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# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Mini-Series

October 16, 2025  
Bristol, CT



## Session Topics

**TRACK 1 - Innovating Transportation**

**TRACK 2 - Empowering Leadership and Growth**

**TRACK 3- Shaping the Future of Transportation**

**Pathways to Progress:  
Advancing Transportation for a  
ConneCTed Future!**

See inside for full agenda & session descriptions.

## Agenda

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM   | Registration                      |
| 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM   | Breakfast & Networking            |
| 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM   | Opening Remarks & Keynote Speaker |
| 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM  | Plenary Session                   |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 AM | AM Session 1*                     |
| 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  | Lunch & Networking                |
| 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM   | PM Session 1*                     |
| 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM   | PM Session 2*                     |
| 3:45 PM - 4:15 PM   | PM Session 3*                     |
| 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM   | Happy Hour & Networking           |

*\*Morning Session 1 and Afternoon Sessions 1, 2, & 3 will have three concurrent options to choose from.*

## Breaks

Please note there will be a 15-minute break between each session.



Complete the survey for a chance to win a \$25 gift card!

*Join the all-day Silent Auction and raffle. Winners announced at Happy Hour & Networking!*

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| 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM  | Plenary Session                   | Turning Down<br>in Partnership  |
|                     |                                   |   |
|                     |                                   | <b>TRACK 1 - INNOVATING TRANSPORTATION</b>  |
| 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM | Break                             |   |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | AM Session 1                      | Critical Crossings:<br>Major Bridge Projects Over Connecticut<br><b>Presented by CHA and CTDO</b>                           |
| 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  |                                   |   |
| 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM   | Break                             |   |
| 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM   | PM Session 1                      | Greater Hartford Mobility Program (GHMP)<br>Visualizing the Future of I-84/I-91 in Connecticut<br><b>Presented by AECOM</b> |
| 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM   | Break                             |   |
| 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM   | PM Session 2                      | Understanding Local Impacts During<br>Interchange Reconstruction<br><b>Presented by Jacobs</b>                              |
| 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM   | Break                             |   |
| 3:45 PM - 4:15 PM   | PM Session 3                      | I-84 Danbury Flex Lane<br><b>Presented by CDM Smith and CTDOT</b>   |
| 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM   | Happy Hour and Networking         |   |



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# Agenda

## Light Breakfast and Networking

**Slow Down Skills: The Non-Negotiables of Strong, Sustainable Leadership**  
**Keynote Speaker: Lauren St. Germain**

## the Temperature - Strengthening Collaboration Across Advocacy, Policy and Practice

Presented by Toole Design  
with CT State Legislature, CRCOG, CTMirror and Active Transportation Consultants

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| cut's Rivers<br>OT | Exploring Career Paths in Transportation:<br>Public and Private Sector Perspectives<br><b>Presented by WSP<br/>in Partnership with<br/>CTDOT, Jacobs and HNTB</b> | The Value of Meeting Community and Families<br>Where They Are for Projects and Studies:<br>How the New Mix PEL Study is Reconnecting the<br>Community through Education<br><b>Presented by CTDOT and HNTB</b> |

## Networking Lunch and Partner Program Appreciation

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| (GHMP) -<br>Hartford | Leading With Purpose<br><b>Presented by CTDOT<br/>in Partnership with<br/>Anchor &amp; Crest</b> | Co-Creating a Fair Automated Traffic<br>Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD) Program:<br>Ensuring Speed Cameras and Red Light Cameras<br>Make Roads Safer Without Harming our Most<br>Vulnerable Communities<br><b>Presented by CTDOT</b> |
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| ng Major<br>n | STEM on the Brink:<br>Bridging the Gap by Securing the Future of<br>Transportation Infrastructure<br><b>Presented by Terracon</b> | Walking into the Future:<br>Revitalizing Historic Neighborhoods Through<br>Walkability and Biking Infrastructure<br><b>Presented by Fuss &amp; O'Neill<br/>in Partnership with the City of Norwalk</b> |
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| CTDOT | Driven to Lead:<br>Breaking Barriers behind Eighteen Wheels<br><b>Presented by Alissa Ranno</b> | Permission Slip Not Needed:<br>Field Trips That Inspire Bold Transportation<br>Decisions<br><b>Presented by Toole Design<br/>in Partnership with<br/>Bike Newport and CTRides</b> |
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Scan here for session summaries, speaker bios,  
ITE PDHs, AICP credits, and more information!



# A Message From the President

**October 16, 2025**

Greetings, everyone!

We are excited for our 19th annual Transportation Mini-Series (TMS)! We decided to move to our biggest venue yet, the DoubleTree in Bristol! This move allows us to accommodate our growing participation, as this year we received over 230 registrants. To honor almost 20 years of TMS we have come up with a slogan to commemorate this milestone; Pathways to Progress: Advancing Transportation for a ConnectEd Future to celebrate all the achievements made and recognize innovation throughout the transportation industry. Thank you to CT ITE and WTS International for assisting with providing continuing education credits through ITE PDHs and AICP credits.

As we reflect on industry trends and workforce challenges in both public and private sector, we recognize the importance of student outreach in continuing to bring motivated people into our profession. Our chapter annually supports numerous student outreach efforts to inspire the next generation of the transportation workforce. Traditionally TMS has been our largest fundraising opportunity for the WTS CT Scholarship Fund. This year we gave \$12,000 to students in High School, Undergraduate and Graduate programs perusing transportation and transportation related fields. Our goal for this year's TMS is to double what we fundraised last year through the Silent Auction and Raffle! This year's scholarships applications are open until December 19th and recipients will be recognized at our Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet on March 26th.

In other areas our chapter has been working on expanding the resources to our members and the Connecticut transportation industry. This past month we created a new legislative affairs committee to assist the chapter and its members with staying informed on transportation-related legislation and regulatory developments with clear, accessible, non-partisan information to support engagement in the evolving policy landscape.

WTS CT is proud to have grown this year, with over 150 members and almost 50 volunteers actively serving on our committees! I want to express my sincere thanks to our incredible volunteers and our advisory council who continue to support WTS CT's mission to attract, sustain, connect, and advance women's careers strengthening the transportation industry.

Another special acknowledgement for our industry partners who, without their support we would not be able to deliver high quality essential programming like our leadership roundtables, mentorship program, virtual programming, networking opportunities and our signature annual events. Your continued dedication to our chapter makes it clear our mission is valued.

I'm excited to keep the momentum going into 2026! Whether you're looking to become a member, learn how to be a better ally, or volunteer at an upcoming event, I invite you to join us in continuing to make a positive impact in Connecticut's transportation industry. If you have ideas, questions, or simply want to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the WTS Connecticut leadership team.

Sincerely,



**Katherine Hedberg-Klose**

President  
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# WTS CT News & Upcoming Dates

## 2025

**November 6** Leadership Book Club  
**December 1** Annual Awards Applications Due  
**December 2** Advisory Council & Partner Program Event  
**December 19** Scholarship Applications Due

## 2026

**January 7** New Year Social  
**March 18** Membership Open House  
**March 26** Annual Awards & Scholarship Banquet



Looking to get involved with WTS? Sign up to be a committee volunteer, share your interests and availability through this survey form!

Give feedback to help shape the WTS CT 2026 Leadership Program!



WTS Connecticut 2025 Scholarship Applications now open! Deadline for submission is Friday, December 19th 2025 at 5:00 P.M. EST

Thanks to our event's photographer and videographer!

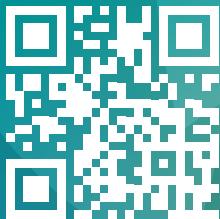


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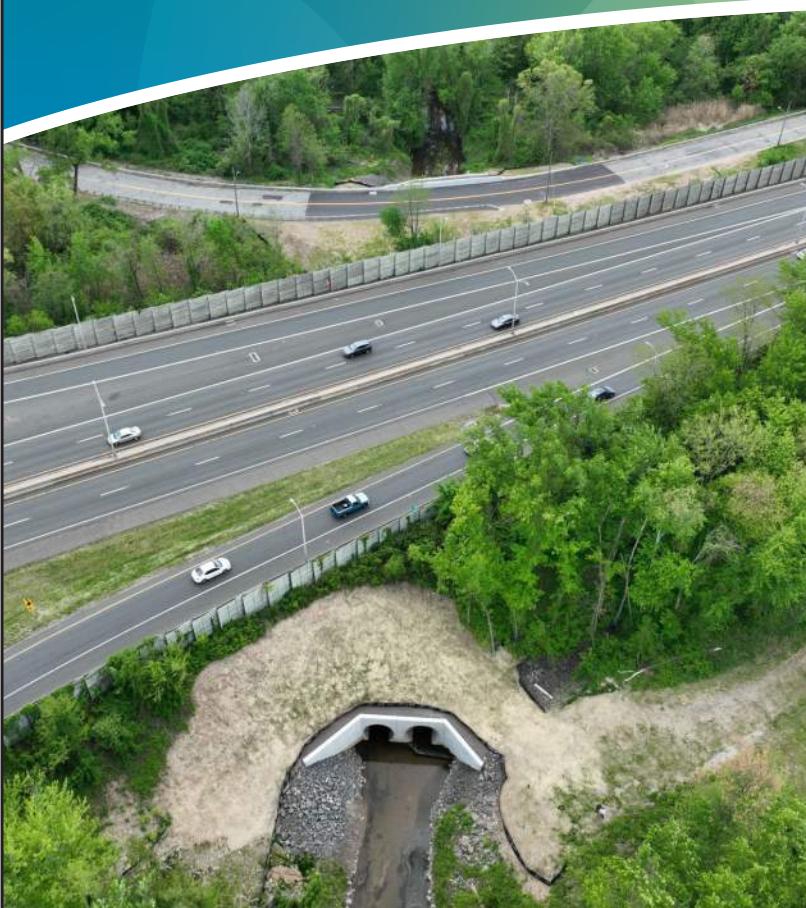


