



Upcoming Events

**WTS SC Summer
Small Group Sessions**

**August 4, 2022 |
8:00 - 9:30 AM in**

**Charleston and Columbia
5:00 - 6:30 PM in Greenville***

We will hold 3 members-only meetings across the state to hear from SC transportation leaders on navigating career pathways.

**2022 Transportation Trailblazers
September 28, 2022 | 5:00 PM
Columbia Museum of Art |
1515 Main Street***

Save the date for our most attended event of the year, our 2nd Annual Transportation Trailblazers event, where we will hear from four women leaders in the transportation industry.

**WTS Joint Chapter Equity,
Diversity & Inclusion Event:
Elevating Inclusive Excellence
October 25, 2022 | Virtual***

More details to come soon!

*Check your email and WTS SC social pages for more information

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President's Pen

WTS South Carolina is excited to be planning for the 2nd Annual Transportation Trailblazers event! We have four phenomenal trailblazers lined up to share wisdom and insights into their career journeys. We are honored in SC to have women leaders heading SCDOT, FHWA SC Division and now also the SC Ports Authority. We are also very excited to have one of our chapter's founding board members representing SC on the WTS International Board of Directors. Erin Slayton, Vice President at HDR, started her role as a Director-at-Large on the WTS International Board in May of this year. She will also be highlighted at our Transportation Trailblazers event. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear from these leaders and network with industry professionals.

Thank you to the members and sponsors that took the time to respond to our surveys earlier this year. This honest feedback is critical to helping us increase the value our chapter brings to the transportation industry in SC. Our board held our annual planning retreat last month and we have selected several key focus areas for our 2023 business plan, which builds on our 5-year strategic plan. Over the next year, we will focus on engaging more members from a variety of professional disciplines and transportation modes by diversifying our member benefits and intentionally communicating this value. Visit our chapter website for more information on our strategic plan.

WTS SC strives to be a valuable resource to our members, sponsors, and public partners. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our board members with ideas or to let us know how we can help your organization create a more equitable, diverse and inclusive work force. Our chapter would not be possible without your support. Thank you for being a part of WTS SC!

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If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor, please reach out to Susan Clements, clementssa@cdmsmith.com

Events Recap

What has WTS SC been up to?

WTS SC Hugh Leatherman Terminal Tour

The 2022 Summer Technical Tour was held at the new South Carolina Ports Authority Hugh Leatherman Terminal in Charleston on July 27th. Twenty participants met at the Terminal Operations Building for a presentation by Barbara Melvin, SC Ports CEO and President, about the Port's operations and growth. Following the engaging presentation, participants toured the new terminal in vans, seeing the cranes, berths, chassis, and overall expansive facility first-hand. A happy hour at Commonhouse Aleworks was held afterwards for additional networking and comradery.



WTS SC Board Annual Planning Retreat

The WTS SC Board Annual Planning Retreat was held July 15-17 at Lake Keowee. Each year our chapter conducts a strategic planning retreat for board members and committee chairs to reflect on the previous year, develop priorities and goals for the future, and fellowship as a group. We utilized a variety of survey and performance data driven resources to inform our planning process. We refined our strategic focuses for the year, brainstormed tactics for achieving goals, and refined our 2023 committee plans. It was wonderful to gather together in-person to celebrate our chapter's successes and plan for an even more exciting future!



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The 2022 WTS Annual Conference took place May 18-20th in Seattle, WA. The conference brought together transportation professionals from across North America to discuss all things transportation. Fellow South Carolinian Susan O'Malley, former President of Washington Sports and Entertainment and the first female president of a professional sports franchise, was the keynote speaker. Additionally, our chapter was awarded Gold Circle of Excellence Status at the conference. We are so proud of our seven members who represented WTS SC at the conference this year!



2023 WTS Annual Conference

The dates and location for the 2023 WTS Annual Conference have been announced! Join us May 8-13, 2022 in Atlanta, GA for the premier transportation experience, which brings together diverse professionals from across North America! [Learn More.](#)

Infrastructure Report Card Event

WTS SC hosted an Infrastructure Report Card Event on May 25th for the May Program Luncheon. Jonathan Thrasher, PE from S&ME reviewed South Carolina's first ASCE Infrastructure Report Card for America's Infrastructure; and Brian Klauk, PE, CPM, ENV SP from SCDOT provided an overview of Envision, a tool for assessing sustainability, resiliency, and equity in civil infrastructure. Thank you to those who participated in this event.



Jonathan Thrasher, PE



Brian Klauk, PE, CPM, ENV SP

Transportation in the News

South Carolina Transportation News Highlight

WTS SC would like to congratulate Barbara Melvin on beginning her role as CEO and President of SC Ports Authority! Barbara is the first woman to lead a top 10 US operating container port, and we are lucky enough to have her joining us as one of the four phenomenal speakers at our signature Transportation Trailblazers event in the fall. She is replacing Jim Newsome, who is retiring after serving as the Ports' CEO for 13 years. Barbara has been a valued supporter of the WTS SC Chapter, volunteering her time to help with numerous events since our start in 2019.



CONGRATULATIONS

BARBARA MELVIN, SC PORTS CEO & PRESIDENT

First woman to lead a
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