



20th Annual Transportation Mini-Series



September 24, 2026
Bristol, CT

Session Topics

Track 1

ConneCTing through Innovative
Project Solutions

Track 2

ConneCTing through the Industry

Track 3

ConneCTing with our State and
Municipal Partners

Track 4

ConneCTing with our Community
through Hands-On Demonstrations

Agenda

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Registration, Breakfast & Networking
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome & Award Recognition
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Morning Plenary Session I
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Session II*
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Session III*
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch & Networking
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Session IV*
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Session V*
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Session VI
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Afternoon Plenary Session VII
4:45 PM - 5:30 PM	Happy Hour & Networking

See inside for full agenda & session descriptions. Please note there will be a 15-minute break between each session.

**Sessions will have have four concurrent options to choose from.*



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WTS CT Transportation Mini Series					Agenda
September 24, 2026					
8:00 AM	Registration Opens				
8:00 AM-8:45 AM		Light Breakfast and Networking			
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Welcome and Award Recognition			
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Morning Plenary Session (Session I)	ConneCTed Conversations: Connecting Transportation Professionals Across New England Presented by WTS CT, State Level Partner CTDOT, and Hartford Level Sponsors: AECOM, HNTB, Jacobs and VHB			
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break				
		TRACK 1 - ConneCTing through Innovative Project Solutions	TRACK 2 - ConneCTing through the Industry	TRACK 3 - ConneCTing with our State and Municipal Partners	TRACK 4 - ConneCTing with our Community through Hands-On Demonstrations
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Session II	Weaving Embodied Carbon into the Project Narrative We Already Write Presented by VHB	What Got Us Here Will Not Get Us There: Future Strategies for Women's Workplace Success Presented by Terracon with CTDOT and Jacobs	Counting Bicyclists and Pedestrians: the HOWs and WHYs Presented by Texas A&M Transportation Institute with NVCOG and East Coast Greenway Alliance	Safe Routes to School Bike and Scooter Safety Training Presented by CTDOT
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Break				
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Session III	Reimagining Regional Mobility: Unlocking Hartford's Bottleneck through the Greater Hartford Mobility Program Presented by AECOM and CDM Smith with CTDOT and HNTB	Inspiring the Future of Transportation Presented by CTDOT with CCSU, T2 Center and Jacobs	Advancing Inclusive Customer Experience in Transit Presented by HNTB with CTDOT	
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Networking Lunch and Partner Program Appreciation			
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Session IV	Advancing Transit Reliance Through Heat Mitigation Strategies Presented by HNTB with MTA-Metro North RR and CTTransit	Turn Communication into Influence Presented by KJR Consulting with CTDOT	Building Public Trust: Community Engagement for Successful Infrastructure Projects Presented by Watch For Me CT with City of New Britain, City of Norwalk, Town of Manchester and NVCOG	ADA Toolkit and Empathy at the Intersection Presented by CTDOT and T2 Center
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Break				
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Session V	From Hydraulics to Policy: How Water Resources Professionals Shape Transportation Decisions Presented by HDR	Four Generations, One Transportation Industry Presented by CDM Smith with CTDOT, GM2 and SCROG	Strengthening Collaboration Through a Transportation Planning Charrette Presented by Fuss and O'Neill	
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break				
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Session VI	Completing the Norwalk River Valley Trail: A Multi-Partner Approach Presented by Toole Design with CT DECD, HR&A Advisors, Inc. and Norwalk River Valley Trail	Professional Organizations: The Pipeline to ConneCTing the Next Generation of Transportation Professionals Presented by WTS CT	CTDOT Statewide Active Transportation Plan Presented by HDR with CTDOT	
3:45 PM-4:00 PM	Break				
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Afternoon Plenary Session (Session VII)	ConneCTing with Regional Leadership: Shaping the Future of Transportation Presented by GM2 with FHWA, CTDOT, MetroCOG, CRCOG and City of New Haven			
4:45 PM - 5:30 PM	Happy Hour and Networking	Silent Auction & Gift Card Tree Raffle Annoucement at 5pm! Tickets for sale all day at registration table, proceeds to WTS CT Scholarship Fund!			



