



March Meeting Announcement

- Speaker:** Jolene Molitoris, Director/Ohio Department of Transportation
- When:** Tuesday, March 23, 2010
- Where:** Arlington Banquets; 1967 W. Henderson Road; Columbus, OH 43220
- Schedule:** Social: 6:00 – 6:30 PM, Dinner: 6:30, Presentation: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- Cost:** Members and Guests: \$20 Students: \$10

Topic: Transportation and Rail Development in Ohio

Abstract

Are you curious about the future of high speed rail in Ohio? Come learn about Ohio's share of the \$8 billion in stimulus funds designated for high speed rail, being used to re-establish passenger rail service along the 3C Corridor (Cleveland-Columbus-Cincinnati).

Jolene Molitoris, Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, is leading the state's historic investment in transportation infrastructure, bolstered by federal stimulus funds dedicated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Ohio will experience historic levels of construction during the 2010/2011 fiscal biennium, with investments of both state/federal formula funding and stimulus support. These funds are being invested in every region of the state and in every mode of Ohio's multi-modal transportation system. Ohio has been nationally recognized for maximizing flexibility of the federal transportation stimulus.

Biography

Jolene Molitoris was appointed Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation in January, 2009, giving her the distinction as the first woman director since the establishment of the Ohio Department of Highways in 1905. Appointed by President Clinton in 1993, Ms. Molitoris was the first woman to head the Federal Railroad Administration. During her eight years, she led agency-wide changes to improve safety and customer service - resulting in the seven safest years in US railroad history. Her service was highlighted by innovative efforts to develop public-private partnerships in financing national transportation improvements.

Ms. Molitoris began her career at the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority, achieving the position of Executive Director. During her tenure, Ohio led the nation in state-developed high speed rail planning. She was then appointed Deputy Director of Rail at ODOT, where she worked with port authorities to create 13 new short line railroads - the most in any state following the deregulation of the railroad industry.

Reservations are needed by March 18th, 2010.

To RSVP, contact: Jessica Rannow – Society of Women Engineers
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**Payment is required for all reservations cancelled after March 18, 2010.
Please pay at the door by either cash or check payable to the Society of Women Engineers.**