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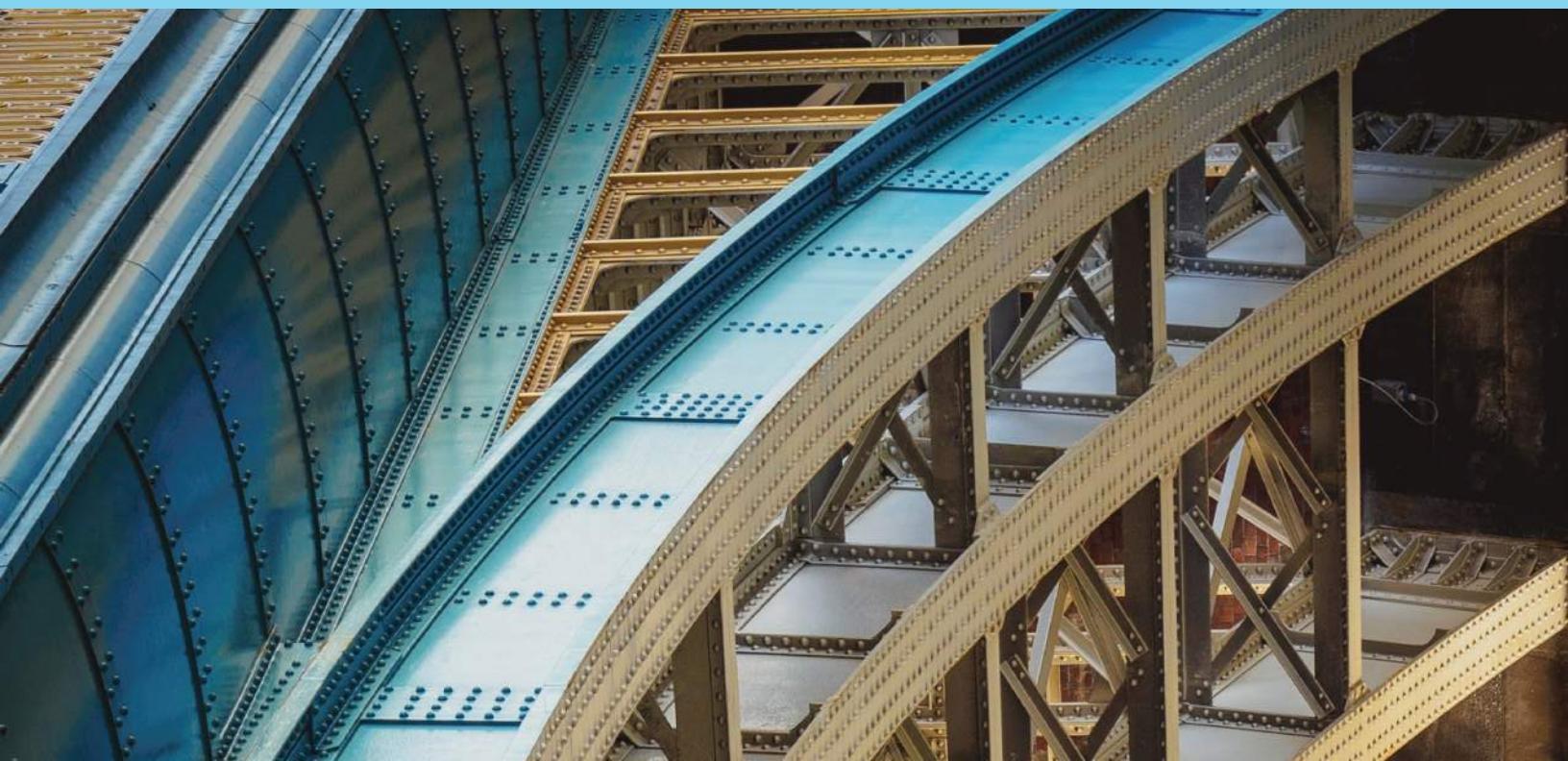
