

WTS attracts, sustains, connects, and advances women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry.



Los Angeles
Advancing women
Advancing transportation

WTS-LOS ANGELES BIENNIAL REPORT 2021-2022

HIGHLIGHTS OF SUCCESSES

- 296 MEMBERS
- 34 CORPORATE PARTNERS
- 16 COMMITTEES
- 14 SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS
- 25 PROGRAMS
- 43 SCHOLARSHIPS = \$207,500
- 14 AWARDS



NETWORK
Engaging
Mentor
INCLUSIVE
POWERFUL
Dynamic
WOMEN
Professional
SUPPORTIVE
Quality
COMMUNITY
ADVANCEMENT
Innovative
INSPIRING
LEADERSHIP
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EMPOWERING
Motivating
CONNECT



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

So long, but not goodbye...

The past two years as WTS-LA President have been an incredible experience for me. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve, and I can't thank you enough. As I reflect on being president through some extremely substantial times in our nation's history, I immediately think, "Whoa, we all need a break." But then I think back on what we accomplished despite the many hurdles and difficulties, and I find myself amazed and energized by the women and men in our chapter.

When things were toughest, we banded together. Committed and determined, we advanced WTS-LA's mission and delivered on the promise of our organization in so many ways. I commend you all for your talent and fortitude. You also made it fun, and I wouldn't trade the experience for the world.

To close out my term, I'd like to highlight some things that we accomplished together. With nearly 300 active members, WTS-LA awarded \$207,500 through 43 scholarships to deserving young female transportation students. Sixteen committees drove chapter business, creating 25 stellar programs, bestowing 14 chapter awards, maintaining 34 corporate partners, and empowering the next generation of transportation professionals. Yet while the numbers tell a compelling story, they in no way capture the "soft" victories like meaningful networking, influential mentoring, and esprit de corps that, in many ways, truly define the chapter.

The people that compose WTS and our Los Angeles chapter are committed to advancing women to strengthen the transportation industry. I thank you for the opportunity to lead such a dynamic, compassionate, and triumphant organization. I wish you all the best of luck, and I'll see you at the next program!

Thank you,
Jenelle Saunders
2021-2022 WTS Los Angeles Board President

COMMITTEES ADVANCE CHAPTER GOALS

All 16 committees supported attainment of chapter goals in 2021-2022, including:

- Provide opportunities for members' personal growth and benefit
- Exceeded \$100,000 in annual student scholarships
- Increase student access to scholarships, jobs, and career information

Board chairs and numerous committee members implemented a significant number of programs in 2021-22. We've highlighted just a few accomplishments here. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

16 Committees

- Scholarship and Awards Dinner
- Awards/Recognitions
- College Outreach
- Communications
- Corporate Relations
- Legislative
- Membership
- Volunteers
- Mentorship/Professional Development
- Programs
- Scholarships
- Small Business/TBAC/Diversity Recognitions
- Transportation YOU
- Historian/IT
- Nominations
- Pacific West Regional Council

Mentorship and Professional Development

Co-Chairs **Laura Rubio-Cornejo** (City of Pasadena) and **Melissa De La Peña, PE** (Cordoba Corporation), supported by volunteers **Yesenia Arias** (Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority), **Lilly Acuña** (HNTB), **Jenny Cristales-Cevallos** (Metro), and **Sandra Cuevas** (Cordoba Corporation), developed a streamlined approach to mentorship and professional development. The committee organized pairs of mentor/mentees in 2021 and 2022 that reflected a cross-section of experience within the transportation industry. The mentorship program was exclusive to WTS members and focused on early-career and mid-career mentee participants in 2021 and 2022, respectively. Many participants shared that entering the workforce or making career changes during the pandemic was challenging because of fewer opportunities to network and build relationships. For this reason, the committee held in-person events when possible. The mentorship program mixed group meetings and happy hours with mentee-mentor one-on-one discussions.