A Message From the President

September 24, 2026

Greetings, everyone!

Thank you for joining us for the 20th Annual Transportation Mini-Series (TMS)! We are celebrating this milestone with the theme Pathways to Progress: Advancing Transportation for a ConneCTed Future, recognizing the achievements, innovation, and connections that continue to move our industry forward. Connecticut is helping to lead the way by bringing transportation professionals together from across New England and at every level—state, regional, and municipal, in both the public and private sectors.

This year, we are excited to offer 19 sessions, with record-breaking registration of more than 200 attendees and 78 speakers—maxing out the venue! WTS Connecticut is proud of how much our chapter has grown and wouldn't be possible without the volunteers actively supporting our programs and initiatives. Without their support to advance the WTS mission to attract, sustain, connect, and advance women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry.

I want to take a moment to recognize and thank the volunteers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event a success. A special thank you to our ad hoc committee co-chairs, Kristen Levesque and Ariana Antonucci, and to our committee members Kelly Erskine, Rachana Kiran, Sofia Clark, Kate Rozen, Katherine Yale, Amanda Marino, Amber Saleh, Obesebea Aye-Addo, Samanta Savvidou, Jenna Rudewicz, Caroline St. Pierre, Collene Byrne, Alex Klose, Bhayva Iyer, Jen Burns, Steph Bogue, Sarah Gendreau, and Erika Lindeberg.

I also want to extend a special thank you to our industry partners. Your support allows us to continue delivering high-quality programming, including leadership roundtables, our mentorship program, virtual programming, networking opportunities, and our signature annual events. Your continued investment in WTS Connecticut is a testament to the value you place on our mission and the future of our industry.

As we reflect on industry trends and workforce challenges across both the public and private sectors, we recognize the importance of reaching students and encouraging the next generation to pursue careers in transportation. WTS Connecticut supports numerous student outreach efforts throughout the year to help introduce students to the many opportunities within our industry. Traditionally, TMS has been our largest fundraising opportunity for the WTS Connecticut Scholarship Fund so be sure to check out the silent auction items and gift card tree raffles! This past year, we were proud to award \$14,000 to students in high school, undergraduate, and graduate programs pursuing transportation and transportation-related fields. Scholarship applications are open through December 18th, and recipients will be recognized at our Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet in spring 2027.

Thank you for being part of WTS Connecticut and for helping us celebrate 20 years of the Transportation Mini-Series. 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. We look forward to continuing to build pathways to progress together!

Sincerely,



Katherine Hedberg-Klose
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2026

- October 4** Annual Fall Outing
- October 15** Student Outreach Pathways to STEM Night
- October 21** Fall Social
- October 27** Transportation Engineering: Explore Your Future (Virtual Panel)
- November 4** Open Board Meeting

2027

- January 6** New Year's Social
- March 31** WTS CT Open House at CTDOT



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Student Outreach & Scholarship Feature

Students in grades 5–12 are invited to explore the transportation, engineering, and construction industries through fun, hands-on activities designed to inspire interest in STEM-related careers.

We invite organizations and industry professionals to participate as exhibitors and help introduce students to the exciting opportunities available in STEM. Please see the attached flyer for exhibitor information and reach out to Karina Massey with any questions at karina.massey@jacobs.com.

Planning to attend with a student? Advance registration for student participants is not required. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Deadline for submission is Friday, December 18, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. EST

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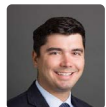
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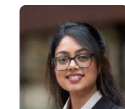
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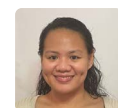


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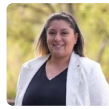


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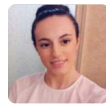


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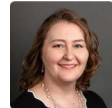


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