



Upcoming Events

**Career Development Series:
Equity Perspectives
November 3, 2022 | 11:30 AM
Virtual: Zoom***

Join us for a virtual Equity Perspectives Panel featuring four speakers who have used their positions to be a catalyst for change in the workplace during their careers.

**WTS SC Inland Port Program
November 16, 2022 | 11:30 AM
In-person: Greenville County
Square
(Suite 400, 301 University Ridge,
Greenville, SC)
Virtual: Zoom***

Learn about logistics and transportation at the Inland Port facility in Greer. In-person and virtual options are available. Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. The formal presentation begins at noon. Registration for this event is limited.

**WTS SC Annual
Membership Meeting
December 13, 2022 | 11:30 AM***

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



In September, the **Eno Center for Transportation** signed a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) with **WTS International**. [Learn more about this impactful partnership.](#)

President's Pen

As we enter the fall season, we have so much to be thankful for at WTS SC. We just held our 2nd annual WTS SC Transportation Trailblazers event celebrating four powerhouse women leaders who are making a big impact in our industry. They shared great insights into their personal career journeys at the sold-out event. Thank you to all the companies who sponsored this event and to our 32 annual corporate sponsors and public partners. We could not have grown this chapter to 120 members, offered 22 networking, professional development, and technical programs, 2 scholarships, and 3 industry awards this year without YOUR support!

Now could not be a more critical time of need for the very talents, strengths and energy that women professionals bring to this industry. Women make up half of our workforce, yet we hover around only 15% women in the transportation industry - and this percentage continues to decline as you look up the leadership ladder. Many women are deterred initially by the lack of representation in executive boards and the male dominated culture. We also see women leaving the industry mid-career when they experience slow career growth compared to their colleagues, or their careers stop progressing altogether. Leaders who do not recognize these realities and take concrete actions to identify and remove bias from their management processes are limiting the knowledge of what their team is capable of achieving. Diverse teams are proven to be more productive, more efficient, more innovative and highly successful. Our WTS SC 2022 transportation trailblazers are proof. As our industry moves toward integrating equity into every aspect of transportation funding, planning, development and implementation; diverse teams are not only a good business decision, they are critical to the success of this equity integration. One of the most vital components to advancing this mission is the partnership between men and women in building a more diverse workforce. You can be a part of driving forward this vision by joining WTS, becoming a sponsor, getting involved in our board/committees and attending WTS SC events!

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Events Recap

What has WTS SC been up to?

Transportation Trailblazers

We are grateful to everyone who joined us at our 2nd annual WTS SC Transportation Trailblazers event. Over 170 people gathered at the Columbia Museum of Art for this magnificent evening and sold-out event. We would like to thank our sponsors and featured speakers, SCDOT Secretary of Transportation, Christy Hall, FHWA SC Division Administrator, Emily Lawton, HDR Vice President and WTS International Director, Erin Slayton, and CEO and President of SC Ports Authority, Barbara Melvin.



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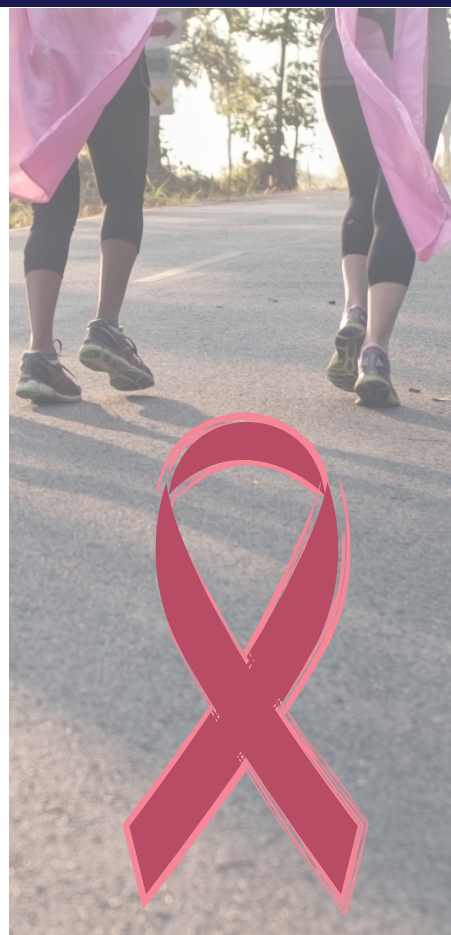
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WTS SC Walk for Breast Cancer

WTS SC hosted three teams for walks in October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Members and non-members were invited to come out to walk with the WTS SC teams at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events in Greenville and Charleston and the Walk for Life & Famously Hot Pink 5K & Half Marathon in Columbia, then meet up post-race. Thank you to those who joined our teams!



WTS SC Team Columbia Breast Cancer Walk



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Educational Webinar

The WTS Central Virginia Chapter, WTS Charlotte Metro Chapter, WTS-DC Chapter, WTS Hampton Roads Chapter, WTS NC Triangle Chapter, and WTS South Carolina Chapter hosted a Diversity and Equity Event featuring Katrina Hutchins (Dr. K) on October 25. The virtual session focused on “Elevating Inclusive Excellence” by exploring the research-backed reality that humans have a fundamental need to belong, are incredibly sensitive to their social context, and are strongly motivated to remain in good standing with their social group and avoid social exclusion. Thank you to the 45 individuals who participated in this engaging event!



Dr. Katrina Hutchins
President & CEO of the
Re-Source Solutions

Transportation in the News

South Carolina Transportation News Highlight

In October, The South Carolina Department of Transportation announced that the agency received a \$720,000 Bridge Investment Program grant from USDOT for assessing and improving aging rural bridges along I-95 over the Great Pee Dee River. "This is another example of the SCDOT maximizing an opportunity to bring federal dollars to South Carolina to address the priorities of South Carolinians. We continue our vigorous planning and programming efforts to align federal dollars to meet our state priorities," said Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall. This is an area threatened by flooding, and this investment will help improve safety and the road network in this important corridor used for hurricane evacuations and freight movement. [Learn more.](#)



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