To leverage the joint mentorship-professional development committee, professional development programs were tailored to appeal to the larger WTS audience and be particularly relevant to the participating mentors/mentees, who were provided with talking points and questions to serve as a discussion platform following the professional development event. Two professional development programs were held:

- A career mapping discussion led by Vistage International Master Chair and Executive Coach **Beth Adkisson** and HNTB Vice President and Toll Market Practice Leader **Greg Hulsizer**. The interactive workshop covered how to take control of your career and plan next steps.
- A panel discussion with **Lisa Levy Buch** (Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority), **Dina Aryan-Zahlen, PE** (Port of Los Angeles), **Joe Piotrowski** (Parsons), **Gloria Roberts** (Caltrans District 7), and **Ashlien Savage** (Foothill Transit), who shared insights and strategies on career advancement.

A combination of presentations, personal exercises, and breakout sessions were utilized for both programs.



Student Outreach

Transportation YOU Co-Chairs **Ashlien Savage** (Foothill Transit), **Barbara Marquez** (Caltrans, 2021), and **Linda Apodaca** (Foothill Transit, 2022), led Transportation YOU, the chapter's high school outreach committee. Volunteers **Joohee Sood** (Polytechnique Environmental), **Vanessa Estrada** (Long Beach Airport), **Janeen Obeid** (Arcadis), **Panayiota Georgalis** (Kimley-Horn), **Victoria DeGuzman** (UC Irvine), **Kari Schumaker** (Polytechnique Environmental) and **Ana Rios** (HDR) supported this committee's multi-pronged approach toward connecting high school students with transportation careers:

- **Adopt a School:** The committee is partnered with Westchester, Dorsey, and Azusa High Schools and recently added Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES), 6- to 12-grade schools to bring career information and scholarship opportunities to high school students. Transportation YOU members presented at each school on women leaders in transportation and discussed their own career paths. The school visits included interactive games, surveys, and prize incentives to drive student engagement.
- **Career Days:** Committee members attended several career-day events at various Los Angeles and Long Beach high schools to introduce transportation careers to students.
- **Partnership with EXP:** WTS increased our involvement with long-time partner EXP, a non-profit organization that connects international trade business to the classroom to develop career-ready, college-prepared high school students. WTS donated \$1,000 annually in 2021 and 2022 to EXP scholarships, and we attended EXP's annual career days and scholarship and awards programs.
- **Scholarships:** WTS-LA distributed 15 scholarships (\$37,500) over 2021 and 2022. Six schools were eligible to apply: Adopt-a-Schools Westchester, Dorsey, Azusa, and LACES, and two schools through our partnership with EXP, Banning, and Carson High Schools. In 2022, we added eligible schools: California Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS) School, Duarte High School, and Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA) STEM Program.

College Outreach, led by co-chairs **Rachel Om** (Fehr & Peers) and **Jacqueline Martinez** (MIG, Inc.) and supported by committee members **Nancy Lo** (SCAG), **Gretel Ochoa-Nhac** (Civiltec), **Nan Hua** (Mott MacDonald), and **Anna Moneymaker** (Port of Long Beach) developed a mentorship program, hosted check-in calls with student groups, shared job opportunities, and resources with WTS student contacts, and organized two programs intended to connect students to employers.

- A virtual job fair that connected employers (Parsons, Sener, Port of Los Angeles, HDR, OneAtlas, SCAG, Fehr & Peers, LA Metro, Caltrans, and Port of Long Beach) and students from schools such as USC, UCLA, and CSU Los Angeles. Representatives from each firm had 3-5 minutes to provide an overview of their firm. Subsequently, students joined breakout rooms to have small group conversations with the various firm representatives.
- A virtual happy hour with attendees from chapter corporate sponsors and students that included networking activities.

Programs

WTS-Los Angeles continued to hold premier, informative programs, including receptions for new appointments such as **Tasha Higgins** (Port of Long Beach), **Dina-Aryan Zahlen** (Port of Los Angeles), **Darren Kettle** (Metrolink), and **Tony Tavares** (Caltrans Director) and agency updates, including **California High-Speed Rail Authority**, **San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG)** and **Gateway Cities COG**, and **Los Angeles World Airports**.

Some new chapter programs implemented in 2021-2022 include:

- **Legislative Lunches:** **Andrée Blais** (Nossman), Legislative Chair, organized and moderated two programs on topics related to transportation law and policy. Attendee Q&A sessions followed the moderated presentations.
 - **How Federal Transportation Policy Developments Impact You**, featured **Shant Boyajian** (Nossaman) for a discussion on the latest federal transportation policy developments.
 - **CEQA Streamlining for Transportation Projects**, with panelists **Liz Klebaber** (Nossaman) and **Dolores Roybal Saltarelli** (Metro). Panelists discussed available CEQA streamlining approaches, such as streamlining judicial challenges to CEQA documents, tiering, and statutory exemptions, and how they may be leveraged in furtherance of delivering transit and transportation projects, as well as approaches to coordinate NEPA and CEQA.
- **Golf Clinic:** Small Business/TBAC/Diversity Recognitions Chair **Trisha Murakawa** (Murakawa Communications) developed a golf clinic for WTS members. On a beautiful Friday morning at the golf course, participants learned the basics on the driving range, putting green, and sand trap. Then they moved on to the course and put what they learned into practice. The program was intended to bring gender parity to the golf course with participants learning golf etiquette and basic skills so they can participate in a charity golf tournament or golf business outing.
- **Sponsored Panels:** In 2021 and 2022, WTS-LA Platinum sponsors were given the opportunity to develop a program in collaboration with WTS-LA, led by Programs Co-Chairs **Andie Tempelis** (HNTB) and **Estee Sepulveda** (SCAG, 2021). Topics included Zero Emissions in Transit (Mott MacDonald), Bus Rapid Transit (AECOM), Complete Streets (Parsons), and the 2028 Olympics (Jacobs). In addition, a trend emerged of leadership-related panels, including:
 - LA Metro Leaders **Sharon Gookin**, **Allison Yoh**, **Carolina Coppola**, **Edna Stanley**, **Jean Osborn**, and **Debra Avila**
 - Major Projects – How Women Lead the Way with **Mike Pearce, PE** (Stantec), **Rose Casey, PE** (Orange County Transportation Authority), **Sharlane Bailey** (Foothill Transit), **Jenny Cristales-Cevallos** (Metro), and **Danielle Libring** (RailPros)
 - Leadership Roles on Mega Projects panel with **Christi Fu, PE** (Arcadis), **Sharon Gookin, PE** (Fluor), **Stephanie Leslie, PE** (Metro), and **Hanna Dergham, PE** (Caltrans)

**Titles and agency/firm names reflect those as of the date of the program.*

2021 – 2022
**TWO YEARS OF
 SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS**



LEGEND

Mentorship and Professional Development Programs
 Student Outreach
 Conference attendance

27 JANUARY

Reception for Caltrans District 7 Director John Bulinski

18 FEBRUARY

LaDonna DiCamillo, Southern California Regional Director for California High-Speed Rail Authority

23 FEBRUARY

Pomona Unified School District Career Day

24 FEBRUARY

EXP "Women in Stem" Career Day

09 MARCH

Westchester High School Outreach

10 MARCH

International Women's Day with Gloria Roberts (Caltrans District 7) and Los Angeles County Supervisors Katherine Barger and Sheila Kuehl

19 MARCH

Asuza High School Outreach

23 MARCH

Reception for CalSTA Secretary David Kim

23-25 MARCH

LA County Women's Leadership Conference "Spark the Light"

29 APRIL

EXP Oceans of Opportunity Dinner & Scholarship Celebration

12-14 MAY

WTS International Conference "Our Future in Transportation"

13 MAY

College Student/Corporate Partner Mixer and Job Fair

20 MAY

City of Los Angeles "Team With" Small Business Virtual Event

09 JUNE

Leadership Roles on Mega Projects panel with Christi Fu, PE (Arcadis), Sharon Gookin, PE (Fluor), Stephanie Leslie, PE (Metro), Hanna Dergham, PE (Caltrans)

16 JUNE

How Federal Transportation Policy Developments Impact You, with Andrée Blais (Nossaman) and Shant Boyajian (Nossaman)

23 JUNE

WTS-LA Early-career Mentorship Program Kick-off

30 JUNE

"What is new with San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) and Gateway Cities COG?" with Nancy Pfeffer (GCCOG) and Marisa Creter (SGVCOG)

