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We work hard on every issue of Engineering Georgia but there is no doubt that the issue we work hardest on is our annual “100 Most Influential Women in Engineering” issue, which highlights the achievements of the powerful women from the engineering, architecture and construction industry and the public agencies and private companies who are helping to create Georgia’s built environment.

Georgia is blessed to have so many women in positions of influence in and around the A/E/C industry and we once again received a deluge of great nominations. The Selection Committee had their work cut out for them, because narrowing it down to just 100 is really, really hard.

Frankly, that is a good problem to have, and I hope it continues to get harder.

But while we are honoring the successes of these amazing women, we also need to acknowledge the devastating impact the last year has had on the women in the workplace.

During the pandemic, the number of women leaving the workplace has far outpaced men. Back in February 2020, unemployment numbers for men and women were roughly equal, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. By September, when most schools had resumed classes, many with virtual learning that required significant parental supervision, nearly 80% of the 1.1 million people who had exited the workforce were women. By December, women accounted for almost all of that month’s net job losses, while men had actually achieved some job gains.

Overall, nearly 2.4 million women in the United States have left the workforce during the pandemic and female workforce participation has dropped to 57%—the lowest level since 1988.

It’s not hard to figure out the causes of this gender disparity. As the pandemic hit and daycares closed, childcare and virtual learning supervision created significant new responsibilities for parents. Unfortunately, those responsibilities have been disproportionately borne by women. As a recent New York Times headline put it, “When Schools Closed, Americans Turned to Their Usual Backup Plan: Mothers.” According to the 2020 “Women in the Workplace” study by McKinsey, 40% of working mothers (compared to 27% of fathers) have added at least 3 hours of caregiving responsibilities a day to their schedules and 1 in 4 women are now considering leaving the workplace or downshifting their careers.

If these trends aren’t addressed, they have the potential to widen the underrepresentation of women in the engineering industry.

Fortunately, the immediate cause of this problem – the pandemic – also offers its own potential solutions. And these solutions benefit men and women equally, as well as firms’ bottom lines.

As a result of what we learned during the pandemic about remote work, flexible work hours, virtual meetings, etc., we have a unique opportunity to rethink the way we work and to apply those lessons in ways that will allow us to better retain our talented employees while also enhancing the productivity and profitability of our firms in the “new normal.”

Helping firms get ahead of the curve in planning for the new normal will be a big part of **Georgia Engineers Summer Conference, which will be held at the Omni Amelia Island, June 10-12.** With every Georgian 16 years old and older having been eligible to be vaccinated since March 25th, we believe that we are very much on track for the Summer Conference to be the Georgia engineering industry’s first in-person, non-socially distanced networking event since March of 2020. While we have plans in place and plenty of room to accommodate social distancing if we still have to, I believe we are going to be able to provide the Three Cs the Summer Conference is famous for – Content, Clients and Connections – just like we did back in the good old days (you know, 2019), and I can’t wait! So, get your shots and come join us at the beach in June!

With this issue, Engineering Georgia magazine begins its 7th year of publication. As we have from those earliest days, we would love to hear your suggestions on topics we should be covering or ways we can make this magazine even more valuable to you and your business. So, drop me a line at sully@acecga.org – I’d love to hear your thoughts on what you’d like to see in YOUR magazine.

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CROFT & ASSOCIATES CHOSEN TO DESIGN NEW MILTON FIRE STATION NO. 42

The new 6,700 square foot facility was commissioned to be more reflective of the community's farmhouse-inspired architectural style and is being designed using rustic elements influenced by the city's rural heritage. To enhance the station's rustic feel, exposed cedar trusses were chosen as the unifying design element throughout the space. The facility will have two drive thru apparatus bays to improve the safety of the fire trucks returning to the station and will replace the original 3,800 square foot station that was built by Fulton County in the 1970's. The new facility is projected to be completed in the first quarter of 2022.



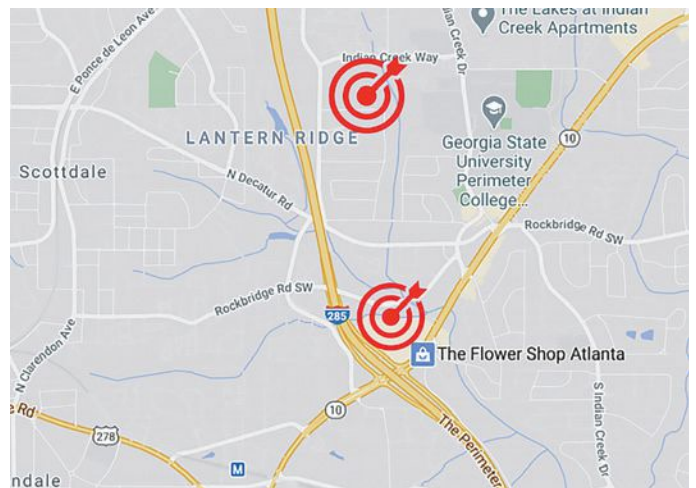
A NEARLY 400-UNIT APARTMENT PROJECT IN THE BROOKHAVEN AREA COULD BRING A PROPERTY 'BACK TO LIFE.'

A Miami real-estate company wants to build hundreds of apartments next to a healthcare hub in Brookhaven, adding to the area's potential for an urban transformation. Allen Morris Co. filed plans with DeKalb County to develop 377 apartments on 6 acres at 2490 North Druid Hills Road. Over the next decade, the hospitals near this area are forecast to create thousands of jobs, likely sparking to generate more demand for apartments and townhomes.



POND-CDM SMITH JOINT VENTURE AWARDED AIR FORCE CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECT-ENGINEER (A-E) SERVICES

The Pond-CDM Smith Joint Venture LP (Pond-CDM Smith) was awarded the AE Next Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC) for Architect-Engineer (A-E) Services by the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC). The 10-year, \$2 billion contracts allow Pond to continue their long tradition of providing outstanding design services to the United States Air Force and the United States Space Force clients worldwide.



200 NEW HOMES PROPOSED NEAR I-285 AND MEMORIAL DRIVE.

Inline Communities LLC wants to put 151 residential units on 22 acres near the intersection of Northern Avenue and Indian Creek Way in Clarkston. The proposal calls for 80 rear-loaded townhomes, 27 front-loaded townhomes, and 44 single-family detached homes. ☺



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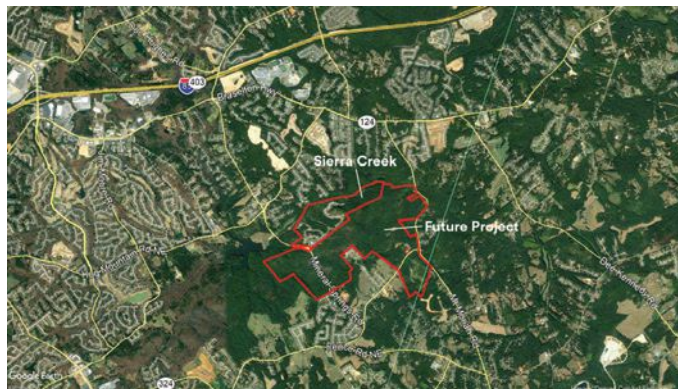


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A 17-ACRE MARIETTA DEVELOPMENT WITH HUNDREDS OF PLANNED RESIDENTIAL UNITS FACES TRAFFIC CONCERNS.

The developer proposing to build hundreds of residential units in Marietta has reduced the project's size, as it faces questions from city staff over potential traffic impacts. Nexus Marietta, LLC is seeking to rezone a 19-parcel assemblage at I-75 and South Marietta Parkway. The project's original plans were developed last year and included 479 apartments, senior-living units, and townhomes. Revised plans for the 17-acre project "Nexus Gardens" now call for 379 apartment residences, including 29 townhomes, with 160 apartments for residents 55 and older and 176 apartments for the general public.



\$9.5M LAND DEAL SETS THE STAGE FOR 100 NEW HOMES IN HOSCHTON

100 new homes will be developed on Mineral Spring Road in Hoschton. The land was sold to PulteGroup Inc. for \$9.5 million (roughly \$89,000 per lot) and is in an existing community called Sierra Creek, where development began in 2006-2007. Only 15 homes were constructed before home building, and development activity stopped due to the Great Recession. Development of the additional homes has begun and should be completed in early 2022.



NEW MIDTOWN APARTMENT TOWERS NEED A DESIGN THAT FITS 'PREMIER' WALKABLE DISTRICT.

Middle Street Partners, developer of the proposed 38-story and 30-story towers along Juniper Street near Piedmont Park, has faced questions about the proposal looking "too industrial" for the surrounding vibrant, walkable neighborhood, whether the design could be modified even more to reflect the busy pedestrian environment by the city's iconic park and whether all of the nearly 700 parking spaces were necessary. The 1.3-acre development site is between 11th and 12th streets, where LGBTQ mainstays Einstein's and Joe's on Juniper have stood for decades and would be demolished if the city approves the project.



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Roger Cox

BARGE welcomes **Roger Cox, PE, CFM**, as a Civil Engineer Manager. Cox has 15 years of experience in business development and project management in the engineering industry for both public and private sector clients. Cox will lead Barge's strategic growth in the Georgia area, developing and maintaining client relationships while expanding Barge's civil site work in the region and furthering their efforts in Georgia's land development market.



Lance Cheely

CRANSTON ENGINEERING GROUP

is expanding its services with a new landscape architecture division headed by **Lance Cheely, PLA, MBA**, as Landscape Architecture Design Group Manager. Cheely comes to Cranston from Origin Landscape Architecture. The new division will be based in Augusta but will serve the Charleston and Hilton Head

markets as well. Cheely has more than a decade of industry experience, with work on many local projects including: Blanchard Woods Park; Mount Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park Master Plan; AU Medical Center Terrace Green; North Augusta Riverfront Amphitheater; Columbia County Gateway Exhibition Center Landscape Design and The Alley in Aiken.



Aimee Turner

CROY promoted **Aimee S. Turner, PE PTOE, IMSA TS II**, to Traffic Department Manager. Turner's experience spans the safety operations, traffic engineering, and transportation planning fields. A graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), Turner is a registered Professional Engineer in multiple Southeastern states, Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, and IMSA Traffic Signal Technical (Level II). She

co-founded Engineering for Success, Inc. (E4S), a non-profit that facilitates opportunities for high school students to make real-world connections between their STEM coursework and the world around them.



Chuck Baxter

CROFT promoted **Chuck Baxter** to Senior Associate. Baxter will take on the responsibilities of Senior Associate while continuing his day-to-day duties as Senior Designer and Project Manager, where he oversees numerous projects for both the Federal and Higher

Education business units. In his role as Senior Associate, Baxter will begin taking on more corporate leadership roles, such as chairing internal committees to the betterment of CROFT's overall internal and external processes.



Theresa King

RMF ENGINEERING

announced that **Theresa King** has joined the firm's Client Relations Team and will be based in RMF's Atlanta office. King has been serving in a marketing and client relations role for over 19 years and her business development background includes forming teams and partnerships at an international construction management consultancy. She will play a key role in driving client relations in Georgia and accelerating RMF's growth in the Southeast region.



Dillon LeJeune

PRIME ENGINEERING

welcomed three new team members, **Dillon LeJeune, Sarah Shaufelberger, PE**, and **Alex Ponizhaylo**. LeJeune is a recent graduate of Clemson University and is joining the team as a Junior Architect in Prime's Transportation Department.

Shaufelberger was brought on as a Project Engineer in Prime's Transportation Department. During her seven years of experience, she has managed and designed projects for Coca-Cola Refreshments, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the cities of Marietta and Flowery Branch, and several residential and mixed-use developments. Since arriving at Prime, Shaufelberger has become a vital design contributor for projects on behalf of clients, including Amazon, United Parcel Service, and Nestlé Purina Petcare Company.



Sarah Shaufelberger



Alex Ponizhaylo

Ponizhaylo is a Georgia Tech research assistant and has perused research in fluid mechanics and complex three-dimensional models. Since joining Prime, he has been conducting cost evaluation and design for pump stations, subdivisions, municipalities, and more for the Infrastructure team.



Greg Culpepper

POND promoted two new people, **Greg Culpepper, PE, LEED AP BD+** to Vice President of Operations, and **Mike Jeffreys, PMP** to Senior Vice President of Energy. POND also welcomed two new team members to its team: **Rick Polo** and **Bryan Evans**. Culpepper has served POND for nearly 22 years, beginning as a civil engineer, and steadily advancing into more significant leadership roles. As Vice President of Operations, Culpepper will support Pond's federal program by developing and implementing strategies to create a foundation for project success.



Mike Jeffreys

As Senior Vice President, Jeffreys will leverage his 25+ years of fuels-related energy experience to continually serve his clients and provide quality expertise to his teammates. In his new role, Jeffreys will provide clients with integrated

solutions across Pond's Asset Integrity, Fuels Engineering, Repair & Maintenance and Fuels Construction services to seamlessly provide the exact needs to satisfy mission parameters.



Rick Polo

Polo joined Pond as Army Client Account Manager and will work closely with the various USACE districts and other Army commands and agencies to match their development needs with Pond's client-centered planning, engineering, architecture, and construction management services to best support their mission needs readiness and advance their organizational goals.



Bryan Evans

Evans was promoted to Executive Vice President and leads Pond's global energy markets, serving clients from multiple offices throughout the United States, Canada, and Japan. Over the past 7 years, Evans' mentorship as Program Leader, Vice President and Senior Vice President in Pond's Energy Program has positioned the firm as a worldwide leader in the preservation of vital energy infrastructure and the protection of the environment as a result.

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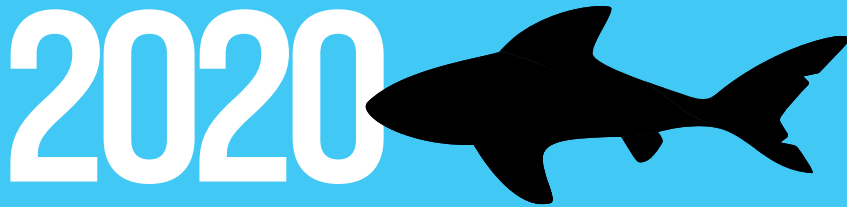


GEORGIA *by the* NUMBERS



GEORGIA BECAME THE FIRST STATE TO LOWER THE LEGAL VOTING AGE FROM 21 TO 18.

In 1943, Georgia became the first state in the nation to lower the voting age from 21 to 18, using the slogan "Old enough to fight, old enough to vote," as young adults were fighting in World War II at that time. In 1970, at the height of the Vietnam War, Congress passed an amendment to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 giving 18-year-olds the right to vote, but that law was struck down as unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court. As a result, Congress passed the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the US Constitution giving 18-year-olds the right to vote on March 23, 1971, which was ratified by the required three-fourths of the states on July 1, 1971.



THE YEAR THE GEORGIA AQUARIUM EXPANDED AND OPENED ITS SHARK

EXHIBIT. Sharks! Predators of the Deep opened on October

23, 2020. The Georgia Aquarium is the largest in the Western Hemisphere, housing more than 100,000 sea creatures, and is the only institution outside of Asia to house Whale Sharks. The new shark exhibit holds 1.2 million gallons (about twice the volume of an Olympic-size swimming pool) of water with a water depth of 20 feet. If you are brave enough, you can take a deep cage dive with the sharks, giving you an up-close look at how these predators live.

THE FIRST TASTE OF KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Believe it or not, Krispy Kreme first started in Atlanta as a wholesale store, before moving in 1965 to its iconic flagship retail location on Ponce de Leon Avenue. The famous "Hot Now" sign wasn't invented until 1992 and has since become a Krispy Kreme signature. The original Atlanta Krispy Kreme store was remodeled in 2003, but kept its exterior features in place, making you feel like you're back in the 60's when you stop by for a hot glazed doughnut. In 2016, basketball star Shaquille O'Neal purchased this location and, after the recent fire on February 10, 2021, has vowed to restore it to its former glory.



