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Dear Prospective or Renewing Member:

The Women's Transportation Coalition is a non-profit, multi-ethnic association dedicated to furthering the interests of women and women-owned business in the Southern California transportation industry. Our objective is to improve the conditions under which we work and contract, and increase the opportunities for Women-owned businesses.

WTC is a strong voice advocating on behalf of women in the transportation industry. In addition, WTC sponsors lunches and events featuring leaders and decision-makers who are either directly involved in or influence the transportation industry. Our events have enjoyed repeated success and serve as a useful tool for information exchange and networking.

How WTC Benefits Members

The benefits to our members are:

- Access to transportation decision-makers
- Joining together to advocate the interests of women before public agencies, elected officials and their respective staff members, and through legislative initiative
- Building a network of professional/business resources

Upcoming and Past Programs

WTC offers programs to fit a range of interests and budgets. The formats run from elegant luncheons to intimate, brown bag lunch events that encourage dialogue between our members and key transportation officials. WTC offers members many opportunities to meet directly with decision-makers.

This past year has been exciting and dynamic. Recent speakers and events included:

- Reforming Contracting Practices Workshops
- Billie Greer, Director of the Los Angeles Office of Governor Schwarzenegger
- Assemblymember Karen Bass, 47th District
- County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
- Los Angeles City Councilmember Ed P. Reyes
- Wayne Tanda, General Manager, Los Angeles Dept. of Transportation

Past guest speakers have included: MTA Director Bea Proo and Geraldine Knatz, Managing Director, Development, Port of Long Beach, Pre-opening Gold Line Tour (co-sponsored with WTS), Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa, at the historic Orpheum Theater, Jim Ritchie, Deputy Executive Director, Long-Range Planning for Los Angeles World Airports; LA City Councilman Hal Bernson; City of Los Angeles Mayor Hahn's Deputy for Transportation, Brian Williams; a panel discussion on Design/Build contracting and its implications for small businesses; High Speed Rail Authority Board Member Jerry Epstein; MTA Deputy CEO John Catoe, Supervisors Yvonne Braithwaite Burke and Don Knabe, Congressman Xavier Becerra, MTA CEOs Roger Snoble, Joseph Drew and Linda Bohlinger, and MTA Board Members Pam O'Conner, Jenny Oropeza and John Fasana.

WTC's Unique Role

Our corporate structure allows us to lobby to promote transportation and on behalf of women professionals and business-owners. We have lobbied effectively for MTA funding in Washington. WTC annually develops a legislative program to support transportation agencies and issues relevant to our membership.

In 2005 we are planning a number of lunch events, beginning with Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Braithwaite Burke on March 30. A special participatory workshop on contracting issues faced by women-owned businesses was a success in February. Follow-up actions are under development, including advocacy with Southern California agencies.

Membership

We are grateful for your interest and support. Please join the Women's Transportation Coalition for only \$50 and receive advance notification of upcoming events and discounts on admission. We encourage you to join a committee and participate more actively in WTC! A 2005 membership invoice is attached. We will continue to provide an interesting and varied calendar of events to meet member needs.

Please also consider a Corporate Membership for your firm. Corporate Members receive one WTC membership for a designated person (you!) and, in addition, receive the member rate for four other employees at WTC events.

I look forward to working together with you,

Annette Colfax

Membership Chair