29 JULY

Professional Development Program, "Take Charge of Your Career!" with Greg Hulsizer (HNTB) and Beth Adkisson (Visage International)

04 AUGUST

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) panel with Lori Labrum (AECOM), Martha Butler (Metro); Ray Sosa (AECOM), and Janelle Robertson (Utah Transit Authority)

19 AUGUST

College Outreach Virtual Happy Hour

17 SEPTEMBER

Golf Clinic: Using Golf as an Effective Business Tool

21 SEPTEMBER

Zero Emissions in Transit with Brianne Overton (Mott MacDonald), Carrie Schindler (San Bernardino County Transportation Authority), Nick Laverick (Mott MacDonald), and Jesus Montes, PE (Metro)

01 OCTOBER

Mobility 21 Annual Summit

28 OCTOBER

Early-career Mentorship Program Year-end Mixer

03 NOVEMBER

CEQA Streamlining for Transportation Projects with Andrée Blais (Nossaman), Liz Klebaber (Nossaman), and Dolores Roybal Saltarelli (Metro)

17 NOVEMBER

Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner

25 JANUARY

A Conversation with LAWA's Samantha Bricker

08 MARCH

International Women's Day Reception with Seleta Reynolds (LADOT), Gloria Roberts (Caltrans), and Samantha Bricker (LAWA)

10 MARCH

Career Day at San Gabriel Valley High Schools and Colleges: Duarte High School

11 MARCH

Introducing American Youth to Infrastructure's San Bernardino Community College STEAM Careers

12 APRIL

Reception with Metrolink CEO, Darren Kettle

25 APRIL

John Muir High School Outreach

28 APRIL

WTS-LA Mid-Career Mentorship Program Kick-off

10 MAY

California High-Speed Rail Update with California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Brian Kelly

12 MAY

EXP Oceans of Opportunity Dinner & Scholarship Celebration

16 MAY

Asuza High School Outreach

17 MAY

College Outreach Mentorship and Mid-Career Mentorship Programs Joint Networking Mixer

18-20 MAY

WTS International Conference "Mapping Transportation For All"

07 JUNE

Westchester High School Outreach

15 JUNE

"What Is a Complete Street?" with Lisa Maurath, PE (Parsons), Sarah Jepson (Southern California Association of Governments), Pamela Lee (City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation), and Laura Cornejo (City of Pasadena)

29 JUNE

Reception honoring Dina Aryan-Zahlan (Port of Los Angeles) and Tasha Higgins (Port of Long Beach)

28 JULY

"Preparing for the 2028 Olympics" with Judy Johnson (Jacobs); Ernesto Chaves (Metro); Darren Kettle (Metrolink), and Nicole Blahut (LA28)

08 AUGUST

Professional Development: Mid-Career Refresh Panel featuring Lisa Levy Buch (Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority), Dina Aryan-Zahlan, PE (Port of Los Angeles), Joe Piotrowski (Parsons), Gloria Roberts (Caltrans District 7), and Ashlien Savage (Foothill Transit)

12 AUGUST

Long Beach Airport Tour with Cynthia Guidry, PE, Kate Kuykendall, Stephan Lum, and Vanessa Estrada of the City of Long Beach

19 AUGUST

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"Major Projects – How Women Lead the Way" with Mike Pearce, PE (Stantec), Rose Casey (Orange County Transportation Authority), Sharlane Bailey (Foothill Transit), Jenny Cristales-Cevallos (Metro), and Danielle Libring (RailPros)

01 SEPTEMBER

LA County Women's Leadership Conference "we RISE"

07 SEPTEMBER

Dorsey High School Outreach

09 SEPTEMBER

Asuza High School Outreach

28 SEPTEMBER

Metro Women Leaders Panel featuring Sharon Gookin, Deputy CEO; Allison Yoh, Executive Officer, Countywide Planning and Development; Carolina Coppola, Senior Executive Officer – Vendor/Contract Management; Edna Stanley, Deputy Chief Operations Officer; Jean Osborn, Chief Safety Officer; and Debra Avila, Deputy Chief Vendor/Contract Management Officer

29 SEPTEMBER

Bi-Annual Boat Tour – In-Kind Sponsorships from POLA and POLB featuring WTS-LA Directors at Large and VIPs

06 OCTOBER

Mentorship Program Happy Hour

20 OCTOBER

Tony Tavares, Caltrans Director

02 NOVEMBER

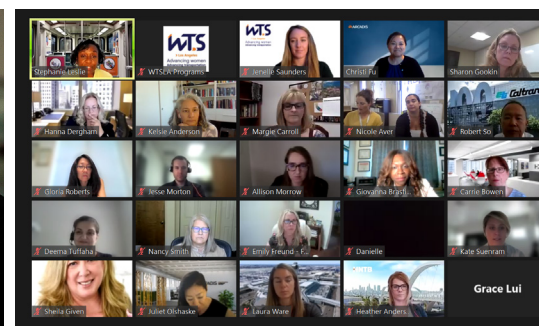
2022 Mentorship Program Year-end Mixer

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Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner

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Women of the Year

Each year, WTS-LA recognizes an exceptional woman, who transcends the normal accolades because of her profound and meaningful contribution to advancing women in transportation and the industry itself.



- 2021:** Los Angeles World Airports' Chief Sustainability and Revenue Management Officer **Samantha Bricker** is helping LAWA implement its groundbreaking Landside Access Modernization Program. Her executive prowess at commanding multi-billion megaprojects is matched only by her commitment to leveling that same playing field.
- 2022:** The Port of Los Angeles leads the nation for many reasons, and **Dina Aryan-Zahlan, PE**, Chief Harbor Engineer, is a pivotal force shaping that success. Through mentoring and promoting women at work, she has helped create a "deep bench of capable women engineers and leaders" at the Port.

WTS-LA Inaugurates the Lois Cooper Going the Distance Award

Lois L. Cooper, PE, was the first African-American woman in California to become a licensed professional engineer with the Division of Highways, now known as Caltrans. Lois's personal history is that of a pioneer who advanced her career with a dignified determination that secured women's place in the field of transportation engineering. WTS-LA honors her dedication, fortitude, and strength by recognizing a Southern California transportation luminary who shares those virtues.



- 2021:** **John Fasana** served on the Metro board for 27 years in addition to his long-time service to the City of Duarte and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.
- 2022:** **Ron Kosinski**, Caltrans Environmental Planning Deputy District Director, has spent his nearly six-decade career in public service with Caltrans.

AWARDEES

2021

Woman of the Year: **Samantha Bricker**, Los Angeles World Airports

Member of the Year: **Mahsa Pan**, Port of Los Angeles

Honorable Ray LaHood Award: **Rick Clarke**, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership: **Marion Jane Colston**, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Innovative Transportation Solution: **Long Beach International Gateway**, Port of Long Beach

Employer of the Year: **HNTB**

Lois Cooper Going the Distance Award: **John Fasana**, City of Durate

2022

Woman of the Year: **Dina Aryan-Zahlan, PE**, Port of Los Angeles

Member of the Year: **Nancy Smith**, Nossaman LLP

Honorable Ray LaHood Award: **Antonio Gioiello, PE**, Port of Los Angeles

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award: **Michelle Lopes-Caldwell**, Foothill Transit

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award: **Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project**, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering

Employer of the Year: **California High-Speed Rail Authority**

Lois Cooper Going the Distance Award: **Ron Kosinski**, Caltrans



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2021

Graduate

Aisling O'Reilly, USC, WTS-LA Myra L. Frank Memorial Scholarship

Fariba Siddiq, UCLA, WTS-LA Myra L. Frank Memorial Scholarship

Madeline Wander, UCLA, WTS-LA Board of Director's Scholarship

Zhaoyang Li, USC, BYD: Build Your Dreams Scholarship

Kimberly Venegas, UCLA, California Transportation Fund (CTF) Scholarship

Nataly Rios, UCLA, Stantec Equity in Transportation Scholarship

Elena Vindrola, USC, Zephyr Rail Scholarship

Alejandra Gutierrez, UCLA, WTS-LA & Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Equity in Transportation Scholarship