NUMBER OF STORIES IN THE ICONIC KING AND QUEEN BUILDINGS.

Concourse Corporate Center V and VI, which we all know as the King and Queen buildings, were completed in 1991. The buildings gained their royal nicknames from their white lattice crowns, which resemble the heads of chess pieces. These two buildings are the tallest suburban buildings in the United States and the 14th and 17th tallest in Atlanta, Georgia. The crowns of these two buildings are often lit up in honor of special occasions, and you can easily spot them when you are driving on Highway 400 or I285.



THE NUMBER OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS IN GEORGIA.

Georgia has 1,253 miles of interstate highways, which connect Georgia to the rest of the nation. Part of the nationwide Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, Georgia's interstate highways, railroads, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, and the deep-water ports of Savannah and Brunswick, have established Georgia and its capital, Atlanta, as the primary transportation hub for the Southeast. The building of these highways has precise design standards, with wide lanes, paved shoulders, at least four lanes, and accommodation for speeds up to seventy miles per hour. Because of Georgia's strategic geographical location, two of the nation's largest north-south transcontinental interstate highways pass through the state; I-95 and I-75.

BREAKING THROUGH GLASS CEILINGS

*An Inside Look at
the 4 Chairwomen
from Cobb, Forsyth,
Gwinnett and
Henry County*

HEATHER COLLINS



A professional portrait of Lisa CUP, a Black woman with short, dark, curly hair. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. She is wearing a dark navy blue blazer over a matching high-collared top. Her right hand is resting under her chin, and her left arm is crossed over her waist. She is wearing small hoop earrings, a ring on her right ring finger, and a wide gold cuff bracelet on her right wrist. The background is a solid, muted grey.

CHAIRWOMAN

Lisa

CUP

Q&A

What originally inspired you to seek elective office?

I don't think I was inspired to run but called. So many events in life led me to be where I am today even when I had no thought that I would ever serve in public office. There are countless people, opportunities, challenges, prayers that helped me get here and I can't help but be humbled and yet convinced by it all that I am right where I am supposed to be.

What do you think is the biggest factor that has helped you be successful in your career?

The constant renewing in my mind of the possibilities for me, for others, and the county even after challenges and disappointment. I think learning how to dust myself off and get up again is a skill that keeps me going and also believing that better days are always ahead for everyone.

What are your county's greatest strengths?

Cobb boasts a strong business climate, award-winning schools, a highly educated workforce, prominent tourism, recreational assets, and attractive neighborhoods. We also pride ourselves on having efficient and top-notch government services.

What do you think are the biggest challenges your county faces?

Cobb's growing success and affluence are juxtaposed by the disparity in services, investment, and outcomes for lower-income communities and minority populations. The county's successes have attracted more people and a more diverse population to Cobb. Still, many who moved here came here to get away from growth and density. Policy, practice, and attitudes of the county have made Cobb appear unwelcoming at times. We need to change that, and we can.

What are the top three things you would like to accomplish during your time as Commission Chair?

- *Maintain and strengthen our attractiveness as a place for ALL to live, work, serve, visit and do business.*
- *Pass our transit referendum to improve mobility throughout the county and region.*
- *Provide opportunities for others to get involved in what happens in local government, so they can help improve their communities and outcomes for others.*

What are some of your personal goals for 2021?

- *Put and keep God first, which becomes strained with the busyness and stressfulness of the office.*
- *Prioritize health.*
- *Strengthen connectedness with family.*
- *We have less time to spend with each other and are learning how to maximize our time we do have together while giving each other space and grace to grow and just be.*

What would you like for people to say about how your county was changed as a result of your leadership when your time as Commission Chair is over?

- *That Cobb is welcoming, and its success now reaches all.*
- *Cobb is both a leader and partner in our region and state in business, in transportation, in development, in caring for its natural treasures, and especially in caring for its own.*
- *Cobb is vibrant, its citizens are engaged in our future. ☺*



**THAT COBB IS
WELCOMING,
AND ITS
SUCCESS NOW
REACHES ALL.**

What have been the most challenging aspects of the pandemic for you personally?

Not going out or seeing friends and family as much as I would like. I miss taking out my children to see their friends and to see places.

What are some favorite television shows or movies that you've watched during the COVID quarantine?

I am not a big TV watcher, but I have become a big fan of comedian Trevor Noah.

What is one of your favorite books?

Kaffir Boy

What is one of your favorite childhood memories?

Family trips

Who do you most admire (dead or alive), and why?

Harriet Tubman. I have read multiple biographies about her. I admire her for believing in God, even when she had endured the unfairness and cruelty of the institution of slavery. With nothing but sheer courage and Godly conviction, she led so many to freedom, and risked her life for others. But even with her heroic feats, she was still as vulnerable as any other. Her contribution to our country's history is nothing short of amazing, beautiful, divine and American.

If you could sit down and have dinner with anyone (dead or alive), who would it be?

My husband!!! We are in desperate need of a getaway.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Read, run, and spend time with family.

Do you believe female elected officials bring a different perspective and approach to the political process and if so, how?

Yes. I learned that most women have to be told 5 times to run for office before they consider it. Thus, women aren't waking up on their own accord and self-appointing themselves as leaders...others are recognizing their capabilities. I also heard that women tend to think they need to be 100% qualified before they step up to lead. If this is true, then most of the women that run for office and are elected are likely depending on a high level of competence they can bring to the table. Still women are bringing more than competence, they are likely to bring compassion that emanates from us being natural nurturers. Women also tend to be team players and multitaskers. We bring a different perspective that helps ensure everyone has a voice at the table.

What traits do you think are most important for political leaders to have?

- Optimism and yet an ability to stay grounded,
- Conviction and courage to do what is right,
- A spirit of cooperation,
- Competence in policy, leadership or administration coupled with acknowledgement that none of us knows it all or always gets it right,
- Compassion, and;
- A heart that forgives ourselves and others.

What has been the most rewarding part of your job so far?

Knowing that we have already turned the tide.

What do you think your 18-year-old self would think about you now?

She would be surprised I am a mom that home-schooled. She might think I have gotten a little soft, but she would be happy I have grown in faith.

What is the one piece of advice you would give to young women today?

Know that it's all going to be okay.

If you had to describe yourself with only one word, what would it be?

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A professional portrait of Carlotta Hardy, a Black woman with shoulder-length, wavy, light brown hair. She is smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a dark blue blazer over a blue top with a dark floral pattern. Her accessories include a multi-strand pearl necklace, a single pearl earring, and a ring on her left hand. Her arms are crossed in front of her. The background is a solid, neutral grey.

CHAIRWOMAN

Carlotta

HARDY

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What originally inspired you to seek elective office?

I grew up in an environment where giving back to the community was a daily activity, and I carried those values of service to the community into my adult life. Born the daughter of a Pastor and Freedom Fighter, I grew up watching my parents march and fight for equality alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Congressman John Lewis. My experiences at an incredibly young age led me to a life of service which helped shape me into the leader that I am today.

What do you think is the biggest factor that has helped you be successful in your career?

The biggest factor that has helped me be successful in my career is being able to collaborate with all cultures of people, a willingness to treat people with respect and be open to different perspectives. Hard work, dedication, persistence, perseverance, faith, family and a strong network of other likeminded women leaders is how I remain successful.

What are your county's greatest strengths?

Henry County's greatest strengths are our citizens, businesses and stakeholders. When you value people, it provides you with all the resources and assets needed to become a successful, vibrant and thriving community.

What do you think are the biggest challenges your county faces?

I believe that the biggest challenges that my county faces are the same as those that we face together as a region, which includes infrastructure, transportation, funding sources, public safety needs, and addressing various housing needs.

What are the top three things you would like to accomplish during your time as Commission Chair?

Completion of SPLOST and transportation projects; establishing TAD and CID districts; and fully implementing my Housing Initiative.

What are some of your personal goals for 2021?

My personal goals for 2021 include: the completion of a community development strategy; completion of my ACCG elected official's leadership training; developing a better work/life balance; spending more time with my family and traveling a little.

What would you like for people to say about how your county was changed as a result of your leadership when your time as Commission Chair is over?

I would like for people to say that I kept my word, delivered results, and because of my leadership made their quality of life better.

What have been the most challenging aspects of the pandemic for you personally?

The most challenging aspects of the pandemic for me personally have been not being able to spend time with my family and friends to celebrate special occasions and seeing the impact this pandemic has had on so many close friends and family – the lost love ones, and the financial strain that it has put on families and communities.

What are some favorite television shows or movies that you have watched during the COVID quarantine?

Some of my favorite television shows include: The Good Doctor, 911, Long Star, and the Hallmark Channel. ☺



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What is one of your favorite books?

Becoming, by Michelle Obama.

What is one of your favorite childhood memories?

My childhood neighborhood is my favorite memory.

Who do you most admire (dead or alive), and why?

My Shero is my mother, Brenda Harris. Her role that she played during the civil rights era, as a member of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) marching and fighting for equality and voting rights that are in place today because of her sacrifices.

If you could sit down and have dinner with anyone (dead or alive), who would it be?

Michelle Obama

What do you like to do in your free time?

Girls Day with my closest girlfriends. I love to travel, binge watch Hallmark movies, and spend quality time with family and close friends.

Do you believe female elected officials bring a different perspective and approach to the political process and if so, how?

Absolutely. Women get things done! Women prioritize issues that have a direct impact to women, their families and the community. Our experiences shape how we govern. The success of women who serve in elected office, reflects not just our skills as leaders but also our skill to get where we are in the first place. Women value qualities such as compassion, cooperation, civility, and compromise. Women are skilled advocates for safe and respectful workplaces, being honest and ethical, standing up for what we believe, and valuing people from different backgrounds. Women can set the tone in the political process because of our critical thinking and problem-solving traits, we are just as effective and efficient in our roles.

What traits do you think are most important for political leaders to have?

The most important traits for political leaders include Integrity, Compassion, Honesty, Flexibility, Confidence and Critical Thinking.

What has been the most rewarding part of your job so far?

The most rewarding part of my job so far is being able to serve the citizens of Henry County. Priding myself in always doing what is right and best for the County.

What do you think your 18-year-old self would think about you now?

God has prepared you for such a time as this.

What is the one piece of advice you would give to young women today?

Prepare yourself for your future, follow your dreams tune out the naysayers, surround yourself with like-minded people, keep your circle small and if you fail the first time do not give up try again.

If you had to describe yourself with only one word, what would it be?

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CHAIRWOMAN

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What originally inspired you to seek elective office?

I have been a public servant long before my name was ever on a ballot. For me, public service is not only a passion, it is a calling. I was called to this work. My involvement in Gwinnett gave me a unique perspective on the issues and challenges that members of the community were facing that were not being prioritized. When the opportunity to run for office presented itself, I believed that I had the knowledge, understanding and tools to affect change in a greater capacity. It was the right time for our county to have a leader at the helm who reflected the changes in demographics, and I feel obligated to lead our county through a transition, while maintaining the standard of excellence in service that we've grown to enjoy for more than 200 years.

What do you think is the biggest factor that has helped you be successful in your career?

Career success begins with clarity of purpose and direction. From a very young age, I have always felt that my purpose in life was to be a servant leader and advocate. This stemmed from my personal experiences and upbringing having faced adversity throughout my childhood. It served as the launchpad to my career in public service, and I was driven by the desire to particularly serve underrepresented communities who have been historically marginalized.

As I grew in my career, I studied the success of other women leaders such as Ellen Gerstein, past Director of the Gwinnett Coalition for Health & Human Services, Beauty Baldwin first African American Superintendent in the Buford City School System, and former Board of Commissioners Chairman Charlotte Nash. Each of them represented different sectors of our community, but they all had a clear vision and purpose guided by their core values. As long as you stay true to your values, you can never fail. I am driven by my core values of fairness, justice, and prosperity for all.

What are your county's greatest strengths?

Gwinnett County prides itself on being the best county in which to live, work and play. We have safe communities, a strong public education system, a strong business climate, and the economic conditions in place to support future growth and sustainability. Prior leaders have worked to create a sound foundation on which to build, and that includes a sound fiscal component and our Triple A bond rating. We have world class quality of life amenities, like our parks system, senior services and more. Creating and maintaining a sense of place and community is important. It's the Gwinnett Standard of excellence that is evident in all that we do.

What do you think are the biggest challenges your county faces?

The biggest challenge that we face is ensuring adequate infrastructure for our future growth. Over the next 20 to 25 years, another 500,000 residents will join our almost 1 million current residents, and business-related traffic is going to grow. Roads alone cannot provide mobility, and we need relief from the traffic congestion that already exists. One of the ways we can address this reality, is to develop a multi-faceted plan that improves transportation and mobility, which are essential to our quality of life and economic development.

In addition, there are complex issues that Gwinnett faces, such as workforce housing, poverty, civil unrest, and environmental concerns, many of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic and economic downturn. As we continue to be a destination for the region, we must make these issues a priority. ☺



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What are the top three things you would like to accomplish during your time as Commission Chair?

Our county faces significant challenges with our growth. During my tenure, I would love to aggressively tackle our housing challenges. We are undergoing a housing study which I believe will offer promising solutions to address housing affordability and accessibility to residents of mixed income levels. We also have mobility challenges. I plan to bring innovative transit and mobility options to increase mobility of those who need to get around; connect us to the region; and allow us to be a premier destination for business expansion. I also plan to work on policies and programs that will close our racial wealth gap, through workforce development and entrepreneurship opportunities.

I'm optimistic about what the future holds, and I am confident that we will deliver on our promise of continuing to build a world class county that is inclusive, forward-thinking, and that works for everyone.

What are some of your personal goals for 2021?

I believe that leadership is a journey. I continue to evolve as I progress in my personal and professional life. My goal is to continue being adaptable to seen and unforeseen challenges.

I am also working to find a healthy work/life integration. As a wife and mom of a young child, work can pull me away from my obligations to my family. But as I become more comfortable in this role, I've developed a best practice approach to guard my time with my family as well as guard my inner peace. I do that by intentionally building in personal time for myself and prioritizing self-care as much as possible.

What would you like for people to say about how your county was changed as a result of your leadership when your time as Commission Chair is over?

My goal is to help Gwinnett transition to its full potential. We have an immense opportunity to be the premier destination for our state and region. Gwinnett displays excellence in so many ways, but that doesn't mean we've achieved perfection.

There are iniquities present in our community that we must tackle with the same resolve and same high standard with which we address challenges like water quality and public safety. At the end of the day, I want people to say that their government works for them and that Gwinnett is home to opportunity and prosperity for all.

What have been the most challenging aspects of the pandemic for you personally?

For me personally, it is the lack of human physical connection. I am very grateful for existing technology that allows us to meet and connect with family, friends and coworkers; but nothing replaces that face-to-face interaction. I have always been a people person, and I thrive in social settings. The pandemic has given me some time to slow down and reflect, but I'm ready to get back out enjoying peoples' company again.

What are some favorite television shows or movies that you've watched during the COVID quarantine?

During the quarantine, I enjoyed re-living some of my favorite childhood movies with our son, who is 7. We enjoyed watching movies like The NeverEnding Story, The Goonies, The Sandlot and several older and

modern-day versions of Disney movies. When it was just me, I enjoyed watching a series called Miss America, which was loosely based on the story of the movement to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

What is one of your favorite books?

To date, I don't think I have enjoyed any book as much as I've enjoyed reading "Becoming" by Michelle Obama. There were so many parallels to her life that resonated with me. I truly connected with her story, her upbringing, and how she overcame adversity. My biggest takeaway from the book was that even if something is out of reach, you should still go for it. That's why I'm in the position I am in today.

