentoring Program. Malinda Foy served as her mentor. Jing was very impressed with the mentoring program's efforts to encourage women to get more involved in various activities to achieve their career

goals.

After completing the Mentoring Program, Jing was an active member of the Mentoring Committee for four years. This year she joined the Special Events Committee as co-chair.

Jing developed a strong admiration for the WTS-GNY chapter, particularly in its representation of women in the workplace. She is very proud to be a part of the organization's leadership and is grateful to have the opportunity to contribute her talent to the organization.

Jing has a master of science degree in Transportation and more than 20 years' experience in the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Department of various private and public sector industries. She is currently a manager for the ITS Department of MTA Bridges and Tunnels.