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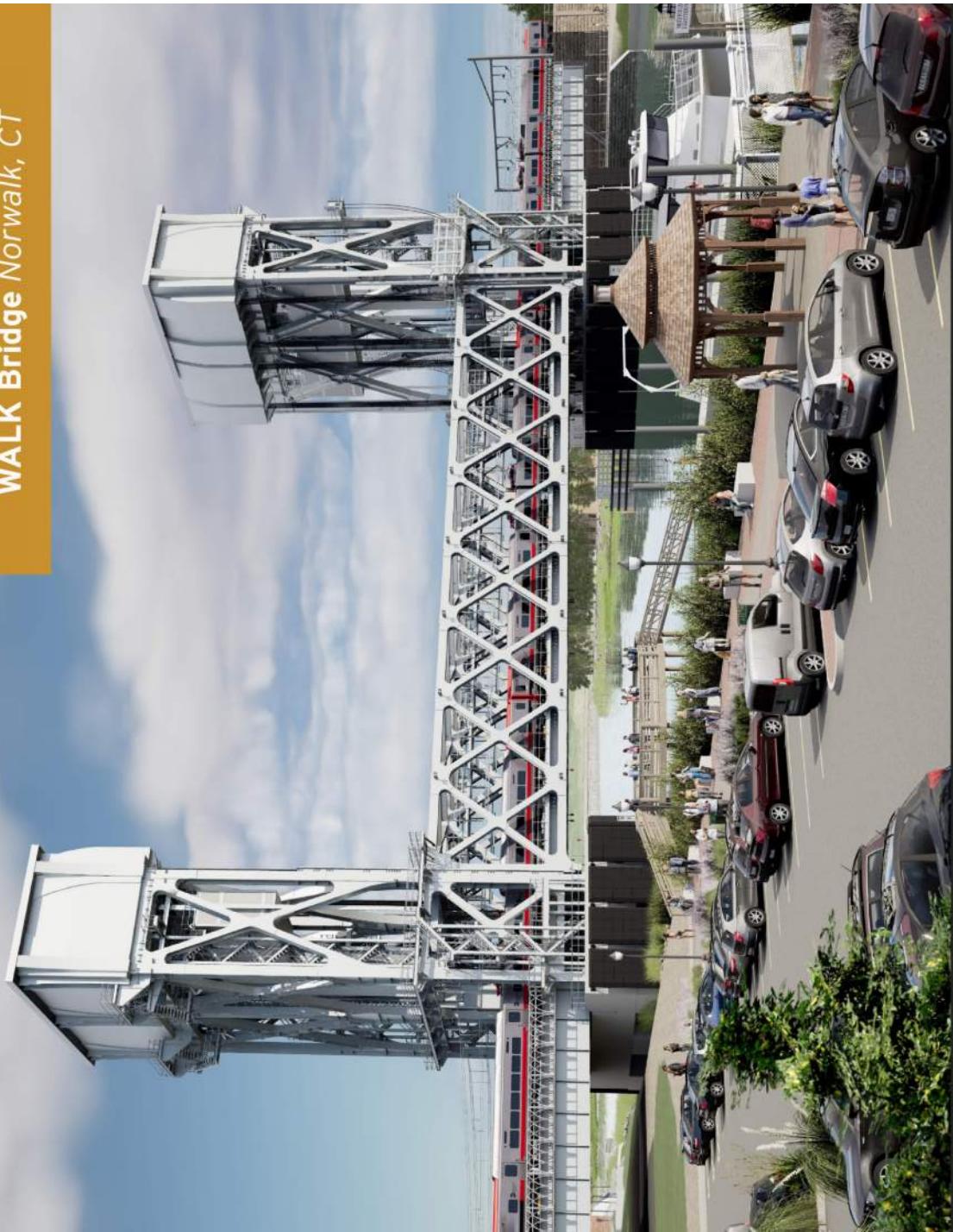
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