What is one of your favorite childhood memories?

I do have fond memories of the winters in Rhode Island. Growing up with my siblings – we enjoyed playing in the snow, finding a hill and sledding down the hill on cardboard boxes. We couldn't afford real sleds, but we sure knew how to make do with what we had. It doesn't snow in Georgia like it does up north but whenever we do get some sprinkles, I enjoy showing our son Kaden how to make snowmen and snow angels. He loves the winter fun!

Who do you most admire (dead or alive), and why?

I admire the men and women who risk their lives every day to save ours. Before this pandemic, I took for granted how valuable and important our frontline and public safety professionals are to our livelihood. All of our essential workers, despite personal risk, kept us moving forward and I am truly grateful for their service.

If you could sit down and have dinner with anyone (dead or alive), who would it be?

It would be my maternal grandmother, Marjorie Robertson, and my paternal grandmother, Annie Sue Love. I was so close to both of them and they both had a hand in raising me and my siblings. Sadly, I lost both to cancer and heart disease (respectively) in the same week and it devastated my family. I would give anything to talk to them one last time just to say "Nana Marge/Nana Sue, I did it and I hope I made you proud." I know they are watching over me and continuing to guide me in spirit.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I am very intentional about guarding my personal time and protecting my peace. So, when I do have that time and I'm not spending it with family, I love doing things that foster self-care things like – exercise, meditation, manicures/pedicures, taking nature walks in our beautiful parks and trails and listening to motivational podcasts. I also love cooking and entertaining (pre-pandemic). It's so therapeutic!

Do you believe female elected officials bring a different perspective and approach to the political process and if so, how?

I am very excited to see greater representation of women in politics because I do believe that representation matters. Women have lived experiences which shape our values, perspectives and approaches. We face different challenges and obstacles than those of men, so the difference in how we govern and make decisions really goes back to those experiences and shared value systems. Women have all experienced some form of gender discrimination, we've been stereotyped, and we've faced biases in workplace settings that have prevented us

from achieving our greatest potential. I feel that it's these experiences that compel us to be even greater advocates for those who have faced disparities in our communities. It is my hope, though, that women elected officials are embraced beyond just our gender but for our contributions and for the vision we set for the future of our community.

What traits do you think are most important for political leaders to have?

Some of the qualities that I admire in politicians include vision, compassion, integrity, humility, and authenticity. I believe it's also important for constituents to see the human side of politicians. Women get a lot of flack for showing too much emotion, but it shows that we are human, we are empathetic, and we care deeply. You will earn greater respect when you show humility. One of my favorite quotes from Maya Angelou – "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel." I will always strive to make my constituents feel heard, valued, and included.

What has been the most rewarding part of your job so far?

I enjoy my meetings with my fellow commissioners. We are all independent thinkers, but we also have a vision for our county and our way forward. We don't always agree but being able to communicate with one another and work together is invaluable. I also enjoy making decisions that have a profound impact on the lives of our residents. I was especially proud to oversee the task of getting our mass vaccination site off the ground at the old Sears building, a property we had recently acquired, making it the first and largest site in the county. The site will vaccinate up to 3,000 people per day. I have been in office just a few months, but so much has been accomplished and I'm so proud of our team for working together to meet the needs of our constituents.

What do you think your 18-year-old self would think about you now?

I don't think my 18-year-old self would have believed me if I told her she would inherit a mall (Gwinnett Place Mall) in the future. But here we are! I faced a great deal of hardships throughout my childhood and the adversity I faced gave me so much drive for where I wanted to be in life. You could not tell me that I was ever going to be a Politician—that was not what I strived for; but I believed that I was always destined to be a servant leader. Looking back at my journey, the 18-year-old me would be so incredibly proud.

What is the one piece of advice you would give to young women today?

Be brave. Dream Big. Define success on your terms. And don't be the woman who holds another woman back from reaching her goals, no matter how ambitious they seem to you. Being a wife, mother, caretaker - a WOMAN - should never disqualify us from reaching our greatest potential. I am grateful to be in the position I am in today because it shows other women that anything is possible.

If you had to describe yourself with only one word, what would it be?

Trailblazer. ☺

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What originally inspired you to seek elective office?

My daughter inspired me by challenging me. I was complaining about what I was seeing accomplished by the person holding office, and my daughter, who was a senior in high school, said, "If you don't like what he is doing why don't you run for office yourself?" I said, "But what if I lose?" She said, "You have always told me to not let your fears control you and if you really believe in something you should do it. So, if you believe that, why don't you do it?" It was hard to back down from my own words I had taught her.

What do you think is the biggest factor that has helped you be successful in your career?

I think there have been several factors but one of the biggest has been my work ethic. I have also made some fabulous connections that have benefitted my district through my efforts in the various groups and boards I have served on while being a commissioner.

What are your county's greatest strengths?

Forsyth County has been blessed with a heritage of having communities that help each other, such as: strong churches, wonderful non-profits, fabulous schools, excellent park and recreation programs, innovative medical facilities, and many youth centered opportunities that promote wellness and family.

What do you think are the biggest challenges your county faces?

One of our biggest challenges is that too many people have discovered all of our strengths and want to live in Forsyth, and some of our infrastructure like transportation has gotten really behind. We need to get our infrastructure caught back up with the impacts of growth.

What are the top three things you would like to accomplish during your time as Commission Chair?

As chairwoman, I want to create a better experience for everyone that interacts with Forsyth County government. I want them to know that we are all here to serve them and to work for them. Second, I want to bring more jobs to Forsyth county. Almost 70% of our residents go outside of our county to work each day. We need more to stay within our county for work. Lastly, I want to find more ways to provide for the mental health of our citizens in Forsyth County.

What are some of your personal goals for 2021?

Personally, I want to continue to pursue a more healthy and fit lifestyle in 2021 and spend more time enjoying the outdoors with my grandkids.

What would you like for people to say about how your county was changed as a result of your leadership when your time as Commission Chair is over?

I hope people will see the results of my leadership. I hope they will see there was a cohesiveness on our board and that I gave support to my fellow board members and our employees and staff. Citizens should see the results of better customer service. We hopefully will see positive economic impacts through strong commercial growth and an increase in job creation in 2021. I am also hopeful we will continue to find ways to support our community in the quest to educate and support drug prevention and mental wellness.

What have been the most challenging aspects of the pandemic for you personally?

Learning to live life differently, without concerts and sporting events and being away from my grandkids and family was extremely difficult for me. I worried how I was going to be able to continue to teach my 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class, but we were able to do so on Zoom (which none of us had ever heard of before.) We didn't miss a beat or a Sunday, and each week my small class of kids continued to memorize their scriptures each week and were able to feel normal in spite of our very abnormal world.

What are some favorite television shows or movies that you've watched during the COVID quarantine?

I binged a lot of TV shows on Netflix and Prime: The Crown, The Queen's Gambit, the Social Dilemma, musical documentaries, etc.

What is one of your favorite books?

The Bible.

What is one of your favorite childhood memories?

I loved my Granny telling me her stories because she was such a wonderful storyteller. She could really make the stories come to life. I also loved to go to my great grandmother's house, because she lived such a simple life. She had no indoor plumbing and the lights in her home were pulled on by a string. She took great pride in her home and when you were there, you were all that mattered. To compare what she had then to what Forsyth County has become now is quite a contrast in time and helps me really appreciate what truly matters most in life. ☺



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Who do you most admire (dead or alive), and why?

My daddy is the person that I admire the most. He passed away a year ago. Despite his humble beginnings and his 10th grade education, he was able to become a very successful businessman owning several companies and having over 100 employees for over 50 years. His wisdom and words of advice still ring in my ears and guide me every day of my life.

If you could sit down and have dinner with anyone (dead or alive), who would it be?

I have so many family members that I love and miss so very much. If I could sit down and have dinner with anyone, I would love to have dinner with my best friend, Vicki Payne, who was struck by lightning and taken from us right before we were 15 years old. I would love to talk to her about my life and the time we have missed between these years and what heaven has been like for her. I have missed her being in my life.

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I like to spend it with my grandchildren and be a CiCi to them, the way my grandmothers were to me.

Do you believe female elected officials bring a different perspective and approach to the political process and if so, how?

As more women become involved in the political process it shines a new perspective and approach on that process. It brings compromise instead of gridlock and it seeks solutions instead of doing things the same old way. I think women pay attention to detail and see things through to their completion. Women are goal oriented and want to see those goals achieved.

What traits do you think are most important for political leaders to have?

The most important trait is honesty. Without honesty, you have nothing. With honesty as your foundation, you also need to have a hard work ethic and a vision for your work.

What has been the most rewarding part of your job so far?

It is very rewarding to see things come to fruition. Government moves so slowly, so when you finally get to see something that you have worked so hard on finally come to completion – like a program, a park, a road, a trail, an overlay, or a red light – and you see the results, it gives you such wonderful satisfaction. I was also able to be a part of purchasing laptops for children at an elementary school a few years ago after participating in the “Principal for the Day” Program. I reached out to my dad and a business partner and the three of us did the laptop purchase together. I had no idea of the impact these laptops were going to make on these children. I had never bought my own children a gift and gotten that type of reaction before! I didn’t realize how much they would be appreciated. I think that was probably the most rewarding moment I have ever felt when I saw the faces of those children and hearing their parents’ appreciation.

What do you think your 18-year-old self would think about you now?

I think she would smile as she watched me overcome my fear of failure as I ran for office three times and won. I think she would be proud to see me fighting for our birthplace that we love and for receiving an award from a state agency called Advocate of the Year.

What is the one piece of advice you would give to young women today?

You must first know who you are and what you stand for. Don’t allow anyone else to ever define you. Don’t let someone else’s insecurities be yours. Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not into thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.”

If you had to describe yourself with only one word, what would it be?

Grit. My mom has always told me that I had “True Grit” – like the characters in that movie – so, I will go with that. ☺

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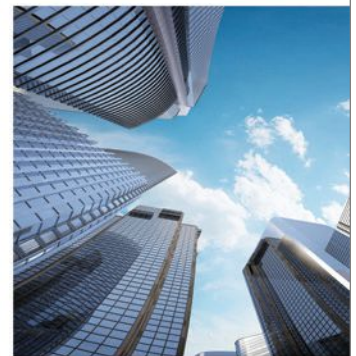
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Baker's successes at Jacobs span 20 years, with a background including transportation, city administration, and environmental planning and conservation.

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Heather Alhadeff is a passionate city planner focused on multi-modal transport and building and maintaining quality, authentic communities. With more than

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JENNIFER BALL

*Vice President of Planning and Economic Development
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Jennifer Ball directs urban planning, economic development, transportation, and sustainability initiatives to expand Downtown Atlanta's economic vibrancy and quality of life. Recent notable efforts under her direction include developing the Atlanta Arts & Entertainment District, stewardship of the Stitch vision plan, the

Downtown Atlanta Master Plan, and the ongoing implementation of \$40 million worth of public space placemaking and capital improvements. Named one of Atlanta Business Chronicle's "Up and Comers: 40 under 40," Ball is also a founding Executive Committee member of Sweet Auburn Works, Inc. She is a member of both the Georgia Institute of Technology's College of Design Executive Board and the Georgia Institute of Technology's School of City and Regional Planning Advisory Board.



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Malory Atkinson is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Shear Structural, Georgia's only 100% women-owned structural engineering firm. In less than four years, the firm has been named a Top New Venture by Zwieg White and recognized as a Circle of Excellence firm by PSMJ for

outstanding firm performance. Atkinson is hugely involved with local community groups. She currently serves on the board of SPIKE Studio, a non-profit dedicated to increasing diversity in the A/E/C industry, and the panel of Urban Land Institute (ULI) Atlanta. She is a 2019 graduate of ULI's Center for Leadership and was named Small Business Person of the Year in 2018 by Atlanta Business Chronicle.



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Bridgette Beato is the Owner and CEO of Lumenor Consulting Group, a management consulting firm that provides strategic advisory, planning, GIS, business, and technology services to the transportation industry. Beato has shown commitment to leadership, community service, diversity, and advocacy to promote women in STEM

careers. She also serves as a Director on the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) International Board and Treasurer for the WTS Foundation Board. She has been a member for more than 15 years. ☺



SARAH BEESON

Vice President Operations, Oasis Consulting Services

Leveraging her operations, management, and marketing background, Sarah Beeson serves in a leadership role at Oasis Consulting Services — a woman-owned environmental and geotechnical engineering firm based in Roswell, Georgia. Beeson also represents local small business owners as a Leadership Council Member for the National Small Business Association. She

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*Vice President / Senior Director, Local Business Leader
WSP USA*

Claudia Bilotto currently leads Georgia's transportation and infrastructure business for WSP USA. A native Atlantan, Bilotto has spent her career serving transportation clients in Georgia, focusing on planning and implementing major projects for transportation agencies, including the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and MARTA. Active in both civic and industry leadership activities, Bilotto



currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia (ACEC Georgia), the Georgia Institute of Technology School of City and Regional Planning Advisory Board, the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) USA Board of Directors, and the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Standing Committee on Transportation Planning, Policy, and Process. She is the Co-Chair of the Georgia Partnership for Transportation Quality (GPTQ) Consultant Relations Committee Procurement Subcommittee.



STACY BLAKLEY, PE

CEO and Founder, Douglas Consulting Group / Board Member, MARTA

Stacy Blakley is CEO and Founder of Douglas Consulting Group, a woman-owned civil engineering solutions firm. A Georgia Institute of Technology alumnus, her company boasts 60+ years of combined professional civil engineering expertise in a wide range of public infrastructure projects and private development. Blakley's

personal experience includes business development, commercial site development, roadway design/improvements, stormwater resources, and private land development. She is also recognized as an active leader in her region and state, participating in highly regarded leadership programs and serving on prestigious boards, such as the MARTA Board of Directors, The Aerotropolis Alliance Board of Directors, The Airport Chamber Executive Board/Board of Directors and The National Association of Black Women in Construction Board of Directors.



MARSHA ANDERSON BOMAR, AICP, ENV SP, F.ASCE

AGM Capital Program Delivery, MARTA

The Founder of engineering firm Street Smarts and technology firm Data Smarts, Marsha Anderson Bomar, has shown outstanding leadership in business, community service, and engineering. Currently serving as the Assistant General Manager

for Capital Programs Delivery at MARTA, Bomar has served on the International Board of Directors for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and is past international President of the ASCE Transportation and Development Institute. Credited with the Mentor and Mentee program's endowment at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Bomar also serves on the Duluth City Council and is past International President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). She has won countless awards for her outstanding work as a business person, mentor, and engineer. The Georgia Section of ITE recently renamed its young member award in her honor.

ELIZABETH BOOTH, PHD

Program Manager, Watershed Planning and Monitoring, Georgia Environmental Protection Division

With 20+ years of experience working for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Dr. Elizabeth Booth and her staff are responsible for establishing, maintaining, and managing Georgia's water resources' quality and quantity. Booth oversees the development of Georgia's water quality standards, the monitoring and assessment of the state's waters, the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads for Impaired Waters, and the development of Permit Limits for Municipalities and Industries wanting to discharge into the state's surface waters.



KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS

Mayor, City of Atlanta

A lifelong public servant, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms is the only mayor in Atlanta's history to have served in all three branches of the city's government, having served as a judge and City Councilmember before being sworn in as Mayor. Under Bottoms' leadership, the City of Atlanta led the historically successful hosting of Super Bowl LIII, which included unprecedented community benefits – a \$2.4 million renovation of John F. Kennedy Park on Atlanta's Westside, more than 20,000 trees planted throughout the community, and the seamless coordination of 40 federal, state, and local public safety agencies. Leading with a progressive agenda focused on equity and affordable housing, Bottoms also serves as Chair of the Community Development and Housing Committee for the United States Conference of Mayors.



RHONDA BRIGGINS

*Vice President, Client Account Manager Transit Services
Jacobs Engineering Group*

Rhonda Briggins joined Jacobs as the Vice President of Transit Services after retiring from MARTA, where she served as Senior Director of External Affairs for 15 years. Experienced in government affairs, public policy, and community outreach, Briggins led the Jacobs|Russell Team to win MARTA's \$3.5B Centralized Program

Management contract. She was the first African American woman President of the Georgia Transit Association and a former President of the Atlanta Chapter of Conference of Minorities in Transportation Officials. She was recently appointed to MARTA's Non-Represented Defined Benefit Pension Board.



CAROL COMER

Director, Intermodal Division, GDOT

Carol Comer oversees GDOT's statewide programs for Aviation, Rail, Transit, and Waterways. This includes managing an annual budget of more than \$160 million to fund projects at Georgia's 103 publicly owned public-use airports, 122 transit systems, 540 miles of state-owned railroads, and more than 9,000 acres of dredged material containment areas along with

the ports of Savannah and Brunswick. In addition, Comer's division provides State Safety Oversight of fixed-guideway rail operations in Georgia. Before her 20+ years with GDOT, Comer worked with the North Carolina DOT. An aviation enthusiast, she has been a licensed FAA commercial pilot and flight instructor for more than 30 years.

MARLO CLOWERS PE, DBIA, PMP

P3 Project Manager, GDOT

A career GDOT employee and public servant, Marlo Clowers has contributed to regional mobility on the Interstate System and the Xpress park-and-ride network. She serves as the Principal-In-Charge for Transform 285/400, GDOT's largest project currently under construction, as well as I-85 Widening Phase 1, GDOT's first completed Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) project. She is also Project Manager on I-285 at I-20 West Interchange, another MMIP project. Clowers provides strategic leadership to ensure that projects are delivered in accordance with the vision for mobility within the state.



LISA CUPID

Chairwoman

Cobb County Board of Commissioners

Lisa Cupid is Commission Chairwoman of Cobb County and has served on the Cobb Board of Commissioners for eight years as District Four's Commissioner. Some accomplishments during her public service include championing Cobb's newly instituted Sunday transit service, improving citizen education and engagement in government, and advocating for enhanced public safety measures, including the use of license plate readers, additional body cameras, and a public safety nuisance abatement program. Cupid is a strong advocate for the fair treatment of all of Cobb's residents and stakeholders regardless of geographic, demographic, or economic standing. In her new role as Chairwoman, Cupid plans to be "all-in" for Cobb by strengthening a foundation of integrity, fostering intelligent decisions, being inclusive, supporting innovation, and investing in Cobb's residents, infrastructure, and future.



REBECCA COLLINS, PE

*Executive Vice President, Aviation Division Manager
Croy Engineering*

With nearly 20 years of experience, Rebecca Collins leads Croy's aviation practice, one of the largest aviation departments at a consulting engineering firm in Georgia. As a Vice President and Owner, Collins works with more than 30 airports across the Southeast and has handled more than \$100 million in planning, design, construction,

and land acquisition contracts and grants over the past five years. She is also an active member of the Cobb County community, including participation in the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Cobb and Honorary Commanders, and the Board of Directors for the Center for Family Resources.



ALYSSA DAVIS

Executive Director

Sugarloaf Community Improvement District (CID)

Alyssa Davis advances projects to make the Sugarloaf CID more connected, safe, and attractive. Since taking the helm as Executive Director in 2017, Davis has expanded the CID to almost triple its annual revenue. She has leveraged millions of dollars in funding to ensure Gwinnett's premier business and entertainment

district's long-term success. In addition, she serves as President of Advance Atlanta, an advocacy non-profit focused on championing regional transit. ☺





ELLEN DUNHAM-JONES

Professor, Director of the MS in Urban Design, School of Architecture, Georgia Institute of Technology

The host of the REDESIGNING CITIES podcast series and an expert on sustainable redevelopment, Planetizen voted Ellen Dunham-Jones one of the world's 100 Most Influential Urbanists. Her newest book, *Case Studies in Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Strategies for Urgent Challenges*, was released in January.



TERESA EPPLÉ, PE, PTOE

President and Owner, Southeastern Engineering, Inc.

Teresa Epple is the President and Owner of Southeastern Engineering, Inc. (SEI), a versatile disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) consulting firm, which she began in 1996. Leveraging her 30 years of traffic engineering expertise to build diversified engineering services throughout Georgia, Epple ensures that SEI's strength lies in its resourcefulness and commitment to meet-

ing client expectations, including local, state, and federal agencies. She is a staunch supporter of empowering her 100+ employees in career growth and self-improvement and actively supporting and sponsoring many non-profit organizations that focus on health, the arts, and education.

EMILY DUNN

Board Member, 9th Congressional District, GDOT

As well as serving on GDOT's board, Emily Dunn is CEO of Tom's Amusement Company, Inc., a traditional street operator headquartered in Blue Ridge, Georgia. Dunn is no stranger to civic involvement and has served on numerous boards over the past two decades. She currently serves on the Board of the Amusement and Music Operators Association (AMOA) board and is a recent Past-President. She served as Chair of AMOA's Government Relations Committee and was pivotal in directing AMOA's battling Operation Choke Point activities.



JENNIFER AULICK ETHERIDGE, PE

President, Aulick Engineering

Jennifer Aulick Etheridge is the Founder and President of Aulick Engineering, a women-owned small business that provides engineering design and construction management services for transportation and site projects. Etheridge is celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the company this year and has 19 years of experience focused primarily on hydraulics and hydrology for roadway and airport projects in Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. She is a member of the ASHE, WTS, Georgia Airports Association (GAA), and South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA). Etheridge is enjoying raising two little boys outside of the engineering community and is actively involved with North Point Community Church and Club Pilates.



WENDY DYSON, AICP

Senior Division Manager, Atkins

Wendy Dyson is the Senior Division Manager for Atkins' Department of Transportation Business Unit's South and Southeast Divisions and is responsible for managing project execution, client relations, and business growth. With over two decades of transportation experience, she is passionate about client service, staff development, and mentorship. A 1999 and 2005 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology,



Dyson is the Co-Founder of Atkins' Atlanta Women's Leadership, Engagement and Development Circle; an active member of ACEC Georgia serving on the Women in the Workforce Steering Committee and the GPTQ Consultant Relations Committee; and a member of WTS.



ANGELA FANNÉY PE, LEED AP

Vice President/Shareholder, Kimley-Horn

Since arriving in Atlanta in 2005, Angela Fannéy has been provided with numerous opportunities by the city's growth. Her engineering expertise involves creative site and sustainable design solutions for urban projects, including Mercedes-Benz Stadium and The Home Depot Backyard, YMCA Leadership and Learning Center, and the

Colony Square redevelopment. In addition to serving clients, engagement with groups, such as the City of Atlanta Department of City Planning Technical Advisory Committee, enables Fannéy to apply her experiences to multiple stakeholders' policies and goals. Within Kimley-Horn, Fannéy supports the Southeast region's growth initiatives and facilitates internal connections to provide exceptional client service.

LINDA EDWARDS

President and CEO, Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.

Linda Edwards leads the firm's strategic growth and development with nearly 80 environmental professionals serving the transportation industry in five states. With over 35 years of experience as an engineering and ecological professional, Edwards has led the environmental process for numerous transportation projects. She has volunteered and sponsored various events for transportation-related organizations such as ASCE, WTS, ACEC Georgia, Georgia ITE, American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE), and Women in Construction and Engineering-Related Services. Edwards belongs to the Cobb County, ATL Airport, and Georgia Chambers of Commerce.





ANDREA FOARD AICP, LEED AP BD+C

*Transit Division Manager / Deputy Director
Cobb County Department of Transportation (Cobb DOT)*

Andrea Foard is a consummate, impactful executive who manages Cobb County's public transportation system, CobbLinc. She serves as the Vice President of Programs for the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association, board member for Rebuilding Together

Atlanta, and immediate Past-President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO). She is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Cobb and the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Regional Leadership Institute and a 2020 LiveSafe Resources Women of Achievement Honoree. Foard is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), holds master's degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgetown University in City Planning and Real Estate Development, respectively, and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

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FELICIA FRANKLIN

Commissioner, District 3, Clayton County

Felicia Franklin is the District 3 Commissioner of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. A compassionate and committed public servant who routinely works across boundaries to achieve collective success, her vision is to "Transform Our Community." Franklin's plan focuses on improving the quality of life for all citizens through economic development, education, housing, beautification, and transit. She also serves as vice-chair of the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL), representing District 10. Franklin was inducted as an honorary member of Women in Transportation in June 2019. Plus, she serves as a member of the International Economic Development Taskforce with the National Association of Counties and the Telecommunications & Technology Steering Committee.



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GREER GALLAGHER

Vice President, Holder Construction Company

Greer Gallagher is the Vice President of Interior Construction with Holder Construction. She provides overall leadership to internal construction project teams nationwide, including overseeing project execution, identifying opportunities, and developing strategies that win new work. Gallagher formed and continues to provide leadership to the Holder Women's Business

Network, is an active member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee, and serves on the senior operations group. She started her career with Holder in 2000 after graduating from Auburn University with a degree in building construction. Gallagher currently serves as CREW Atlanta's President. CREW Atlanta's mission is to influence commercial real estate's success by advancing the success of women.



RHANDI GALLEGOS PE, LEED AP

Principal and Vice President, American Engineers, Inc. (AEI)

Rhandi Gallegos brings 24 years of experience on various engineering projects, including major roadways, site developments, and storm-water projects. She excels in moving projects from concept to construction and thrives in a collaborative, team environment. Her passion for working in the engineering and construction fields led her to Vice President of Human

Capital and Risk Management at AEI. Gallegos is an active member of ACEC Georgia, serving on the Women in the Workforce committee, and has been a board member for Georgia Engineering Foundation (GEF) for the past two years. She enjoys mentoring future generations to show the many opportunities an engineering career offers.

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ANNIE GILLESPIE, PE

Chief Engineer, State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA)

Annie Gillespie serves as the Engineering Director for the SRTA, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), and the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL). Gillespie oversees the Engineering and Delivery Division. This Division is responsible for toll systems engineering and implementation; transit facility design and construction; agency-wide project management; toll, transit, and customer service performance analysis; the Developments of Regional Impact program; and SRTA's Grant and Loan programs.



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LORRAINE GREEN, PE

President and COO, Pond

With her 30+ years of experience, Lorraine Green has established herself as an industry leader and expert. As the company's first woman President and COO, Green is influential in the success of all of Pond's divisions and leads the firm as it expands globally. She continues to guide Pond toward its mission of providing clients and the community with excellent service.

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JESSICA GUINN, AICP

Community Development Director, Cobb County

Throughout her 15-year career, Jessica Guinn has provided planning and community development expertise to communities throughout the Atlanta region, including Henry County, College Park, Woodstock, and Dunwoody. A Cobb County native, Guinn, was selected to lead the Cobb County Community Development Agency in 2019. In this role, she leads a team of approximately 125 professionals in providing planning zoning, economic development, development and inspections, erosion control, business license, and code enforcement for the County. Guinn was honored to be selected for the ARC's Regional Leadership Institute and named Georgia Trend's "40 Under 40." ☺





REGAN HAMMOND, AICP

Transportation Systems Director, VHB

Regan Hammond recently joined VHB, where she leads transportation and transit planning and traffic engineering professionals in Georgia. Hammond specializes in project management, multi-modal planning, and generating practical and creative approaches to achieve business goals. She is active in WTS' Atlanta Chapter, previously serving as President, and currently mentors in Georgia Planning Association's Mentor Program.



CARLOTTA HARRELL

Chairwoman, Henry County Board of Commissioners

Carlotta Harrell is Chair of the Henry County Board of Commissioners. As a faithful public servant, Harrell grew up in an environment where giving back to the community was a daily activity, carrying those values of service into her adult life. She received her degrees in public administration and criminal justice from Brenau University in Gainesville and had a successful law

enforcement career for more than 20 years. She has served on various executive boards and in civic organizations and, in 2012, was appointed to the Henry County Water Authority Board of Directors. Harrell also served as Chief of Staff for a Henry County Commissioner for nearly ten years. She previously provided consulting services as a Project Manager for the Georgia Conference of African American Mayors.

ANN HANLON

Executive Director, Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (CID)

Ann Hanlon is the Executive Director of the largest CID by revenue generation in the State of Georgia. With income surpassing \$8.5 million in 2020, Hanlon leads the CID's investment strategy in infrastructure projects and reports to the organization's 18-member Board of Directors. A staunch advocate for supporting women in the industry, Hanlon serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), the Council for Quality Growth, and the Georgia Transportation Alliance. She is the mother of two young daughters and serves as a volunteer with the Girl Scouts of Metro Atlanta. She is also the President of the foundation for Chesnut Elementary School in DeKalb County.



NICOLE LOVE HENDRICKSON

Chairwoman, Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

Nicole Hendrickson was elected Chairwoman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in 2020 and is the first African American to hold this position. She served as the County's first community outreach Director for five years and as associate Director of the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services for eight years.

Hendrickson has served on numerous community boards and is a graduate of Leadership Gwinnett, ARC's Regional Leadership Institute, and Georgia Hispanic Chamber's Cultivating Hispanic Leaders Institute. Her many honors include Georgia Trend's "Top 40 Under 40." Hendrickson earned degrees from the University of Rhode Island and the University of Georgia. She lives in Lilburn with her family.



JENNIFER HARPER, PE

Principal, Clark Patterson Lee

Jennifer Harper has over 25 years of experience in transportation design and program management. She currently oversees transportation planning and design for the State of Georgia for Clark Patterson Lee, a full-service 450-person AE firm. As an experienced program and Project Manager, Harper has developed a strong reputation for building and maintaining solid relationships



at all levels of local governments, the private sector, and state and federal agencies. She is an active member of ACEC Georgia, ASHE, GCQG, and WTS. Harper's WTS leadership roles include Membership Vice President, Programs Vice President, President, Board of Directors member, 2003 National Leadership Class graduate, and 2009 Member of the Year.

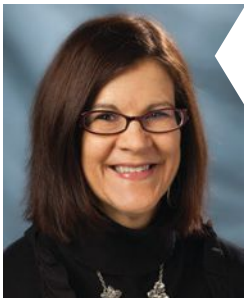


MAXINE HICKS

Partner, Location Head, Real Estate Practice, DLA Piper

Maxine Hicks is the location head of the Atlanta Real Estate Practice at global law firm DLA Piper. She focuses her legal practice on real estate development, emphasizing transformative mixed-use, transit-oriented developments, stadiums, and entertainment districts. She represents clients on a wide range of matters related to real estate, transportation, construction,

infrastructure development, redevelopment, and public incentives. Chambers USA has repeatedly recognized Hicks as having vast experience handling major real estate developments across the country. She was named a "Law360 MVP" and has been identified as one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Georgia.



KATHY HOLLAND

Director, Planning & Development, Gwinnett County

Kathy Holland was appointed Director of the Gwinnett County Department of Planning and Development in July 2016. She began her career with Gwinnett County as a Senior Development Review Analyst, a position she held for 15 years before leaving to start her own consulting business in 1997. After five years in the private sector, Holland returned to Gwinnett County as a development review

manager. She was promoted to development division Director and then became the department's deputy Director in 2014.

KIMBERLY HUDGINS

Mid Atlantic/Southeast Director of Government Relations, HNTB

Kimberly Hudgins' 25 years of government relations experience has proved to be an asset to HNTB, where she works daily to increase the firm's presence in Georgia and across the southeast. Her passion for politics started after her first internship at the State Capitol. Her love of transportation began while serving as executive secretary for the GDOT Board. After her career with GDOT, she continued to be a champion of transportation in Georgia, including serving as Vice President of Georgians for Better Transportation. She continues to work diligently to advocate for more transportation funding throughout the country.



