



YPT ATLANTA 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

OVERVIEW

YPT Atlanta is dedicated to providing opportunities to young professionals in transportation to foster professional development, to encourage fellowship, and to provide networking opportunities for young professionals in the transportation field in Atlanta, across the country, and around the world. We seek to build relationships across transportation industries, our allied professions and the region's transportation students. We accomplish these goals primarily through a variety of social, professional, and educational events, which we hope you will attend!

GET INVOLVED!

Do you want to become more involved in transportation in the Atlanta area and meet more young professionals like yourself? If so, please consider becoming part of YPT Atlanta Chapter leadership. As part of the leadership you will be able to plan and organize Chapter events, work to increase membership, and coordinate with YPT National about the state of the organization.

The board of directors for the 2013-2014 year was recently elected, but The Vice Chair for Programs and Chair positions

are currently open and any member in good standing is eligible for appointment to these positions by the Board of Directors, after attending a board meeting. Committee positions are also available, please contact us if you're interested!

yptatlanta@gmail.com Another way for organization to get involved with YPT is by sponsoring our chapter or in-kind donations for one of our events. Our past sponsors have included AirSage and AECOM, and we look forward to working with these companies and yours going forward.



YPT Atlanta Buttons

CHAIR'S COLUMN

It has been a privilege to serve as the Chair for YPT Atlanta over the past year and a half. After our kick-off event in April of 2012, we have had more than a year and half worth of events including 4 technical tours, 7 professional presentations and guest speakers, and 8 happy hours that spanned the city and included a diverse array of functions, professions, and specializations relating to transportation. We hope our events have provided you opportunities to meet fellow professionals and connect with them on a meaningful level.

We have grown from a handful of members with just over 20 'Friends' on our email list to now over 60 members and 200 friends during that time frame. I appreciate the

support of all of the members for helping promote our organization and events; we could not have done it without you. I also would like to personally thank the outgoing Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication in pursuing our goals, donating their time and sometimes passing on other priorities to make YPT Atlanta a success.

Starting an organization from scratch is always a challenge, so I would also like to thank the YPT National (now International!) Board of Directors for all of their support during our chapter's development, dealing with everything involving our membership systems, financial solvency, obtaining tax and legal status as a non-profit in the State of

Georgia and with the IRS, and providing resources, ideas and feedback on all our operations, administrative items, and events.

We look forward to continuing that progress throughout the next year as our first elected chapter Board of Directors has just been installed, and we hope to see you at our Annual Meeting in early December. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. You can contact me personally at crome@fg-inc.net.

Sincerely,

Chris Rome
Chair, YPT Atlanta

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TRANSIT ORIENTED DRINKS

In February, YPT Atlanta started its “Transit Oriented Drinks” (TOD) happy hour series, locating each happy hour at a bar near a MARTA Station. Attendees could thus attend events without enduring Atlanta’s notorious traffic and in doing so, explore different parts of Atlanta.

Thus far, there have been 6 TOD events at the Decatur, Brookhaven, Midtown, Peachtree Center, Buckhead, and North Avenue Stations. The events have ranged in attendance from ten to more than 30. The most successful TOD in terms of attendance was held in coordination with AirSage, an Atlanta-based

startup that uses proprietary cellular geolocating services to provide origin-destination data to the transportation sector. AirSage was gracious enough to sponsor drinks and appetizers for attendees, and attendees were able to mingle and meet with AirSage employees and learn about the company. YPT also co-hosted a happy hour with the Atlanta Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) chapter at Prickly Pear Taqueria, which provided another great opportunity for attendees to socialize and network with the region’s transportation professionals.

YPT Atlanta is also proud that each successive TOD has

seen new faces interested in transportation, including those outside of our traditional circles. Overall, our monthly TOD happy hour series has been a great way to meet and socialize with other young professionals interested in transportation.



Buckhead TOD

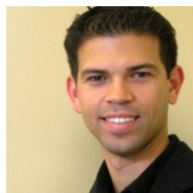


Brookhaven TOD

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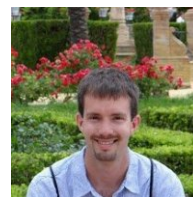
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GUEST SPEAKER SERIES: KEITH PARKER

On March 26, YPT Atlanta hosted MARTA's new General Manager/Chief Executive Officer Keith Parker as its Distinguished Guest in its guest speaker series.

Mr. Parker, who previously held positions at the San Antonio, Charlotte, and Sacramento transit agencies discussed his career path in front of an audience of nearly 50 YPT members and friends, and then stayed after for nearly an hour to answer questions

and interact with attendees. The event was held at RiRa Irish Pub and was one of YPT Atlanta's most successful events, drawing several new memberships and bringing together a diverse mix of the Atlanta transportation community.



Keith Parker speaking

UPS HUB TOUR

On May 1, Jerry Hernandez, a supervisor at UPS' Roswell local sort facility led a group of 13 YPT attendees on an early morning behind-the-scenes tour of the site's many sorting processes. Attendees were informed about how packages from regional hubs are brought to the facility and then sorted via a system of label readers, pneumatic pushers, slides, and manual sorts to classify packages into separate trucks for neighborhood delivery.

Mr. Hernandez provided great information about how the Ro-

swell facility was one of the UPS' more technologically advanced locations, with designated stations for over-sized packages and a label maker that literally "shoots" labels several feet through the air using compressed air.