Undergraduate

Emily On, USC, WTS-LA Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Brown, USC, WTS-LA Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Morales, California State University Long Beach, HNTB Scholarship

Christine Stavish, USC, Jacobs Scholarship

Community College

Frida Hernandez, Cerritos Community College, WTS-LA and Mott MacDonald Community College Scholarship

High School

Eight high school students received scholarships in 2021:

- WTS-LA Joan G. Wood Memorial Scholarship
- WTS-LA Marilyn J. Reece Memorial Scholarship
- AECOM Richard G. Newman Scholarship
- Arcadis Scholarship
- Berg & Associates Scholarship
- Parsons Step Forward Scholarship
- PGH Wong Engineering Scholarship
- WSP Bright Futures Scholarship



2022

Graduate

Lucie Wu, UCLA, WTS-LA Myra L. Frank Memorial Scholarship

Greer Cowan, UCLA, WTS-LA Myra L. Frank Memorial Scholarship

Patricia Soto, California State University San Jose, WTS-LA Board of Directors Emeritus Professor James E. Moore Scholarship

Adria Stauber, UCLA, BYD Build Your Dreams Scholarship

Laura Correa-Garzon, USC, Jacobs Graduate Scholarship

Anne Denecke, USC, Zephyr Rail Graduate Scholarship

Shaellen Franco, UCLA, WTS-LA & Psomas Graduate Scholarship

Yasmina Yusef, UCLA, WTS-LA & Mott MacDonald Graduate Scholarship

Katrina Deloso, UCLA, WTS-LA & Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Equity in Transportation Scholarship

Undergraduate

Sophia Balkovski, UCLA, WTS-LA Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship

Sierra Smith, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, WTS-LA Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship

Chioma Okonkwo, USC, HNTB Undergraduate Scholarship

Community College

Jennifer Nuanes, Citrus Community College, WTS-LA and Access Services Community College Scholarship

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2021-2022

WTS-LA BOARD MEMBERS

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Committee Chairs

Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner Co-Chairs

- Lynn Feng, AECOM
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- Andrée Blais, Nossaman LLP
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- Estee Sepulveda, Southern California Association of Governments (2021)

Scholarship Chair

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- Trisha Murakawa, Murakawa Communications

Transportation YOU Co-Chairs

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- Linda Apodaca, Foothill Transit (2022)

Volunteers Chair

- Margrit Lehmann, CM Solutions

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Dina Aryan-Zahlan, PE, PMP, Port of Los Angeles
Samantha Bricker, Los Angeles World Airports (2022)

Theresa Dau-Ngo, Port of Long Beach
LaDonna DiCamillo, California High-Speed Rail Authority (2022)

Cynthia Guidry, PE, Long Beach Airport
Lisa Levy Buch, Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority

Gary Lee Moore, PE, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering

Dr. Roxana Javid, University of Southern California (2022)

Professor James E. Moore, University of Southern California

Mark Pestrella, PE, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Yvette Zoe-Robles Rapose, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Seleta Reynolds, Los Angeles Department of Transportation

Gloria Roberts, Caltrans District 7

Eric Shen, PE, PTP, Eco-Rapid Transit

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Allison Yoh, PhD, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority



CORPORATE PARTNERS

Supporting Excellence in Transportation Through the Achievement and Success of Women

Our corporate partners are essential to accomplish the chapter's goals of attracting and advancing women in the transportation sector. WTS-LA corporate partnerships fund our monthly programs, professional development seminars, educational lunch presentations, student career day, and more. Perhaps the greatest result of these partnerships is in the incredible number, and amount of scholarships WTS-LA was able to award to deserving women through the generosity of our corporate partners.

Corporate partners also benefit from their partnership. All corporate partners receive acknowledgment in our communications and at our programs. They also have opportunities to connect with talented students and upcoming graduates.

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Jacobs PARSONS WSP

GOLD

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THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES Port of LONG BEACH THE PORT OF CHOICE NOSSAMAN LLP RAILPROS SENER Stantec

SILVER

GANNETT FLEMING Foothill Transit Going Good Places MARK THOMAS Move Forward MORGNER PARAGON PARTNERS
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BRONZE

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