CINDY JENKINS, PE

Transportation Group Lead, Jacobs Engineering Group

Cindy Jenkins serves as the lead group leader for Jacobs' Atlanta Transportation Team, where she is responsible for the growth and development of over 100 transportation engineers and planners. With more than 15 years of experience in operations and management, she works closely with GDOT and local municipalities to deliver transportation projects. Previously, Jenkins supported the start-up of

the newly formed cities of Johns Creek and Tucker. She has acted as the City of Tucker's assistant city manager and served as the deputy public works Director for the City of Johns Creek. Jenkins is passionate about promoting STEM in local schools and mentoring future generations of engineers.

JENNY JENKINS, PE

Marketing Lead, VHB

With more than 20 years of experience in the industry, Jenny Jenkins has been involved with numerous transportation design projects throughout Georgia. She is a registered professional engineer and has remained highly active in the industry, including board and committee positions within ASHE, WTS, and ACEC Georgia. Jenkins is now part of VHB's regional marketing team, where her engineering perspective and client-focused viewpoint have made her an invaluable part of the team. She loves using marketing and technical languages together every day.



ALLIE KELLY

Executive Director, The Ray

A native Georgian, Allie Kelly kicked off her career as a lobbyist for UPS in the nation's capital after graduating from the University of Georgia. In 2002, she moved back home to found Georgia Watch, the state's only consumer watchdog organization. As Ray's executive Director, Kelly has led the organization as the nation's premier testbed for smart, sustainable highway

technologies, located on 18 miles of I-85 in west Georgia. Since starting with The Ray in 2014, the organization has secured a formal charter with GDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), built 13 transportation technology and innovation projects, and now partners with 21 transportation agencies in 14 states, including Georgia.

LORI KENNEDY

President, Kennedy Engineering & Associates Group, LLC (KEA Group)

Since founding her firm in 2003, Lori Kennedy's business has earned a reputation for responsive service and innovative transportation solutions. Her accomplishments while at FHWA included serving as the federal representative overseeing the Talmadge Memorial Bridge's construction – the first cable-stay bridge in Georgia – and a great amount of the Interstate reconstruction and widening in the metro Atlanta area during the '80s and '90s. Since the inception of KEA Group, the company has grown to almost 100 employees who offer services throughout the southeast in planning, environmental, design, CEI, and MEI. In 2021, KEA Group won their first "non-small business set aside" CEI contract with the Florida DOT.



STACEY KEY

Board Member, 5th Congressional District, GDOT

Stacey Key is the President and CEO of the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC), Georgia's leading advocacy organization for supplier diversity and small business development. Key is a 25-year veteran in corporate America with a variety of global brands, including IBM, Bellsouth/AT&T, Schlumberger, and Samsung Telecommunications. She is

actively involved in the community and serves on the board of directors of GDOT, Emory University Center for Ethics, College Football Hall of Fame, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and the Midtown Alliance. ☺



KIMBERLY KING

Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Division, GDOT

With more than 20 years of experience in the practice areas of collective bargaining, civil rights, and appellate advocacy, Kimberly King was well suited to her role as Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Director for GDOT upon her arrival in 2012. As the unit chiefly responsible for all things civil rights within the agency, King and her team have established themselves as subject matter

experts within GDOT and have received the support and confidence of Commissioner Russell McMurtry in securing that reputation. The team remains poised to deliver service excellence in every aspect of EEO.



DAVEITTA JENKINS KNIGHT

Atlanta Office Leader, RSGH

Daveitta Jenkins Knight supports the RS&H Atlanta Transportation-Infrastructure Practice in all functions, including financial accountability, marketing, business development, human resources, and project delivery. She has spent the past 21 years in the private sector, where she served as a Lead Design Engineer and Project Manager

for several major program management and design contracts. Knight began her career with GDOT. She is active in her community and industry organizations, serving on the WTS Foundation Board.

KATIE KIRKPATRICK, PE

President and CEO, Metro Atlanta Chamber

Katie Kirkpatrick currently serves as the President and CEO of the 160-year-old Metro Atlanta Chamber (MAC). Kirkpatrick is known for her public policy prowess, courageous leadership, and more than a decade of driving impact through her work at MAC. Previously MAC's chief policy officer, Kirkpatrick served as the link between the metro Atlanta business community and local and national government. She galvanized the Public Policy team's priorities in business climate, educated workforce, transportation, and sustainability – including water, energy, and the environment. The Public Policy team continues to fight to protect Georgia's top-rated business climate against legislation discriminatory in nature or harmful to the region's ability to create, recruit, and retain jobs.



NATALIE KNIGHT, PMP

Client Service Leader, Government Relations Director, Barge Design Solutions

With over 15 years of experience in both the public and private sectors of the water and wastewater industry, Natalie Knight serves as a metro Atlanta client service leader and government relations Director in Barge Design Solutions' Atlanta office. Before joining Barge Design Solutions in September 2019, Knight spent 12 years with the City of Atlanta in the Department of Watershed Management, Office of the Mayor, Department of Finance, and six years in corporate government relations with DuPont and CH2M/Jacobs Engineering. She serves on the executive team of Women in Construction, Engineering, and Related Services (WICERS), ACEC Georgia's Women in the Workforce Committee, and is a Project Management Professional.



SARAH KIRSCH

Executive Director, Urban Land Institute (ULI) Atlanta

Sarah Kirsch currently serves as Executive Director of ULI Atlanta, one of the most active district councils of ULI. ULI is the oldest and largest network of cross-disciplinary real estate and land use experts globally, with a mission to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities worldwide. Under Kirsch's leadership, ULI Atlanta has

been focused on advancing inclusive walkable urban places, with a specific focus on housing affordability and the connections between transit and land use. Kirsch began working with ULI Atlanta in 2011 as Director of Leadership and Livable Communities. Before joining ULI, Kirsch spent 12 years with RCLCO (Robert Charles Lesser & Co.), the nation's leading independent real estate advisory firm.



DEBRA LAM

Founding Executive Director, Partnership for Inclusive Innovation

Debra Lam is the Founding Director of the Partnership for Inclusive Innovation, a statewide public-private partnership committed to investing in innovative pilot projects. She also continues to lead smart communities and urban innovation work at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Lam founded the Georgia Smart Community

Challenge, the nation's first statewide effort to empower communities of all sizes to become more innovative. Prior to this, she served as Pittsburgh's Inaugural Chief of Innovation and Performance, where she oversaw all technology, sustainability, performance, and innovation functions of the city government. Lam has received various awards and serves on the MetroLab Network and Neighborhood Nexus boards.



SHELLEY LAMAR

Aviation and Transit Practice Lead, Corporate Environmental Risk Management, LLC (CERM)

Shelley Lamar has over 30 years of experience in planning, project, and contract management. For over 15 years, Lamar was with Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, where she held positions including planning manager and manager of Community Affairs. She led the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance, as executive

Director, before joining CERM, leading CERM's Transit and Aviation practice. Lamar is a member of WTS, the Airport Minority Advisory Council, the Regional Business Coalition, and a board member of the ATL Airport Chamber of Commerce.

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DANA LEMON

Board Member, Congressional District 13, GDOT

Dana Lemon serves as a part of the 14-member State Transportation Board, where she helps supervise and make decisions for GDOT. Elected in 2003, Lemon is one of the longest-serving members on the State Board. She is the President of W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home and co-hosts a local TV talk show, Community Spotlight. In 2011, Lemon won the Generational Torch Award from the Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce.



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KARYN MATTHEWS, PE

Senior Transportation Engineer, Arcadis

Karyn Matthews is a professional engineer and MSP-certified Project Manager who has worked at Arcadis for over seven years. Working on the Cobb County DOT SPLOST, she has managed numerous award-winning projects, including the 2019 GPTQ Preconstruction Design Grand Prize winner, 2018 Urban Design winner, and the 2017 Bridge Design winner. Prior to that, she was

with GDOT for 11 years as a Project Manager in the Office of Program Delivery and Office of Consultant Design. She will be the co-chair for the 2023 ASHE National Conference in Atlanta and currently serves as a Director on the ASHE Georgia board. Matthews is active with the Leadership Cobb Alumni Association and previously served on the ACEC Georgia Board of Directors.



HELEN MCSWAIN

Senior Vice President/National Transportation Director, Rohadfox Construction Control Services

Helen McSwain directs the Rohadfox Construction Control Services' national transportation program. Her 30-year transportation career spans both public and private business sectors. McSwain is dedicated to mentoring and empowering young women and girls through STEM education and career preparedness. She serves as a

national mentor for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), WTS's Summer Girls STEM Program, Moore Girl's in STEAM, and the Clayton State University Women's sponsor in STEM Scholarship Program. McSwain's civic leadership engagement includes Vice President for Clayton State University Board of Trustees, member of the WTS International Board of Directors, member of the COMTO Atlanta Board of Advisors, and regional Director of WTS Southeast. In 2020, McSwain was a recipient of COMTO's Women Who Move the Nation award.

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MELISSA MEEKER

Chief Executive Officer, The Water Tower

Melissa Meeker is the CEO of The Water Tower, a non-profit organization focused on creating a campus and ecosystem of water innovation in Buford, Georgia. She has 28 years of experience in water resources management with an emphasis on alternative water supply development and research, workforce development, and public engagement. Meeker previously served as CEO of the Water Environment and Reuse Foundation and was instrumental in merging three critical water-related research foundations. She also served as executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District and deputy secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



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KIM MENELEE

Executive Director, Cumberland Community Improvement District (CID)

Kim Menefee serves as the Executive Director for the Cumberland CID. Having joined the state's first CID in May 2019, Menefee leads efforts to partner with commercial investors, government officials, and stakeholders to improve infrastructure and enhance the Cumberland community.

In her short tenure, Menefee's leadership has led to completing the Akers Mill Ramp funding, which will provide direct access into the District as part of the successful Northwest Corridor Express Lanes System and the opening of a one-mile extension of the Bob Callan Trail. She oversees the CID's capital project investments, most recently launching the development of a three-mile multi-modal path that will connect Cumberland's unrivaled cultural, retail, and natural assets. ☺



JANNINE MILLER

Planning Director, GDOT

Nominated by Governor Brian Kemp in January 2020 and subsequently confirmed by the State House and Senate Transportation Committees, Jannine Miller serves as the State Planning Director for GDOT. Before joining GDOT, Miller served as a senior advisor to Secretary Sonny Perdue at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, ran the Center for Innovation and Logistics at

the Georgia Department of Economic Development, and led GRTA. She is a former senior manager of finance for The Home Depot, a transportation policy advisor for former Governor Sonny Perdue, program consultant for the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority, budget and policy analyst for the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, and senior transportation finance planner for ARC.



ERIN MURPHY

Environmental Services Manager, VHB

Erin Murphy manages the Environmental Division of VHB's Atlanta operations. In this role, she is responsible for the growth of the environmental services practice, quality management, project execution, and client relations. Murphy leads a large and diverse group of environmental professionals for a range of transportation, energy, and private development projects.

In addition, she serves as the corporate-wide cultural resources discipline lead, providing guidance and support for this service area across VHB's entire footprint. As a VHB Atlanta's leadership team member, Murphy has played a key role in the strategic and rapid growth of VHB within the Atlanta market since 2015. She is an active member of ACEC Georgia and Georgia Partnership for Transportation Quality.

CINDY JONES MILLS

Chairwoman, Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

Chairwoman Cindy Jones Mills was elected in 2012 to serve as the District 4 commissioner. She was re-elected in 2016 and 2020. During that time, Mills was also elected to serve as Vice Chairwoman in 2019 and 2020, and as chairwoman in 2021. Mills is active with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), serving on the Board of Managers and Policy Council. In 2015 she was recognized for her active membership on the ACCG Policy Council and was named the group's 2015 Legislative Advocate of the Year. Nationally, she serves on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Health Steering Committee.



EMMANUELLA MYRTHIL

Supplier Diversity Program Manager, HNTB

Emmanuella Myrthil works to engage, empower and elevate DBEs seeking to conduct business in Georgia. Through stakeholder collaborations, she works to streamline and align resources for small businesses' success. Myrthil utilizes creative and engaging strategies to raise industry awareness and diversify DBE participation in Georgia's largest alternative delivery program. Myrthil focuses on preparing DBEs and small business enterprises (SBEs) for major works with GDOT, MARTA, and local municipalities through innovative learning sessions. She is a member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce's Diversity and Inclusion Council and the chairwoman of ACEC Georgia's Inclusion & Diversity Task Force.



EMMY MONTANYE PE, LEED AP

Principal/Director, Kimley-Horn

Emmy Montanye has 38 years of civil engineering and project development experience in both public- and private-sector projects in the Atlanta market. Her practice is focused on master planning, entitlements, and sustainable engineering design for projects ranging from complex urban redevelopments to suburban healthcare

campuses. Some of Montanye's recent projects include Truist Park and The Battery Atlanta, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Georgia Tech's Coda Tech Square, NCR Corporate Headquarters, College Football Hall of Fame, Piedmont Park Northwoods expansion, and other projects that enhance the places where we live, work, and play.



CHARLOTTE NASH

*House Speaker Appointee,
The Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL)*

Recently appointed by Speaker of the House David Ralston to serve on the ATL board, Charlotte Nash previously served as Chairwoman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners for nearly a decade. She was elected to this position in March 2011 and was re-elected in 2012 and 2016. Before serving on the Board of Commissioners, Nash worked for the Gwinnett County government for 28 years and retired as the County Manager in 2004. At the ATL, Nash currently chairs the Legislative Committee and serves on the Administrative and Regional Transit Planning Committees.



KIMBERLY NESBITT

State Program Delivery Administrator, GDOT

Kimberly Nesbitt attended South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, where she received her bachelor's degree in civil engineer technology in December 1998. She started her career with GDOT in April 1999 in traffic operations as a civil engineer technologist. Nesbitt also worked as a design group supervisor, contract negotiator, and Project Manager. After joining the Office of

Program Delivery, Nesbitt was promoted to district program manager and is currently the state program delivery administrator. The Office of Program Delivery is responsible for approximately 1,000 projects with close to 100 Project Managers statewide.

VALERIE NESBITT

*CPM, CPSD, CCA
Airport Director, Business Diversity,
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport*

Valerie Nesbitt is responsible for ensuring that Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport's contracts maximize opportunities for small, minority, and women-owned businesses to participate. Spanning more than 30 years, Nesbitt's extensive experience in supplier diversity includes leadership assignments with companies including The Coca-Cola Company, Delta Air Lines, Scientific-Atlanta, Martin Marietta, and General Electric. An active participant in the community, Nesbitt serves on diversity committees and boards of directors with organizations such as the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council, and the Boy Scouts of America Atlanta Area Council.



HOLLY PAINTER, PE

Senior Project Manager, Associate, KCI Technologies, Inc.

Holly Painter has more than 16 years of transportation engineering experience. She has spent most of her career focused on transportation design as well as some bridge design and ITS traffic operations. As a Project Manager at KCI Technologies, Painter works primarily on contracts with GDOT and the Cities of Sandy Springs and Roswell. She is well-known and respected

across Georgia's engineering industry, holding active roles with numerous organizations, including ACEC Georgia, ASHE, WTS, and the Georgia Institute of Traffic Engineers (GA ITE). Painter's accomplishments have earned her multiple awards, including ENR Southeast's "Top 20 Under 40" and 2020 GEA Young Engineer of the Year.



