

WTS SC Transportation Trailblazers



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Columbia Museum of Art,
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FEATURED EVENT SPEAKERS



Kristin White
Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation

Kristin White was named Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) in July 2023. In this role, Ms. White oversees litigation, legislative, regulatory, and other programs to advise the federal-aid highway program and the secretary on matters relating to the 2,700-person agency and \$59 billion Federal-aid highway program. Ms. White serves as part of the FHWA senior leadership team, manages 60 professionals in four offices across the country to advance the FHWA mission to deliver a world-class system that advances safe, efficient, equitable, and sustainable mobility voices for all while strengthening the Nation's economy.

Prior to the USDOT she served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), a nonprofit founded by Congress to advance safety and mobility through transportation technology and innovation. As COO Kristin promoted policies to advance the strategic direction of future transportation policy, developing a cohesive national vision for digital infrastructure, connected technologies, and automation, and developed public-private partnerships to empower local communities, states, and regions to develop innovative transportation solutions. In this work, Kristin championed MobilityXX and the Gender Equity in Transportation (GET) Collaborative - nonprofits to advance gender equity in transportation.

Previously, Kristin was the founder and Executive Director of Minnesota's Office of Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV-X), one of the nation's leading tech startups and idea incubators within government that researches and deploys transformational technology and policy. The CAV-X program's innovations have garnered national attention, including winning the National Cronin Award, WTS Innovative Solutions Award, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce/AASHTO America's Transportation Award.

Kristin has a B.A. from St. Olaf College, a law degree from Hamline University School of Law and global arbitration certification from Queen Mary University of London. She began her career as a Fulbright Fellow with the US State Department and has since represented Fortune 500 companies, cities, and states to advance future transportation needs. She lives in DC with her West Highland Terrier, Teddy.



Christy Hall
SCDOT Secretary of Transportation

A South Carolina native, Secretary Christy A. Hall P.E. has served in a variety of roles in her almost 30 year career in the transportation industry. Hall currently leads the South Carolina Department of Transportation where she established a strategic investment plan to rebuild the nation's fourth largest highway system and use transportation improvements to drive the economic engine of South Carolina. Hall was nominated for an Emmy award for her work with SCETV and received the state's highest civilian honor, The Order of the Palmetto, from Governor Nikki Haley for her service to the state of South Carolina.



Emily Lawton
FHWA SC Division Administrator

In June of 2015, Emily Lawton became the Division Administrator for the South Carolina Division, serving as the principal representative of the FHWA in SC and administering the over \$1 billion Federal-aid Highway Programs in the State. Emily began her career with FHWA in 1991 when she joined the FHWA's Highway Engineer training program, and has since held various assignments throughout the United States.

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