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Event Spotlights:

October: Bike Around Indy Event with SWE

On an evening in October that still felt like summer, the WTS Indianapolis Chapter biked through the streets of downtown Indianapolis guided by the Bike Indianapolis Association. The Bike Around Indy event began and ended at Centerpoint Brewing Company, LLC. WTS and SWE Members enjoyed learning more about the Bike Indianapolis organization that led our group through the Monon Trail, the green bike lanes, the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Mass Ave, and the Pogue's Run Trail. It was a fun experience shared by new and experienced bikers. Thank you to Katie Madaj, our Programs chair for organizing this new event!



November: WTS Central Region Conference

Kelli McNamara, PE, Senior Director – Local Business Leader of WSP USA presented on behalf of the WTS Indianapolis chapter at the WTS Central Region Conference in November. Kelli discussed the I-69 Finish Line Segment 6.3 corridor, part of the largest project for INDOT in the last 10 years and winner of the WTS Indianapolis 2021 Innovative Transportation Solutions Award. Check out her presentation here:

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Transportation Funding Panel



The WTS Indianapolis Chapter hosted an informative transportation funding panel during the lunch hour on December 8th at Parc Amenity Center.

Our amazing panelists were Kathy Eaton McKalip with the Indiana Department of Transportation, Anna Gremling with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization, Alison Krupski with the City of Noblesville, Jennifer Sharkey, PE, CPM, MBA with Indiana LTAP, and our event moderator Shari Hinds O'Riley with USI Consultants, Inc.

Each of our panelists provided key details about how transportation funding works for their government entity and answered questions from attendees. It was an educational lunch and we hope to have more work relatable panels in the 2022 calendar year.

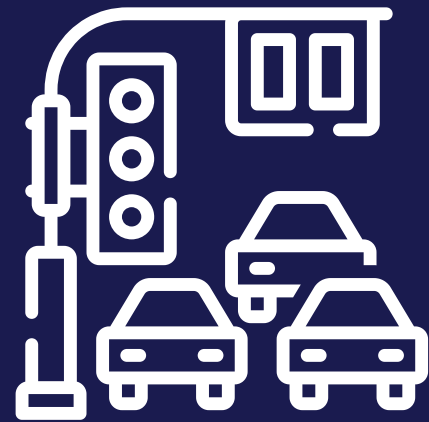


Upcoming Events

Event 1: Traffic Panel

February 24, 2022, Lunch Hour

Please join us during the lunch hour for a panel discussion on traffic issues and new innovations. The event will be held at the Traffic Management Center (TMC). Stay tuned for more details!



Event 2: 5th Annual Swings for Scholarships

April 14, 2022, 12-4pm @Topgolf

The 5th Annual Swings for Scholarships fundraising event will be held on Thursday, April 14th. We are excited to return to Topgolf for an afternoon of golf, food & drinks, and networking for a great cause! Your support will help us award three scholarships to undergrad and grad students this year. Registration will open on February 14th.



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Member Spotlight: Alex Benedict



Alexina “Alex” Benedict is a Design Engineer in the Bridge Department at WSP USA. Alex joined our chapter in 2020 as a member of the Scholarship committee. She immediately helped improve scholarship award documents and processes. Alex’s hard work made her an excellent choice to be our chapter’s 2022 Scholarship Chair! We also appreciate her assistance on the Communications committee in creating our chapter’s scholarship and corporate sponsor fliers. Thank you for your dedication Alex, you have been a great addition to our chapter committee leadership!



Congratulations!

to **Nicole Kalck** on
becoming the 2022
WTS Secretary



Recognitions Awards Gala



On November 18, 2021, WTS Indianapolis hosted its 3rd annual Awards Gala to honor the achievements of Indianapolis-area women in the transportation community. The event was held at Canal 337 in downtown Indianapolis, and the evening included cocktails, dinner, and awards ceremony. We want to thank Dan Parker, Director of the Indianapolis Department of Public Works, for his keynote speech about recent accomplishments in Indianapolis infrastructure. A big thank you also goes out to our hostess for the evening, Beth Hillen, Director of NEPA Services with Metric Environmental, who made the evening fun and inviting for everyone!

Read more about each of these amazing women at:

[WTS Indianapolis Website](#)

2021 Woman of the Year

Our 2021 the Woman of the Year Award winner is Inez Evans, President and CEO of IndyGo. This award honors a woman who is an outstanding role model in transportation, one who has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry, advanced women and minorities in the transportation field, and who supports women in the transportation industry. Congrats Inez!

Recognitions Awards Gala

Congratulations to our 2021 Winners!



The Rosa Parks Diversity Award

Holli Harrington, Senior Director of Supplier Diversity and Diversity Officer with the Indianapolis Airport Authority received the Rosa Parks Diversity Award. The award recognizes an individual or organization that has made significant contributions in promoting diversity and cultural awareness while promoting the mission of WTS. Holli is pictured left, with WTS Indianapolis Chapter President Jossé Palm.

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award

Women Leadership of I-69 Finish Line Segment 6.3 were awarded the Innovative Transportation Solutions Award for their efforts leading one of INDOT's largest projects. I-69 Section 6 is expected to be completed by 2024.



Winners included (from left): Sandra Flum, Cat Seely, Kyanna Wheeler, Sarah Rubin and Natalie Garrett from INDOT. Kelli McNamara, Kim Mills, and Sandra Jones from WSP USA, Samantha Stroebel and Summer Elmore from CHA Consulting Inc., and Erin Pipkin from Compass.

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