



Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater New York Chapter



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Upcoming Events!

May 2018

Tuesday, May 8:

Spring Dinner

Chiefs of Staff Panel discussion

Click [here](#) for more information

Wednesday-Friday, May 16-18:

WTS Conference

Annual International Conference in San Diego

Click [here](#) for more information

Heading to the conference? Join WTS-GNY for a chapter dinner! RSVP [here](#).

*please note that this event is not sponsored by WTS-GNY

Sunday, May 20:

WTS Young Professional Tour

Have you met Newark?

Click [here](#) for more information

June 2018

- Delivering a New NY: Design Build Role in NY's Infrastructure
- Emerging Women Leaders On-Site Training Series

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Scholarship Winners-WTS Annual Conference 2018

We would like to congratulate the winners of the scholarships awards for the WTS Annual Conference 2018-Fiona Robe, Nathalie Waelbroeck and Tennille Green!

Monthly Discussion Topic: National Bike Month

Each month in the Chapter News, we will introduce a discussion topic.

May is National Bike Month. Bicycling commuting has seen a 51% growth nationwide from 2000 to 2016.

What are you doing this month?

#WhatMotivatesYouToRide

If you have an idea for a June topic, please let us know. We want to hear from you!!

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**We're not on your favorite platform yet?
We're open to suggestions!!**

Volunteers Wanted and Appreciated!

WTS-GNY is looking for a volunteer to develop marketing materials for the chapter.

Call for WTS-GNY **Special Events Committee** Volunteers! The Special Events Committee organizes the chapter's Annual Gala and is looking to bring on additional volunteers to help with: music selection/audio visual, silent auction/raffle sub-committee, mailing lists and administrative tasks like meeting minutes, etc. Please email Desiree Gazzo at dgazzo2018@gmail.com. We look forward to working with you on this special WTS event!

New Jersey Programs Committee is looking for active members

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to assist with planning and execution of events.

The **Communications Committee** is looking for volunteers to write content for social media sites, as well as design new templates for chapter emails and our website. We also are eager for help in brainstorming new ideas for reaching out to our membership. We're especially interested in adding some marketing experts to our team!

Don't see anything of interest above, but want to help? Email our volunteer champion, [Elizabeth Hynes](#), to find a committee that's right for you!

TRANSCONOPSS Event

WTS GNY joined Philadelphia Chapter to present contracting opportunities from numerous projects in our region to attendees of the TransAction Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.



See the full article [here!](#)

NJ Spring Dinner: Opening up the Gateway Program

On Tuesday evening April 10, 2018, the WTS Greater New York Chapter's (WTSGNY) NJ Programs Committee hosted a huge crowd of industry consultants and agency clients at the historic Cranbury Inn in Cranbury, NJ for an update on one of the region's mega infrastructure efforts - The Gateway Program.

The speakers provided information on the overall program, schedule, and funding; the anticipated level of public transit services and operations in New Jersey when the program is fully implemented; the projected impacts upon the statewide and regional transportation



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networks; and discussed how agencies are advancing this effort through partnership.
See the full article [here!](#)

WTS-GNY Transportation YOU

WTS-GNY's Transportation YOU Committee runs two mentorship programs in the New York region: One in New York working with City Polytechnic High School in Downtown Brooklyn, and another in New Jersey working with public schools in Newark, NJ. On a monthly basis throughout the school year, the committee organizes facility tours and panel discussions to give mentees a broader understanding of career opportunities in the field of transportation.

On April 25, 2018 mentors and mentees in the NJ Transportation YOU program traveled with NJ Transit staff on the Newark Light Rail system to the Newark Light Rail facility at Grove Street and on March 16, 2018, NYC Transit hosted NY Transportation YOU mentors and mentees at the Subway Simulator and provided a speed-mentoring session afterward.



The following month, Robbyn Stewart, a WTS member and the Patron Services Coordinator at PANYNJ's JFK Airport, hosted eight mentees and six mentors at John F. Kennedy (JFK) airport. Ms. Stewart introduced mentees to women working in a variety of aviation fields, including security planning, business development, customer service, and public safety.

For more details click [here!](#)

Transit Center Panel: Women Changing Transportation

On April 3, 2018, TransitCenter and WTS Young Professionals hosted



a panel discussion exploring challenges and strategies for women to succeed in the transportation industry and effect positive change in transportation networks.

The event included esteemed panelists Naomi Doerner (Seattle DOT), Nicole Garcia (NYC DOT), Midori Valdivia (State of NY MTA), and Laura Weins (Pittsburghers for Public Transit) and moderator Julia Ehrman (TransitCenter). Young professionals at this event were inspired by the frank and honest conversation among the panelists. The panelists shared instances when they encountered gender bias and, in some cases, racial bias and how they each overcame or handled the situation.



See the full article [here!](#)

Transportation Trivia Night

On April 17th, Young professional WTS members teamed up with members of Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) and the American Planning Association (APA) for the groups' 9th annual trivia night. Teams were challenged by a variety of transportation-related questions covering categories such as Projects in the News, Bicycles, Women in Transportation, Freight, and identifying the city with the minimalist subway maps.

The all women winning team took home a championship street sign and can enjoy bragging rights until next year.



See the full article [here!](#)

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 Amtrack
Job Title Senior Project Controls Manager, Moynihan
How to Apply [Email](#)
Deadline June 1, 2018

Employer Amtrack
Job Title Senior Project Business Analyst, Moynihan
How to Apply [Email](#)
Deadline Jun 1, 2018

Employer Dewberry
Job Title Structural (Bridge) Senior Project Manager
(Additional positions available on the website page)
How to Apply [Dewberry Website](#)

Members in the News

Sally Librera becomes MTA's First female head of Subways

Sally most recently served as the Vice President & Chief Officer for Subway Operations Support and for Staten Island Railway, where she led SIR in delivering safe and reliable daily service , as well system performance and capital improvements.

Sally earned her bachelor's degree in labor relations from Cornell University and master's degrees in urban planning and transportation engineering from the University of California, Berkley. Joining MTA in 2004 as a transportation planner, Sally has held multiple leadership positions supporting a wide ranging functions such as financial management, employee safety, workforce development and planning.

Julie Dorazio joins WSP USA

We would like to congratulate Julie Dorazio for her new position as Senior Vice President, National Director Transit and Rail services at WSP USA.

Have exciting content for the May issue?

Article pitches, women in transportation news, member spotlights, discussion topic ideas: [Email us](#) by 5/22/2018

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