ERICA PARISH, PE

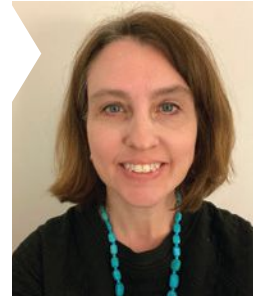
Director, Cobb County DOT

Erica Parish has nearly 20 years of local government experience and currently serves as Director for the Cobb County DOT. In her role, she leads a team of approximately 200 employees to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain a multi-modal transportation network in a fiscally responsible manner that promotes safe and efficient travel throughout the community.

NICOLE PARRIS, PE

Project Director, Atkins

Nicole Parris has more than 22 years of experience as a transportation engineer. For the past 17 years, Parris has worked at Atkins as a Program Manager for several local governments and CIDs all over the metro area. She is an active member of ASHE (Georgia Chapter) and serves on its National Board as Chairwoman of the national conference. Parris is also an active member of ACEC Georgia, serving on its Program Content and Women in the Workforce committees. Within Atkins, Parris co-leads a women's diversity group that empowers women to be leaders in their firm and lives.



CRISTINA PASTORE

*PE, AICP
Transportation Engineer/Planner, Vice President/
Associate, Kimley-Horn*

As a Transportation Planner and Traffic Engineer, Cristina Pastore combines technical analysis with public input to develop implementable plans with positive community impact. She has led some of the largest and most complex comprehensive transportation plans in metro Atlanta, positioning local governments for sales tax initiatives and state/federal funding matches. Pastore managed the development of a \$12 billion transit plan and worked on major corridor planning efforts, such as GA 400 and I-85. She serves as the Office Practice Leader for Kimley-Horn's Atlanta Transportation Planning and Traffic Operations group.



HIRAL PATEL, PE

Director of Engineering, GDOT

Hiral Patel has served as the Director of Engineering for GDOT since December 2015. During her 25-year career with GDOT, Patel has held various leadership positions, including State Environmental Administrator, Assistant State Program Delivery Administrator, GDOT District One area engineer, and GDOT District Seven construction project engineer. ☺





MARGARET "MEG" PIRKLE, PE

Chief Engineer, GDOT

The first female to serve in the role of Chief Engineer for GDOT, Meg Pirkle oversees the management of GDOT's engineering, construction, project management, and P3 program delivery for the Department's \$2.5 billion statewide capital program. Pirkle also oversees statewide maintenance, traffic operations, and intermodal activities.

She earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



PRASHANTHI REDDY

President and CEO, Accura Engineering and Consulting Services, Inc.

As President and Owner, Prashanthi Reddy is responsible for the company's strategic growth, development, and overall management. She has overseen the expansion of the firm's services and market segments and has been instrumental in developing the company into a respected firm known throughout the United States.

Reddy is active in professional and personal organizations, including ACEC Georgia. She participates at many levels, including serving on a GPTQ subcommittee and sponsoring events such as the Georgia Transportation Summit. As a member of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Reddy attends and participates in numerous conferences, workshops, and events at the Post, regional, and national levels.

SHARON POPE

Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Design & Construction, University System of Georgia (USG)

Sharon Pope joined UGA's Office of Real Estate and Facilities staff in 1993 after working in private sector architectural firms for several years. In 1999, she left the System Office as a program manager to become the facilities planning Director at Atlanta Metropolitan College. She returned to the Board of Regents as the assistant vice chancellor for design and construction in 2006. Pope is responsible for leading a team that provides high-level management and coordination to implement capital projects for the university system. Her staff currently manages over 50 capital projects in the planning, design, or construction phase, totaling approximately \$1.2 billion in project costs.



TYLER RICHARDS

Director, Department of Water Resources, Gwinnett County

Tyler Richards is Director for the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources. Water Resources produces and distributes safe drinking water and treats wastewater to very high standards for a population of almost one million residents. In addition, the Department manages stormwater for unincorporated Gwinnett County and the City of Lilburn. Richards was previously the assistant director of the Department of Water Resources.



ANN PURCELL

Board Member, Congressional District 1, State Transportation Board

Ann Purcell was elected in 2013 to the State Board of Transportation of Georgia, representing the 1st Congressional District. Currently, she is serving as chairman of the Statewide Transportation Planning/Strategic Planning Committee and as a board member of the World Trade Center Savannah. Additionally, she served in

the Georgia House of Representatives from 1991-2005 and 2009-2013. While serving in the House, she was chairwoman of Public Safety and Homeland Security.



SALLY RIKER, F. SAME

Partner, Lowe Engineers, LLC

Sally Riker is a Partner at Lowe Engineers with more than 20+ years of experience in the A/E/C industry. Riker believes in empowering women and was recently appointed to serve on the Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI) Global Leadership Committee for ULI of the Americas. She has chaired WLI Atlanta and the Center for Leadership. She is a Fellow in SAME and Vice-Chair

for the Academy of Fellows. Riker also serves on the Council for Quality Growth Board Executive Committee, ULI Atlanta Advisory Board, and the Mt. Paran Citizens Association/Atlanta as President. Riker was recently named in the Atlanta Business Chronicle as a 2020 Women Who Mean Business Award honoree, a WLI's "The Leaders" award winner, and one of the "40 Under 40" by Georgia Trend.



KELLY ROBERTS, PE, SE, LEED AP BD+C

Principal, Walter P Moore

Kelly Roberts is a Principal and Project Manager at Walter P Moore (WPM) with structural design experience ranging from educational and healthcare facilities to high-rise office towers. She leads WPM's Sustainable Design Community of Practice for the structures group, specializing in the whole-building life-cycle assessment and

the use of sustainable and salvaged materials. She is a founding board member of the Lifecycle Building Center of Greater Atlanta — a non-profit material reuse center — where she currently serves as an Advisory Board member. Roberts is also a Market Leadership Advisory Board member of USGBC Georgia and currently serves on the USGBC Materials & Resources Technical Advisory Group. She is a co-chair for the Atlanta Carbon Leadership Forum HUB, the immediate Past-President of ACI Georgia, a Steering Committee member for AIA Atlanta COTE, and a member of the ACI 318 Sustainability Committee. She is also the founding chair of the NCSEA Sustainability Committee and an Advisory Council member of the SEI Sustainability Committee's SE 2050 Task Force.



TONYA SAXON

Portfolio Manager, MARTA and Immediate Past President, WTS Atlanta

Tonya Saxon has over 20 years of experience in the transit industry. As a Project Manager II for MARTA, Saxon manages the execution of strategic initiatives and special projects for the Department of Capital Program Delivery. She volunteers with transportation organizations and is currently the immediate Past-President of

WTS (Advancing Women Advancing Transportation) Atlanta Chapter and an active member of the COMTO Atlanta Chapter.

CARMENLITA SCOTT CISM, MBA

President and CEO, ATL Airport Chamber

Carmenlita Scott, President and CEO of the ATL Airport Chamber is described as a senior leader who drives results through a servant-leadership style that inspires collegial relationship building, common goal setting, and accountability among multi-geography resources. Having held progressive senior-level positions, Scott is a consummate executive who cascaded a clear vision and strategy that aligned people, structure, and culture. Her action plan paved the way for an organizational revitalization that resulted in an 82% increase in corporate investors in the first 12 months. After capping a successful two-year run as executive Director, during which time she focused on shaping the organization's future via strategic policies and programs, Scott was promoted to President/CEO.



CARRIE ROCHA, PE

Vice President and Atlanta Office Leader, HNTB

Leading the nearly 140-person HNTB team serving Atlanta, Carrie Rocha has more than 20 years of experience in transportation infrastructure projects, including construction management, contract administration, and engineering for highways, bridges, tunnels, transit/rail, aviation, and related facilities. She is a Past-President of the Connecticut Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America and held numerous leadership roles with the Connecticut and Boston Chapters of WTS.



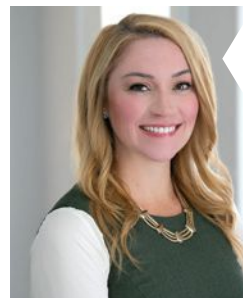
JOY ROHADFOX

President and CEO, Rohadfox Construction Control Services

Joy Rohadfox is the CEO of Rohadfox Construction Control Services (RCCSC) — a construction and program management firm with design capabilities. She serves as the strategic driver for RCCSC because of her ability to take a vision and make it a reality through sound strategy development. Under her 24 years of leadership, the



firm has increased its national footprint to 12 offices throughout the United States. Her strong reputation for developing long-lasting relationships with clients has shifted the firm's focus to prime roles and joint venture partnerships. Rohadfox has been recognized in numerous publications and was the COMTO award recipient for "Women Who Move the Nation."



JULIE SECRIST, PE

Director of Civil Engineering, Planners & Engineers Collaborative, Inc. (PEC)

Julie Secrist leads the civil department of approximately 30 engineers in private site development projects, including mixed-use, office, residential, and commercial developments. She also provides leadership in client engagement, business development, and mentoring younger engineers. Secrist serves as President-Elect for the ASCE

Georgia, chair for UGA's College of Engineering Advisory Board, and Vice President for Georgia Engineering Foundation. She is also active on multiple committees for ASCE National and ULI. In her 14-year career, Secrist has been recognized by several organizations. She was awarded Georgia's Young Engineer of the Year by GSPE and SCE's Region 5 Young Civil Engineer of the Year and was included in UGA's "40 Under 40." ☺



ZAKIYA SEYMOUR PHD, PE

Business Advisory Lead for Water, South Region, Arcadis

Dr. Zakiya Seymour is Arcadis' Business Advisory Lead for Water for the South Region. With over 20 years of experience, Seymour advises water and wastewater clients on innovative ways to meet serious challenges, including workforce development, risk and resiliency, aging infrastructure, and financial constraints. Seymour also serves

on the Board of Trustees for the Southern Environmental Law Center — an environmental advocacy organization focused on environmental justice, climate change, and clean water. In 2018, she was recognized with the Council of Outstanding Young Engineering Alumni Award from the Georgia Institute of Technology's College of Engineering.

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REBECCA SHELTON PE, F.ASCE

Assistant Director, Department of Water Resources, Gwinnett County

Rebecca Shelton uses her 23 years of civil engineering experience in the leadership of a utility that provides water, sewer, and stormwater services for nearly one million users. She is co-vice chair of the ASCE Committee for America's Infrastructure, which recently released the 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure. She is also a Past-President of the ASCE Georgia Section and led the development of the organization's last three Georgia Infrastructure Report Cards.

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ALISHA SMITH

Director of Projects and Planning, Town Center Community Improvement District (TCCID)

Alisha Smith has more than 22 years of experience in the AEC manufacturers, which helps her advance the vision of the TCCID. By thinking strategically, she is able to initiate infrastructure and place-making projects that address multi-modal transportation and quality-of-life needs for the District. These projects are then folded into

county-wide improvements that create regional impacts. Smith oversees the TCCID's portfolio of projects and collaborates with community stakeholders and local and federal agencies to ensure these investments are managed wisely and achieved on time. Her project diversity experience ranges from transportation, roadway, infrastructure, and planning studies to passive/active parks, trail networks, community involvement, and grant writing. Smith is a graduate of the University of Georgia's School of Environmental Design.



ELLEN SMITH

Partner, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP

Clients turn to Ellen Smith to help close real estate transactions, navigate land use and zoning, and resolve disputes. Her clients include Fortune 500 corporations, commercial real estate developers, telecommunications companies, and residential care facilities. Smith has worked on every kind of transaction in the commercial real estate industry. She has helped developers,

owners, and operators close a wide variety of multimillion-dollar loans, sales, and acquisitions. Smith also has deep experience in land use and zoning. She has secured land use entitlements for projects across the Southeast, ranging from permits for large telecommunications companies to small family developers. As part of her land use and zoning practice, she has lobbied for clients at the local and state levels and has helped businesses secure state and local incentives.

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TERESA SMITH, PE

Georgia Alternative Delivery Practice Leader, Volkert, Inc.

With over 30 years of experience in transportation and public works, including senior positions with the City of Atlanta and GDOT's MMIP I-16 at I-95 and I-285/400 projects, Teresa Smith was named Georgia Alternative Delivery practice leader for Volkert in 2020. Throughout her career, Smith has been a trailblazer for women and African Americans in Georgia's engineering profession. She was the first African American female to graduate from Georgia Southern in civil engineering and became Georgia's first female Public Works Director; first female and first African American Public Works Director for the City of Augusta, Georgia; and the first woman Transportation Manager of the Year (2017) recipient from Georgia American Public Works Association.



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ANGELA SNYDER, PE

President, Practical Design Partners

Angela Snyder has been an active member of the engineering community for the last 17 years, serving in many leadership roles within WTS Atlanta, ACEC Georgia, and Georgia Engineering Alliance (GEA). In addition to serving as chair of the K-12 subcommittee within the STEM Workforce Task Force and as transportation forum coordinator for ACEC Georgia, Snyder

and a colleague started their own engineering firm, Practical Design Partners, this past year. Snyder is a leader in her church, in the community, and in her company.



KRYSTAL STOVALL-DIXON, PMP

Assistant State Program Delivery Engineer, GDOT

Krystal Stovall-Dixon joined GDOT in 2009 after spending more than 14 years in the manufacturing sector. She became the assistant state program delivery administrator in 2017. In this role, she leads a team of program and Project Managers responsible for over \$9.5 billion in improvement projects for the northern half of

the state. Stovall-Dixon holds a B.S. in ceramic engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and is a certified Project Management Professional. She believes in paying her God-given blessings forward and has served as a mentor in the Georgia Institute of Technology School of Materials Science and Engineering's Student-Industry Mentoring Program for over a decade.



LISA THOMPSON

Vice President and National Practice Leader, HNTB

A 30-year professional with experience in business development, client relations, marketing, communications, and government affairs, Lisa Thompson is a recognized expert in communications strategy development, strategic business analysis, and coalition building between various interests and/or stakeholders. Thompson possesses a strong and expansive national

network within the transportation industry. She previously served on the board of WTS International and IBTTA Foundation. Thompson is a founding member of the Women in Tolling Council and the ITS World Congress Communications Committee vice-chair.

KRISTEN WESCOTT, AICP

Traffic/Transportation Unit Manager, City of Sandy Springs

Kristen Wescott strives to create a safe, accessible transportation system for all users and modes of transportation. As the manager of the Traffic and Transportation Unit for the City of Sandy Springs, Wescott has recently overseen a major expansion of the City's Advanced Traffic Management System, implemented the City's first Emergency Vehicle Preemption system, championed an innovative Georgia Smart Communities Transit Signal Priority pilot project, completed an Intelligent Transportation System Master Plan, and prepared the first update to the City's Transportation Master Plan since incorporation. An active Georgia Planning Association member, she currently serves as Vice President for Chapter Services.



TRACY STYF

Executive Director, Town Center Community Improvement District (TCCID)

In her role, Tracy Styf works collaboratively with the local, state, and federal partners to invest the approximately \$3.7 million of commercial tax funds received annually to study, plan, and develop infrastructure and placemaking projects that improve quality of life and property values for Town Center's vibrant regional activity center.

Styf is active in her community, serving on various boards, including LiveSafe Resources and Cobb Community Foundation. She has also been recognized for her work by various organizations, including being named an Influential Georgian by Georgia Trend and Women of Achievement by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce.



ANDREA SURRATT

City Manager, City of Sandy Springs

Andrea Surratt joined the City of Sandy Springs in January 2020, serving as the second City Manager in the City's history. With a priority on safety, Surratt guided a revenue bond refunding as well as a 12-acre property purchase to secure a 108,000-square-foot office building for a public safety complex — housing police headquarters, municipal court, a fire

station, and training facilities. She also fueled projects to build two additional fire stations within the city. Prior to Sandy Springs, Surratt served as city manager for Bozeman, Montana, and interim city manager for Hickory, North Carolina.



SHERL WHITE, MSCE, PM

Project Manager, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl (RK&K)

Sherl White is a distinguished civil engineer with nearly 30 years of experience managing highway, bridge, and rail projects in the Midwest and Southeast region. White has exceptional breadth and depth of knowledge of design-build finance, program management, construction management, quality management, and government agency management. She has managed

various large projects with budgets up to \$460 million and has proven ability to deliver projects within scope, schedule, and budget to stakeholder's satisfaction. An active WTS participant for almost 20 years, White served as the 2015-2017 Chair for the WTS Atlanta Chapter Transportation You (TU) Program, Scholarship Program, Membership Committee, and as a STEM coach for Atlanta City Council President Felicia Moore's Girls. ☺



ANGELA WHITWORTH

Treasurer, GDOT

Angela Whitworth is charged with the administration and management of GDOT's \$3.6 billion annual budget. Having 30 years of accounting and finance experience in both the public and private sectors, Whitworth established a thorough understanding of GDOT's finance and accounting practices by serving as assistant budget administrator, financial management administrator, Director of finance, and assistant treasurer.

With 23 years of service to the State of Georgia, she also held various accounting and financial roles with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Georgia General Assembly's Legislative Budget Office. She also serves on the AASHTO Committee on Funding and Finance, the BATIC Institute Capacity Building Committee, and is the current SASHTO treasurer.



KAREN WINGER

AICP, CCTM

Director, Transit Division, Gwinnett County

Karen Winger is a 23-year transit veteran. Her passion for transit and the community is clear in her work. Since her arrival at Gwinnett County as the Transit Division Director, Gwinnett County Transit has experienced both service improvements and ridership increases, in addition to being one of many regional transit partners collaborating on improved service delivery in the metro Atlanta area.

Winger has been leading the efforts for innovative transit solutions, including the first app-based Micro Transit Pilot in Georgia. She has been recognized as one of Mass Transit's "Top 40 Under 40," named Georgia Transit Association's "Most Outstanding Transit Manager," and received three different innovation awards for the Snellville Micro Transit Pilot.

MALIKA REED WILKINS PHD, APR

*Senior Director, Center for Strategic Relations,
Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)*

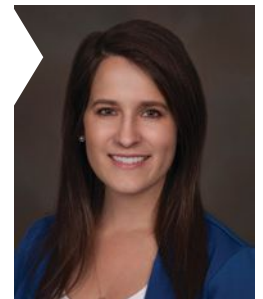
With more than 20 years of experience in strategic marketing and communications in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins oversees the ARC's Center for Strategic Relations as a member of the executive team. An accredited public relations professional and published author, she manages the agency's corporate and community engagement, local government affairs, digital strategy, and creative services. Wilkins is a Past-President of WTS Atlanta and serves on the boards of Dress for Success Atlanta and the Georgia Driver's Education Commission.



KRISTIN WINZELER

*Program Director, North Fulton Community
Improvement District (CID)*

Kristin Winzeler serves as the Program Director for the North Fulton CID. Her role is to manage the projects, daily operations, and consulting teams for the organization. She is an active board member of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce and WTS Atlanta. Winzeler was recently elected as the 2021-2022 President of WTS Atlanta, an organization that focuses on advancing women in the transportation industry. She is the proud mom of three young girls.



DORIS WILLMER, PE, FELLOW ACEC/ASCE

President, Willmer Engineering, Inc.

With 48 years of professional civil engineering and environmental consulting experience in design and management, Doris Willmer is the Founder and President of Willmer Engineering, Inc. She is responsible for the strategic direction of the company and provides guidance and oversight for large-scale projects. Her firm's legacy for

award-winning projects includes the geotechnical design, materials testing, and special inspections for the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport's Consolidated Rental Agency Complex. This project was named as one of the country's "unique and challenging construction projects" by the Building of America Network. A pioneering female engineer, Willmer brings a sense of leadership to an upcoming generation of prospective engineers, presenting as a guest lecturer at several universities and supporting 50+ interns with career opportunities.



KATHERINE ZITSCH PE, BCEE

*Managing Director of Natural Resources,
Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)*

Katherine Zitsch is a leader in planning for a resilient, long-term water supply. She heads the Natural Resources Group at ARC and is the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Director. In these roles, Zitsch plans for the region's water future, works with the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers on water supply issues, protects access to water in ongoing tri-state litigation, and oversees ARC's climate and sustainability programs. Zitsch serves on the board of the National Water Supply Alliance and the Executive Committee of ACF Stakeholders. She previously served on the board of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership.



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50 WOMEN IN THE KNOW

 HEATHER COLLINS

Throughout the complexities of the last 12 months, these “Women in the Know” have continued their steadfast contributions to Georgia’s engineering and land development industry. The 50 professionals on this list are recognized by their peers for their dedication and success as engineers, planners, strategists and civic leaders. Their contributions have reshaped Atlanta’s skyline, transformed the suburbs, and developed engineering solutions across the state.

With ever-increasing spheres of influence, these women bring positive change and innovation within their industries and continue to meet - and exceed - high professional standards and expectations.

KIM AJY

President/Partner

R2T

RHONDA ALLEN

Director of Executive Strategy

MARTA

CECILIA ARANGO

Marketing Manager

THOMAS & HUTTON

ANITA ATKINSON

Vice President - Engineering & Surveying Division

PATTERSON & DEWAR ENGINEERS

PAMELA BERNARD

Senior Transportation Engineer

CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

SARAH BLACKBURN

Senior Transportation Engineer | GA Roadway Design Department Leader

GRESHAM SMITH

CARRIE CAMPBELL

Director of Operations

WINTER CONSTRUCTION

STACEY CHAPMAN

Vice President of Corporate Strategy

CROFT & ASSOCIATES

VICTORIA CHEPLAK

Principal

GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS

KYETHEA CLARK

Director of Operations

CUMBERLAND CID

SUZANNE COOLER

County Engineer

CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

TERESA CRISP

Vice President - Sales and Growth

JACOBS

BEVERLY DAVIS

Savannah Office Leader and Senior Planning Group Leader for the Mid-Atlantic Region

RS&H

EMILY DYWER

ITS Supervisor

GDOT

MEREDITH EMORY

Traffic Engineer/Project Manager

KIMLEY HORN

LIGIA FLORIM

District Engineer- District 4

COBB COUNTY 

CARI GERRITS

Business Development Manager
PES STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

KATHERINE GURD

Division Director - Stormwater Services,
Department of Water Resources
GWINNETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

MELISSA HARPER

CEI Structures Practice Lead
JACOBS

MELANIE HEAD

Municipal Utilities Director
CROY ENGINEERING

KATE HENRY

Partner and Vice President
of Aviation Services
AULICK ENGINEERING

HONOR HUTTON

Business Unit Leader
MOFFATT & NICHOL

GINY JACOB

Vice President - Water + Environment
GRESHAM SMITH

HOLLY JEFFREYS

Co-Founder & Managing Partner
SHEAR STRUCTURAL

JORDYN JONES

Project Manager
PERIMETER CIDS

BETTY JEAN JORDAN

Executive Director/Instructor
GSPE/NPDES TRAINING INSTITUTE

REBECCA KEEFER

Senior Associate Planner
CPL

REBECCA LINDSAY

Senior Water Resources | Principal
GRESHAM SMITH

PAMELA LITTLE

Principal, Program Manager
POND

JENNIFER LOTT

Business Manager / Engineer
AULICK ENGINEERING

MERRYL MANDUS

General Counsel
GRTA/SRTA/ATL

DORINDA MCCOMBS

Senior Director of Capital
Programming
MARTA

DEBORAH MOBULA

Roadway Designer
ARCADIS

SHAYLA NEALY

City Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem
(Union City) AND Client Services
Manager (AECOM)
CITY OF UNION CITY / AECOM

DANA NEIGER

CHRO/Co-Founder

HIVE TALENT ACQUISITION FIRM

WHITNEY NOTTAGE

Executive Vice President of Operations

Q-FREE AMERICA

EMILY RITZLER

Planning & Environment

Manager - Georgia

WSP USA

AUDRA ROJEK

Transportation Planning Lead

WSP, USA

RACHAEL SADLER

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Project Engineer

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KATE SHEARIN

Metro Atlanta Signal

Operations Engineer

GDOT

JOHANNA SMITH

Unit Manager, Surface Water Supply

GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Director, AEC Tax Practice

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CHARLOTTE WEBER

Director of Environmental Planning

HNTB

BLAINE WEINMANN

Structural Engineer

HEATH & LINEBACK ENGINEERS

LISA WOODS

Senior Project Manager

ARCADIS

JING XU

Director of Technical Planning Services

MODERN MOBILITY PARTNERS

KATHY ZAHUL

District Engineer - District 7

GDOT

ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Engineering Leadership Academy (ELA) is a nine-month intensive leadership development course designed for leadership-track employees who are experienced in managing projects and people and who are being considered for higher-level leadership roles within their firm (such as principal, officer, practice leader, etc.) The course is focused on expanding their perspective from the day-to-day, nuts-and-bolts of managing to the big picture, strategic thinking required to lead a firm, department, or practice area. Each ELA class is carefully chosen on the basis of qualifications by a selection committee and is strictly limited to 24 participants in order to better facilitate collegiality, dialogue, and engaged hands-on learning.

2021-2022 Applications to open April 2021.

HOW IS ELA DIFFERENT FROM THE FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM?

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TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE

- Employment Law
- Financial Planning and Considerations
- Human Resources
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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the 2021-2022 class will be open April of 2021. For more information visit our website acecga.org, or contact Chandler Carter at chandler.carter@acecga.org

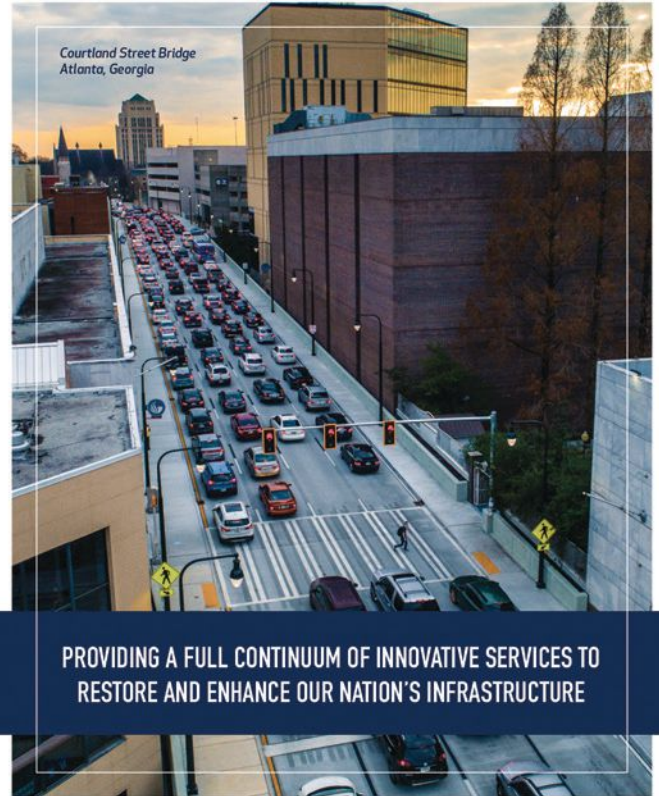
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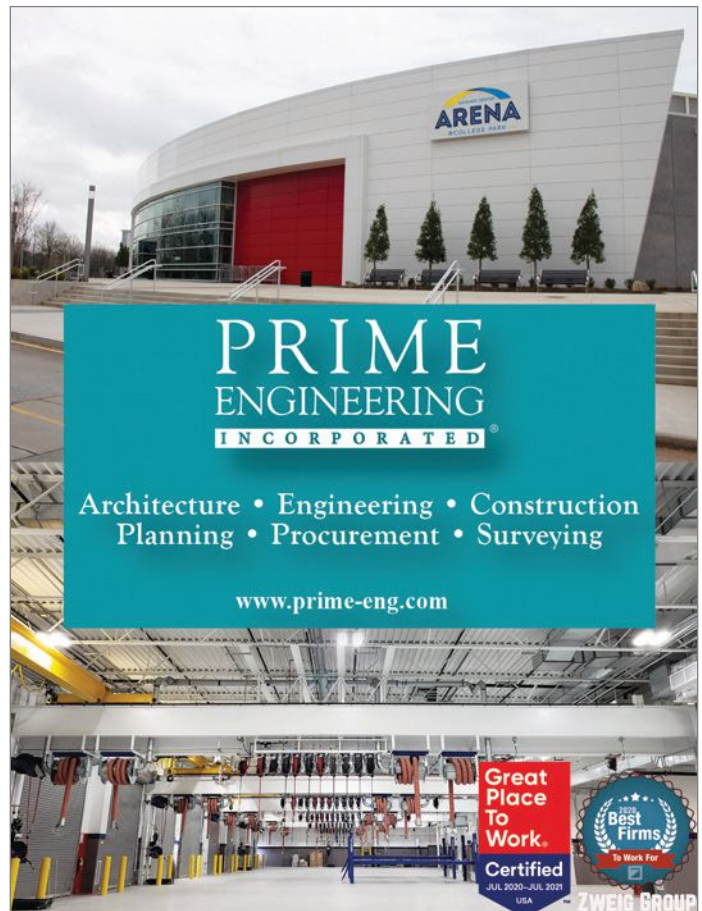
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This year's individual awards will include:

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Annual Awards will also include Civil
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Do you think you have an engineering study,
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is to recognize interesting and impactful

projects that are advancing the practice of
civil engineering within Georgia, regardless
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Winners will be notified on May 21, 2021.
Projects of Merit and Engineer of the Year
awards will be celebrated during our ASCE
Georgia Section virtual banquet at our
monthly meeting on June 11, 2021.

Visit www.ascega.org and click on the link
for "GA ASCE Awards" to download appli-
cations and more detailed instructions for
nominations!

ASCE WEBSITE UPDATED!

While you are at www.ascega.org, check
our recent updates and announcements!
Our board has recently updated the Georgia
Section ASCE website and is committed to
keeping it up to date with current activities
and information to better serve our members!

ASCE HAS RELEASED AMERICA'S 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT CARD!

Check out the 2021 Infrastructure Report
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to check out the update grades!





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ASHE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT RICHARD MEEHAN, PRESIDENT

How long have you been in the transportation industry in Georgia?

I have been working in the Transportation Industry in Georgia since 1985. I started my career as a Co-op with Lowe Engineers while an undergrad student at Georgia Tech.

Where are you currently employed and what do you do?

I have worked at Lowe Engineers for my entire career. I have been a Partner with the firm since 1999. I am currently the Chief Engineer, but I also manage projects and even still get to do some design, particularly for Traffic Signals and ATMS.

When and how did you first get involved with ASHE Georgia?

I attended one of the first organizational meeting of the section and was one of the Charter Members when the section was chartered by ASHE National in February 1998. In 2003 I was asked to join the board as the Secretary and have been active on the board ever since.

What's your favorite ASHE activity?

My favorite activity is the Holiday Social we do in December. The event is free for our members as a way for the section to give back to the membership that works so hard during the year. In addition to the networking, good food (and drink), and the handing out of section awards, we also use the event for a Toys for Toys Collection/Fundraiser.

What positions have you held within the ASHE Georgia organization?

2003-2001	Section Secretary
2011-2015	Section Treasurer
2017-2018	2nd Vice President
2018-2020	1st Vice President
2020-2021	Section President
2020-2023	2023 National Conference - Finance Committee Chair

What involvement have you had with ASHE National?

I have regularly attended the annual National Conference for the past 15 years. At these conferences I have participated in the Regional/

Sectional Officers Meeting where section leaders from across the country get together to exchange ideas and best practices for running their sections. I was also actively involved in the initial creation of the Southeast Region Board. I also have served on the ASHE National Finance Committee since 2016.

What's the number one reason folks should join ASHE?

Highway/Transportation Engineering is a highly collaborative industry. In addition to working with GDOT and the Local Cities/Counties/CID's, our firms need to work together to improve the transportation infrastructure in Georgia. ASHE Georgia is a great networking opportunity where we can get together and exchange ideas, technical information, and socialize together, whether we work for a consultant, GDOT, or Local Government. With our highly affordable dues, it is also a great organization for young engineers to get involved and start building their professional network.

What else do you do when you aren't working or volunteering for ASHE?

Most of my time away from work is spent with my family. My wife (Ade) and I have been together for 9 years and we have a 5-year-old daughter (Fiona) and a 3-year-old son (Reilly). In addition to the usual family activities, we enjoy traveling to Indonesia to visit Ade's family and explore Southeast Asia with side trips to Bali, Thailand, Japan, Korea and other locals in the area.

Tell us one fun fact about yourself.

I have been ice skating and playing Ice Hockey since I was 4 years old. I participate in two local adult leagues regularly playing two games a week in addition to occasional pick-up games and clinics.

Make sure to keep an eye on our website for upcoming ASHE events!

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GEORGIA ENGINEERING FOUNDATION

The Georgia Engineering Foundation (GEF) held their annual GEF Scholarship Awards Ceremony on February 25, 2021. As with most events this past year, this year's ceremony was held virtually – a first for the event! GEF was able to award 42 scholarships this year totaling over \$87,000 to engineering students

from Georgia pursuing careers in engineering. GEF received over 600 applications this year that had to be narrowed down to 120 finalists to be interviewed. Interviews were conducted virtually this year, another first for the process, and then ultimately awarded to 42 students.

This amazing program helps countless engineering students in Georgia continue their pursuit in the engineering profession. Several of our scholarship committee members and GEF board members were previous scholarship recipients including our GEF President, Anita Atkinson; our GEF Scholarship Committee Chair, Peyton Lingle; and our former GEF Scholarship Committee Chair, Julie Secrist. The program would not be as successful without the many donors

and sponsors who continue to help move this program forward each year. We would like to take a moment to thank each of them.

Visit the GEF website at www.gefinc.org for more information or contact GEF directly at President@gefinc.org to volunteer!

Another way to help shape the future of engineering in Georgia is by volunteering to help advertise, plan, sponsor, or mentor at the Virtual Stem Academy coming up in June 2021. Since this is 100% volunteer-led, we are always looking for help planning the upcoming event or helping during the event as well as helping promote the event to middle and high school students. Please contact Richard Morales if you would like to help at RMorales@lbfoster.com

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GSPE VIRTUAL AWARDS BANQUET

This year's award banquet was held virtually on FEB 23, 2021. Along with presenting the awards we had trivia and some gift card giveaway opportunities. The recording can be watched on YouTube. Search for: 2021 GSPE Engineer of the Year Awards – YouTube.

Congratulations to the winners:

- Engineer of the Year in Government: **R. Kyle Titus, PE**
- Engineer of the Year in Industry: **Les White, PE**
- Engineer of the Year in Private Practice: **Katherine Gurd, PE, F.ACE**
- Engineering Student of the Year: **Patrick Edwards**
- Engineering Technology Student of the Year: **Mikis Mays, Jr.**
- Engineering Employer of the Year: **Pond**
- Volunteer of the Year: **Amrithraj Anand, PE**
- Engineer of the Year: **Sung-Hee Kim, Ph.D., PE, F.ASCE**
- Lifetime Achievement in Engineering: **Charles Greer, PE.**

GSPE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GSPE is starting up some new committees and is looking for volunteers that want to get more involved. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the association and give something back to Engineering. Below is a list of the committees, please log onto www.gspe.org to get more details about each and find out how to get involved:

- **Advisory**
- **Mentoring**
- **Governance**
- **Technology**
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The first GAITE meeting of 2021 was held on February 18th! This virtual meeting featured a fantastic presenter Leo Beckmann, Manager of Governmental Affairs at Georgia Ports Authority. During the meeting, ITE members were given an inside look at what is going on with Georgia's ports. This was an exciting opportunity to hear about the rapidly growing Port of Savannah.

We are eagerly preparing for both of our upcoming annual meetings: Winter Workshop and Summer Seminar. Winter Workshop is being held virtually on March 8th. We are undeterred by the transition of this conference to a virtual platform, as we have had over 300 people registered to attend! Summer Seminar is scheduled to be a hybrid event this July at the King and Prince Resort on St. Simons Island and broadcasted virtually. For the most up to date information on our conferences and events, visit gaite.org.

GAITE SAFETY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

In July of 2019, Southern District ITE called upon its sections to perform a service project during 2020 focusing on distracted driving. Our GAITE Safety Committee, led by Sam Harris, State Safety Engineering Manager of GDOT, jumped on this task. The project was broken down into four phases: planning, logo design, data analysis, and outreach. During the planning phase, members of the Safety Committee collaborated to come up with a project goal: present information on distracted driving to school age children for them to share with their parents. The logo design contest was opened to ITE members and students, with Shannon Fain winning the contest with the design shown here. The data analysis phase consisted of creating a GIS map for locations of elementary schools, looking at crash data near schools, and collaborating with the Office of Highway Safety to create a list of schools that have a high number of distracted driving crashes in the surrounding area. Outreach materials have been created to hand out at schools, such as the Valentine's themed bookmarks shown here. The project continues with plans for future outreach materials, collaboration with GDOT's Safe Routes to School program, educational programs, and community events. Thank you to the following GAITE Safety Committee members who collaborated on this project:

- Anagha Krishan, AECOM
- George Mathews, Jacobs
- Jourdyn Fuga, Kimley-Horn
- Sam Harris, GDOT
- Sue Anne Decker, GDOT
- Tracy Lehman, Kimley-Horn



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(Top) Safety Project Winning Logo Design
(Bottom) Safety Project Valentine's Bookmark



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ITS GEORGIA 2021 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Things are looking better than before for a potentially substantial in-person aspect of the 2021 ITS Georgia Annual Meeting. We will continue to monitor progress and follow CDC guidelines. The conference will be held September 18 – 21, 2021, at the Savannah JW Marriot.

We plan full sponsorship and exhibit opportunities at the meeting, so bring your latest solutions, successes and technology to share with Georgia intelligent transportation community.

Our theme this year is “On the Road Again” and we hope that proves true in the literal sense. To stay up-to-date on the latest, check out itsga.org/2021-its-georgia-annual-meeting.

ANNOUNCING THE 2022 SOUTHEASTERN ITS SUMMIT

ITS Georgia is in the planning stages for hosting the Southeastern ITS Summit, scheduled for November 6 – 9, 2022, in Atlanta. Building on the successes of regional summits held in 2014 and 2018, this event will bring together ITS agencies, consultants, contractors, vendors, researchers and other professionals from five ITS chapters in eight southeastern states, with over 700 expected attendees. The 3-day conference will include technical sessions, keynote addresses, roundtables, networking activities and a huge exhibit hall showcasing the latest ITS technologies. Stay tuned for more details over the next several months.



ITS GEORGIA FEATURED VOLUNTEER

In each edition of Engineering Georgia, we like to highlight a volunteer who generously gives of their time to the Chapter. This issue we are spotlighting Dee Taylor, Senior Traffic Operations Manager for AECOM and ITS Georgia Board Member.

When did you know you were going to be involved in transportation engineering or policy?

I have had a lifelong interest in all aspects of transportation engineering from the time I was about 6 years old. I can remember creating and hanging up paper traffic lights and signs throughout my parent's house, as well as taking pictures of real traffic lights and signs on vacations. I was pretty much born with the passion for transportation.

What got you interested in transportation?

We went on a lot of trips growing up and I can remember making notes of the differences in how various states and countries handled traffic. Everything we do as Americans centers around transportation, and that made a big impact on my life.

What is the coolest project you have worked on?

Easily the I-85 Bridge collapse. During that amazing six-week period, all that was important in what we accomplished was transportation operations related. All the resources of GDOT - as well as their full attention - were on the actions that we did to handle this enormous opportunity. The Bridge Collapse event helped define what



Dee Taylor

we all refer to now as remote monitoring. ITS devices and new traffic signal software paid big dividends in helping myself and our engineers navigate thousands of commuters through the maze of detour routes.

What does the future of transportation look like to you?

Innovations in artificial intelligence, advances in traffic detection-connected vehicle technology to enable drivers to make safer more efficient decisions. Collection of this data and providing it to engineers to manage adaptive traffic solutions.

What are you doing for ITS Georgia?

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SEAOG NEWS

SEAOG's Structural Engineering Equity and Engagement (SE3) committee is excited to launch our first Mentorship Program. National surveys of Structural Engineers have repeatedly found that respondents with identified mentors reported being more satisfied with career trajectory and career choice. Our goal is to provide members with support for every level of their career by offering opportunities to connect with other structural engineering professionals. Based on interest, participants may be assigned to small groups of 3-4 for mutual mentorship, or paired in a traditional mentor-mentee partnership. Application will be open until April 5, 2021.

Learn more and sign up at seaog.org/se3

SE LICENSURE UPDATES

- The PELS Board is still processing affidavits.
- Successful applicants will know they have been approved when their name and SE number have been posted to the online verification tool:
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- Applicants whose affidavits have been rejected or denied will receive a notice stating such from the PELS Board.
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- Documents for Designated Structures* should be signed with an SE seal/stamp. Active SE license holders can have SE seals/stamps created per the published guidelines by similar means as their PE seals/stamps.
sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/22/board_stamp_seal
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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May 12, 2021, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

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Join us for a live webinar on "Precast/Prestressed Concrete Parking Decks and Buildings" presented by Angela San Martin, P.E. from Metromont Corporation.

Learning Objectives:

- Look at what types of projects can be precast.
- Discuss what total precast really means.
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- Look at many standard connection details and members for precast structures.
- Discuss what role the precaster plays on a project and how they work with the design team.
- Discuss what exactly a field topped system is vs a factory topped system.

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May 15, 2021:

The Precaster's Role on Your Project by Angela San Martin of Metromont



NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to SEAOG member Sarah Appleton, PE, SE on her election to the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA) Board of Directors.



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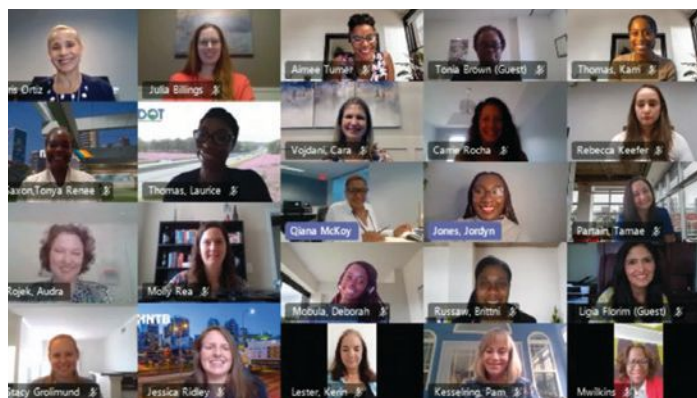
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A NOTE TO OUR COMMUNITY:

WTS Atlanta began 2021 on a high note. We held our annual membership meeting in January, celebrated Black History Month and enjoyed Virtual Yoga sessions in February, we welcomed many new members and set up a strong team to support our committees. Our mentor-protégé program is in full swing, holding fun professional development programs for our participants.

Navigating the virtual world has been challenging and fun. We are busy producing exciting programs for our members and look forward to seeing you at our next event. Find out more details about future events at www.wtsinternational.org/atlanta.



MAY 10-14TH 2021 WTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

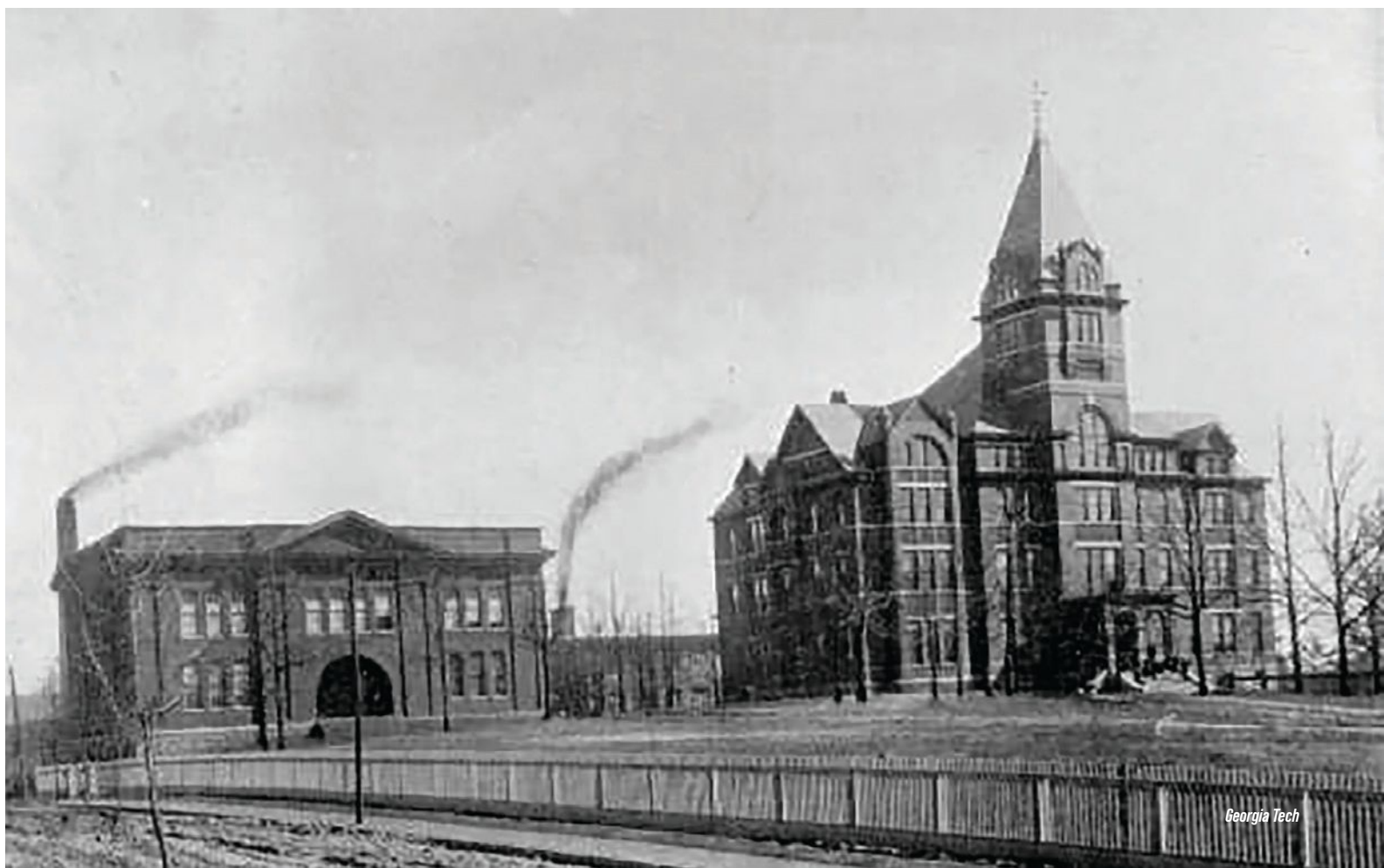
We are excited to announce that Registration for the 2021 Annual Conference is now OPEN. The conference will bring together transportation professionals from across North America virtually during the week of May 10, 2021.

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Georgia Tech

A LOOK BACK

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