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# Annual Awards Dinner Recap

## Award Winners



The WTS Rhode Island Awards Dinner was held on June 30, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island. This dinner was the first in-person event held by WTS Rhode Island since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. With 46 people in attendance, awards were presented for the two prior years as well as for 2022.

Award recipients included:

- 2020 Innovative Transportation Solution – *The Little Roady Pilot AV project*
- 2021 Innovative Transportation Solution – *The 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.*
  - Contributors to this project included Meredith Brady and Linsey Callaghan (Division of Statewide Planning), Sarah Ingle (RIPTA), Julie Oakley (RIDOT Transit), Kristin Caouette, (VHB) and Anne Galbraith (AG Planning)
- 2020 Employer of the Year – *BETA Group*
- 2020 Members of the Year – *Kristin Caouette (VHB) and Katie Scancarello (AECOM)*
- 2021 Member of the Year – *Lisa Sherman (CDM Smith)*
- 2022 Member of the Year – *Pam Cotter (RIDOT)*
- 2020 Woman of the Year – *Patty Steere (Steere Engineering)*
- 2022 Woman of the Year – *Carol Schweiger (Schweiger Consulting LLC)*

# Annual Awards Dinner Recap Continued

## 2022 Woman of the Year: Carol Schweiger

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After the award presentations, the WTS Rhode Island 2022 Woman of the Year, Carol Schweiger gave a presentation on her career in transportation. *Her Journey: Lessons Learned Since WTS was Established* provided us with a review of her life and her career. Carol's interest in transportation began at a young age when she became fascinated viewing subway cars while visiting family in New York City. In college she earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics but then enrolled at Cornell University where she earned an MS in Civil Engineering with a focus on transportation.



At Cornell, Carol attended her first Transportation Research Board meeting which furthered her interest in public transit. During this time period there were a growing number of opportunities in transportation in both public and private sectors.

Carol's first full time job after graduation from Cornell included engineering and analysis support of transportation programs, design of transit authority information systems and the analysis of transit systems operations and maintenance data.

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In her next position she began to specialize in the growing field of Transit Technology. This work included research and design for “state-of-the-art” projects for the Federal Transit Administration.

After attending the first Intelligent Transportation Systems World Congress in 1994, Carol began writing Federal Transit Administration and Transportation Research Board research reports. This work led to an expanded network in Transportation technology, and she became involved with the National Transit Institute and USDOT course development. Her expanded network also included Leadership in Transportation Research Board Committees and in the Intelligent Transportation Systems World Congress.

Carol is now the president of Schweiger Consulting providing services for federal, state and local municipalities including USDOT and Transport Canada. She co-chairs the Transportation Research Board Committee on Innovative Public Transportation Services and Technologies and works with the USDOT’s Professional Capacity Building Program. The breadth of Carol’s work illustrates that (1) learning never stops and (2) Transportation is always changing.

Article by: Elena Pascarella

# Fall Events Look-Ahead!



Keep your eyes on your inbox for more details to come on our fall events!



## September

- Fall Luncheon: Road and Stream Crossing with speaker Alisa Richardson
  - September 22nd @ 11:30 am, Providence Marriott

## October

- South County Construction Tour
  - October 11th @ 3:00 pm, Higgins Welcome Center at URI

## November

- "Sneak Peak" of the Pawtucket/Central Falls Transit Center