

## **Upcoming Events**

The 2021 WTS Annual
Conference: Our Future in
Transportation | May 10 - 14, 2021
The conference will remain the
Richmond, Virginia conference,
but will now take place virtually.
The conference will bring
together transportation
professionals from across North
America to discuss topics under
the 2021 theme of: Our Future in
Transportation.

#### Members-Only Lunch Bunch May 11, 2021

Register here and see

announcement below!

Professional Development Topic: Time Management\*

Virtual Leadership Luncheon:
Lowcountry Rapid Transit Project
May 18, 2021 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM
Sharon Hollis, AICP, Principal
Planner with the BCDCOG, will
discuss the first proposed Bus
Rapid Transit system in SC.\*

### Greenlink Transit Tour July 22, 2021 | 5:30 - 9 PM

In-person evening event in Greenville focused on the Greenlink Transit System with some networking fun! If staying overnight: Aloft GVL\*

#### Regional Happy Hours June 17, 2021\*

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

### **President's Pen**

In January's newsletter, I shared our goals for 2021 to continue to offer technical programs from leaders in the transportation industry and networking opportunities for our members. Other goals I shared were to add



a scholarships and award program, outreach opportunities, and professional skills development for our members. I am excited to say that we have met these goals and will continue to deliver throughout 2021. We have had two virtual programs with industry leaders, held a clothing drive for Dress for Success and conducted CliftonStrengths training for our members.

Additionally, our corporate sponsorship drive was a huge success! 10% of these sponsorship dollars will go directly into a fund for local scholarships to strengthen the pipeline of women and girls entering the field of transportation. Applications for these scholarships will open in Fall 2021. THANK YOU to our corporate sponsors.

I hope you will join us as we continue to further our mission to advance women in the transportation industry!

Raven Gambrell <u>Raven.Gambrell@hdrinc.com</u> WTS SC President

Our Chapter has budgeted to pay for four members to participate in the virtual WTS Annual Conference (May 10-14, 2021)! If interested, email <u>Raven Gambrell</u> by May 5, 2021 to be entered into a drawing for one of the spots!



## **Events Recap**

What has WTS SC been up to?

## **WTS Business Clothing Drive for Dress for Success**

The WTS SC business clothing drive for Dress for Success was, indeed, a success! Members from Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston collected over 360 clothing items, including more than:





Pants/ Skirts



Dresses/ Suits







# **CliftonStrengths Discovery Assessment**



On February 25, 2021, WTS SC hosted the CliftonStrengths Discovery Session for twenty-one members. Before the event, each attendee took the Gallup Clifton Strengths assessment. The assessment measures a person's talents and categorizes them into the thirty-four CliftonStrengths themes, highlighting each person's top five

strengths. At the event, a professional coach reviewed the meaning of CliftonStrengths, how to interpret the results, and how to use our talents in our careers and personal lives.



## **Transportation in the News**

South Carolina Transportation News Highlight

On Thursday, February 4, 2021, Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall signed the "Complete Streets" policy. This policy supports transportation equity with fair distribution of transportation resources in SCDOT projects to walking, bicycling and transit transportation choices. <u>Learn More</u>.





# Interested in getting involved?

Keep an eye out for our call for board members and committee members. Getting involved with the board is a great opportunity to enhance your leadership skills! Want to become a member? Email <a href="mailto:SouthCarolinaWTS@gmail.com">SouthCarolinaWTS@gmail.com</a> for more information or join online!



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