YPT attendees were able to ask about whether trucks are programmed to not take left turns (they try not to), how neighborhoods were assigned to each truck, how long trucks were expected to take at each stop, and how the drivers' schedules were determined.

The tour guide also discussed some of the union and labor relations issues that were part of his duties, including ensuring that drivers' were not overly burdened with their daily loads or that they were not taking too long at each stop. This behind-the-scenes tour allowed members see how one of the region's most famous corporations uses multiple interrelated processes to help sort over 15 million packages a day.

Questions about YPT? **Suggestions** for future events? We'd love to hear from you—please contact us at yptatlanta@gmail.com

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CYCLE ATLANTA STUDY RESULTS PRESENTATION

On October 1, YPT Atlanta was proud to host a panel of experts involved in the city's Cycle Atlanta plan. Brad Davis is a senior planner and project manager at Alta Planning + Design and led the consulting effort to identify the corridors and refine the plans for the Cycle Atlanta study. He worked closely with another panelist, Joshua Mello, Assistant Director for Transportation

Planning at the City of Atlanta, the sponsor of the project. And the third panelist, Dr. Kari Watkins, assistant professor at Georgia Tech, discussed how technology and probe data helped support the planning effort by identifying bike rider types and the facilities they preferred. The panel and the Cycle Atlanta plan gave many of the bike enthusiasts and professionals in the crowd a

positive outlook on cycling in Atlanta. They were able to speak frankly about why some of the design decisions were made and they were motivated by the project's near-term implementation. The evening wrapped up with a happy hour at Henry's, a new restaurant in town. YPT Atlanta thanks Heery International for organizing the space and our three panelists for their time.

Cycle Atlanta Study Results Presentation



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS ROUNDTABLE

On October 3, the Atlanta Chapter of the Young Professionals in Transportation hosted a roundtable discussion focusing on the role of Community Improvement Districts

(CIDs) in the Atlanta region. Panelists included Dan Hourigan of the Midtown Alliance, Angie Laurie of the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District, Brian McHugh of the Buckhead Community Im-

provement District, and Alyssa Sinclair of the Gwinnett Village CID. Cain Williamson, a senior

transportation planner at the Atlanta Regional Commission, served as moderator. Each panelist showcased their CID's history and current projects and answered questions about their take on the role of CIDs with respect to transportation funding and transportation planning. The more than 30 young professionals that attended the event were able to interact with a growing and important contingent of Atlanta's transportation spectrum.



Panelists and Guests at the CID Roundtable

HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TOUR

On Friday January 18, 2013, YPT Atlanta organized a “behind the scene tour” of the world’s busiest airport. Ms. Shelley Lamar, Planning Manager for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, was kind enough to host fifteen YPT members/interested professionals at the airport’s Department of Aviation Technical Campus. The behind the scenes tour began with a 45 minute presentation of the transportation planning history and planned future of the airport followed by a

45 minute tour of the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal. Assisted by Jaimi Tapp and Kelly Smith from the Department of Aviation, these women toured the YPT group around key areas of the terminal providing interesting facts and stories about the planning, design, construction, and management of the new international terminal. They even provided the group with hints on how to save time checking-in for their next flight! The tour proved to be a huge success, thanks

to the time and effort put forth by Ms. Lamar and her staff.



Airport Master Planning Presentation

GA 400 AT I-85 RAMP CONSTRUCTION TOUR

Dona Welch, GDOT District 7 Assistant District Construction Engineer, led a tour for YPT members and friends through the active construction site of the new GA 400 at I-85 ramps. The project is adding ramps to allow free-flow operation for two movements: GA 400 southbound to I-85 northbound, and I-85 southbound to GA 400 northbound. Current-

ly, travelers wishing to make those connections would be required to access the heavily-congested arterials Buford Highway and Sidney Marcus Blvd, and make a number of turns before getting on their desired roadway facility (see figure).

The project’s opening to traffic due date is December 31st, 2013, after which daily construction penal-

ties may be incurred by the contractor, Archer Western. The group was led around storm drain pipes, rebar cages, bridge decking, fill material, concrete forms, and other supplies and equipment to the I-85 exit point for the new ramp, and then got to climb to the top of the GA 400 to I-85 third-level flyover for some excellent views of the local transportation network and downtown skyline.



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2013-2014 ELECTION RESULTS

The board of directors for the 2013-2014 year was recently elected, and congratulations to all the new Directors shown below.

The outgoing board members wish them luck in pursuing all of YPT Atlanta's goals over the next year.

The positions of Chair, Vice Chair for Programs, and Vice Chair for Sponsorship are currently vacant and open to members of YPT Atlanta, so please [contact us](#) if you'd like to get involved. The easiest way to do that is to attend a board meeting. Board meetings are open to all members and are regularly scheduled for

the last Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at the AECOM office in Midtown. Our next meeting is Monday November 18th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Please Contact the Vice Chair for Administration Lindsey Dunnahoo if you'd like to attend and we will send you a calendar invitation.

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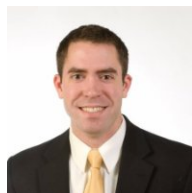
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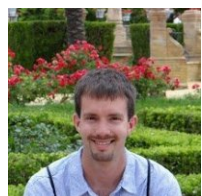
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PHOTO ALBUM - A LOOK AT SOME OF OUR EVENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR

