



## **2020 NEC/AAAE Annual Conference, (Virtual!)**

### **Speaker Bio: Api Appulingam**

Api Appulingam serves as the Deputy Director of Aviation, Capital Development for the Division of Aviation for the City of Philadelphia. She is responsible for bringing innovation to its airfields and terminals and strengthening the regional economy. Ms. Appulingam oversees the 2.4 billion dollar Capital Development Program, tasked with making critical improvements and developing new infrastructure at both Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and Northeast Philadelphia Airport (PNE).

Api has over 15 years of experience in the aviation industry, with several general aviation and commercial service airports in the U.S. and internationally. Ms. Appulingam earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and a Master of Business Administration in Project Management/Corporate Finance from the University of Dallas. Api is a registered Professional Engineer and serves on the Philadelphia Chapter's Executive Board for Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), is the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair for the Northeast Chapter/American Association of Airport Executives (NEC/AAAE) and as a Board Member of the March of Dimes Transportation, Building & Construction Awards Luncheon. She also served as WTS Philadelphia's Diversity's Committee Chair from 2015 to 2016 where she created opportunities for W/M/DBE's through networking events and coordination of certification programs.

Ms. Appulingam is passionate about mentoring and supporting the next generation of STEM professionals. She mentors young women ages 13 to 18 as part of the WTS Transportation YOU program, which provides a hands-on, interactive introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers.