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- **Member Information & Calendar** (Reminders; Calendar of Events; Quote of the Week)

If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: Bruce Wylie ([BruceWylie@acecmo.org](mailto:BruceWylie@acecmo.org)) or Dawn Hill ([DawnHill@acecmo.org](mailto:DawnHill@acecmo.org)). We would love to hear from you!

**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**H.R. 2 - House Infrastructure Package**

As you may know, the House will be taking up major infrastructure legislation next week -- the *Moving Forward Act* (H.R. 2). While this legislation will not be considered as a whole in the Senate -- it represents the House Democratic leadership’s vision for an infrastructure-based recovery agenda -- it does enable the House to enter into negotiations with the Senate on a new multi-year surface transportation program to replace the FAST Act -- should the Senate proceed with passage of its own legislation -- and creates the possibility of including additional initiatives that have bipartisan support in the context of those negotiations. HR 2 would authorize transportation, energy, water, brownfields, broadband, public housing, health care facilities, and public school construction programs and funding over five years. The bill totals approximately $1.5 trillion in investment from FY 2021-25.

- Text of the *Moving Forward Act* is [here](#).
- The Section by Section summary is [here](#).
- A Five-Page Fact Sheet is [here](#).

ACEC National staff compiled a **summary** of key elements of HR 2 -- highlights include:

- **Surface Transportation:** The bill incorporates the text of the *INVEST in America Act*, the five-year, $494 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill approved by the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. That bill includes: $311 billion for federal highway programs; $105 billion for transit programs; and $60 billion for passenger rail. The bill extends current programs through FY’21 and adds $14.7 billion
for highways and $6.75 billion for transit, and it waives the non-federal match for FY 2021. New programs would go into effect in FY 2022. (Note that ACEC is preparing for the possibility of one or more amendments that seek to restrict the ability of State DOTs to contract out, including one that may be offered by Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA) that would require construction inspection services to be performed only by DOT employees.)

- **Aviation:** The bill increases annual Airport Improvement Program funding to $4 billion and authorizes an additional $17.5 billion in supplemental airport funding over 5 years (subject to appropriations).
- **Water:** $25 billion to improve drinking water infrastructure; $500 million annual grant program to support technology investments to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances from drinking water; $40 billion in new wastewater infrastructure – $8 billion annually – in funding for the Clean Water SRF program; Appropriates an additional $10 billion to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) Construction account; $1 billion ($200 million annually) in grants to owners and operators of publicly owned treatment works to implement Clean Water permit limits for the discharge of PFAS-related chemicals or other potential contaminants of emerging concern as identified by EPA.
- **Energy:** $700 million annually in electricity grid modernization projects with eligible partnerships (national labs, educational institutions, state or local governments, electric utilities, and transmission organizations) including advanced controls for transmission and distribution to improve resilient, reliable, and affordable service through distributed generation, microgrids, storage, electric vehicles, efficiency, and demand response. $250 million annually for grants for natural gas distribution performance improvements; and $200 million annually for solar grants to serve low-income populations.
- **Renewable Energy:** Revives and extends the Production Tax Credit for most renewable energy facilities through 2025; geothermal through 2020; and wind preserved at current levels through 2020, then extended at 60% through 2025; ITCs are extended through 2025 for geothermal, wind, solar, CHP, storage, etc. The bill also includes the 45Q extension for carbon oxide sequestration credits, and 48(a)(5) credit extension for offshore wind facilities.
- **Broadband:** Appropriates $80 billion to fund competitive bidding systems to build broadband infrastructure for broadband internet infrastructure to unserved and underserved rural, suburban, and urban communities. $5 billion Broadband Infrastructure Financing Innovation (BIFIA) program, to provide State and local governments, public authorities, and public-private partnerships financing through secured loans, lines of credit, and loan guarantees for eligible projects. Appropriates $125 million annually for five years for formula grants to states to implement “digital equity plans, and an additional $125 million for competitive grants in FY 2021.
- **School Construction:** Authorizes $100 billion over 4 years for public school construction and improvements, funds apportioned to states by formula under Title I.
- **Health Care Facilities:** Provides $10 billion in total funding for fiscal years 2021 through 2025 for the construction and modernization of hospitals and medical facilities. Authorizes $10 billion in total funding for community health center capital project grants for fiscal years 2021 through 2025.
- **Public Housing:** Authorizes $70 billion to the public housing capital fund for public housing agencies to address the estimated backlog of physical repairs needed to maintain safe and decent housing.
The second roundtable will be on **Thursday, June 25**, at **3:30 pm ET** and will look at “The Buildings We Live and Work In.” The panelists will address what lasting impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the design of the commercial, high-rise, healthcare, and mixed-use buildings of the future and how firms can prepare. I encourage you to participate. Click [here](#) to register.

At the end of last week, the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee passed the INVEST in America Act, which authorizes nearly $500 billion for highways, transit, passenger rail, and other programs. During the mark-up of the bill, we were successful in having two amendments withdrawn that would have limited the ability of state DOTs to contract out to firms. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer has said that the full House will address infrastructure during the week of June 29. We can expect the INVEST Act to be the focus, although they will probably also include school construction, broadband, and tax provisions related to bonding, financing, and credits for investment in “green” infrastructure. We expect the T&I Committee to turn to WRDA and water infrastructure in July.

We have rescheduled the 2020 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala for **November 21, 2020**, at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. Please save this date on your calendar. One word of caution: Given the continuing uncertainty due to COVID-19, the gala may have to be moved to a virtual event on a date to be determined. For questions about sponsorships and tickets, please contact [Daisy Nappier](#).

On Tuesday, we presented a free online class on Engineering Tax Deductions (179D), the CARES Act and Making the Most of 2020. Sponsored by Bryan Consulting, the session provided an update on the commercial buildings energy efficiency tax deduction, including a dive into a recent court case on the deduction, as well as CARES Act implications and how to plan for the rest of 2020. Click [here](#) to stream the video of the session.

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**Missouri General Assembly Candidates Demonstrate Support for Transportation Investment**

Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) has released the results of a candidate survey on transportation investment. The online survey was conducted from May 26 through June 15, 2020. A link to the online survey was sent to 281 candidates for seats in the Missouri General Assembly. The online survey received 95 responses, representing a 34% overall completion rate. The link was sent to 45 candidates for state senate, with 12 completing the survey, representing a 27% completion rate. The link was sent to 236 candidates for the Missouri house, with 83 completing the survey, representing a 35% response rate. The survey asked candidates a series of questions about transportation investment in Missouri, and their support for increased transportation investment. Results from the survey are outlined below:

**There is significant support to address transportation investment in the next legislative session.**
- 63% of respondents indicated, during the 2021 legislative session, they would vote in favor of a bill to capture internet sales/use taxes and dedicate a portion of those taxes to transportation investment.
- 54% of respondents indicated, during the 2021 legislative session, they would vote in favor of a bill to provide a 6-cent state motor fuel tax increase phased-in over 3 years.
- 53% of respondents indicated, during the 2021 legislative session, they would vote in favor of a 10-cent state motor fuel tax increase phased-in over 5 years.
- 47% of respondents indicated, during the 2021 legislative session, they would vote in favor of a bill to provide a one-time 2-cent state motor fuel tax increase.
- 71% of respondents indicated, during the 2021 legislative session, they would vote in favor of a bill to increase investment in public transportation, ports, and airports from general revenue.

**There is significant support for transportation investment overall.**
- 99% of respondents indicated they would support adequate and sustainable transportation funding, with 62% indicating it would be among their “Top 3” legislative priorities.
- 99% of respondents indicated they would vote in favor of bills to fund unmet transportation priorities and create jobs. 47% of respondents indicated they would sponsor bills to achieve this objective.
- 99% of respondents indicated they would vote in favor of bills to increase transportation funding to more effectively, and more efficiently, move freight. 42% of respondents indicated they would sponsor bills to achieve this objective.
99% of respondents indicated they would vote in favor of bills to provide increased funding for safety improvements to save Missouri lives. 40% indicated they would sponsor bills to achieve this objective.

94% of respondents indicated they would vote in favor of bills to provide increased dedicated funding for public transportation. 40% indicated they would sponsor bills to achieve this objective.

Candidates are increasingly aware of the need to address transportation investment.

- 58% of respondents gave the overall condition of Missouri’s transportation infrastructure a grade of C.
- 38% gave it a grade of D.
- 73% of respondents believe the Missouri Department of Transportation operates efficiently.
- 80% of respondents indicated they have read the Missouri Department of Transportation’s Citizens Guide to Transportation Funding in Missouri.
- 73% of respondents indicated they have read the 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force final report.

“Missouri transportation investment has been inadequate and unsustainable for years,” said Jeff Glenn, Executive Director of MFTI. “Candidates understand that, and they have demonstrated strong support for action during the next legislative session to fix our roads and bridges, and to adequately fund public transportation, ports, and airports. It’s time for the Missouri General Assembly to act by passing legislation to increase Missouri’s investment in transportation.”

Bruce Wylie, Chairman of the Board of Directors for MFTI, upon reviewing the results of the survey shared, “This survey shows that the drumbeat is getting louder for support of new funding for transportation.” In light of the current state of the economy he continued, “Now more than ever this financial infusion would provide much-needed economic stimulus, and many new jobs for Missourians.” MFTI strongly encourages its members to support candidates this November that will work to pass new funding sources for transportation needs in Missouri. MFTI members can obtain a copy of individual candidate responses by sending a request to info@mfti.org.

ACEC Life/Health Trust Loyalty Credit

The ACEC Life/Health Trust (Trust) is crediting back over $10 million nationwide to firms in a Trust medical plan. To support member firms during these tough times, the Trust is giving back a percentage of each firm’s premium – automatically credited to their August 2020 invoice. Also, any firm that joins on or before August 1st, will receive 20% off their first month’s medical premium as part of the ACEC Life/Health Trust Loyalty Credit.

For 55 years, it has been their mission to support the physical and financial health of member firms. As firms focus on business objectives throughout the pandemic and resulting lockdowns, the Trust is grateful to be able to partner with firms in any way they can. To learn more, go to ACECLifeHealthTrust.com/Loyalty.

NOTABLE EVENTS

MoDOT-MOAGC-ACECMO Alternative Project Delivery Webinar - APD Working Group

MoDOT has been working with AGCMO and ACEC/MO to improve communication on Design-Build and other Alternative Project Delivery methods and to look for opportunities to strengthen the program.

As part of that effort, MoDOT will host a webinar on June 30, 2020 at 2:00 pm. It will feature a 30-minute presentation from a panel that will include MoDOT’s Dave Simmons, Don
Rosenbarger of Delta Companies and Bruce Wylie from ACEC/MO. A question-and-answer period through the chat function will follow.

Join via Phone: 1-408-792-6300
Event number (access code): 132 697 3447
JOIN VIA COMPUTER

Feel free to forward this invitation to anyone whom you believe would benefit from this webinar. This information can also be found on the web by clicking here.

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**Weekly Negotiation Tribe Q&A**

Negotiation Tribe...what the heck is that? More than a Zoom meeting. More than a catchphrase or hashtag. The Negotiation Tribe is a community of diverse professionals. Sales pros, executives, procurement specialists, police hostage/crisis negotiators, mediators, business executives of all stripes, solo entrepreneurs, small business owners, and community organizers.

What do we have in common? We negotiate. We think a peaceful settlement with mutual consent is just what everyone needs! We value negotiation, not as a gimmick or tactic, but as a craft. An artform in human performance.

If any of this sounds appealing, or if you are interested in pursuing excellence in negotiation, then you belong in the Tribe! It's **FREE** and it will definitely bring you professional and personal value as you craft deals and build relationships! Join Dan Oblinger and Allan Tsang for a live Zoom-delivered Negotiator Q&A **every Friday** at **1:00 pm**.

To sign up for this weekly session, click [here](#).

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**ACEC Offers Free Member Medium Firm Roundtable**

ACEC is hosting a complimentary virtual member roundtable for medium-sized firms (51-200 employees). On **June 26, 12:00-1:00 pm ET**, the **Medium Firm Roundtable** will offer an opportunity for members with a platform to discuss the issues facing mid-sized engineering firms, as well as share ideas on how our industry can help our communities during the crisis.

Registration for the program is limited to 80 participants, so sign up soon. Click [HERE](#) to register for the Medium Firm Roundtable.

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**Registration is Open for ACEC/MO’s 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament**

Registration is now open for ACEC/MO’s 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on **Monday, October 19, 2020** at the **Columbia Country Club**, 2210 N Country Club Drive, Columbia, MO 65201. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m.; lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m.; and a shotgun start will be at 12:00 p.m. There will be a small reception and awards to conclude the day. The cost is **$200** per person and includes green fees, cart, golf balls, prizes, refreshments, luncheon, and a reception. **Only personal credit card payments or personal checks payable to ACEC/PAC are accepted for golf.**
Corporate sponsors are needed to help cover the costs for golf, lunch, prizes, and other miscellaneous expenses. The sponsorship levels include: Platinum - $1,000; Gold - $750; Silver - $500; and Beverage Cart - $250. We will list all the sponsors on our website, in social media, and in our Weekly Updates.

The last 3 years, we had right at 40 golfers for each tournament and we would like to exceed that number this year. We need your help to accomplish that! To register for the golf tournament, click on the "Register Now for ACEC/MO Golf Tournament for ACEC/PAC" link below. For more information on being a sponsor, please click on the "Download Sponsor Info for ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament" link below. Both documents are also available on our website. Please help us make this tournament the most successful one yet!

Register for ACEC/MO Golf Tournament for ACEC/PAC  Download Sponsor Info for ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament

Save the Dates...Upcoming State and National Meetings

ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 21, 2020 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Columbia. Registration information will be sent out soon. (The meeting could be held virtually.)

ACEC's Fall Conference is scheduled for October 28-31, 2020. It will be held at the Marriott Marquis San Diego, San Diego, CA. Registration information will be out soon. (The meeting could be held virtually.)

2020 ACEC Engineering Excellence Awards Gala Postponed Until Fall

ACEC has rescheduled the 2020 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala to November 21, 2020 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. Given the uncertainty of COVID-19 pandemic, however, the gala may have to be moved to a virtual event on a date to be determined.
ACEC will honor any participant seats and sponsorships already purchased. For questions about registration or refunds for the rescheduled event, contact Daisy Nappier.

The 2020 Gala will still honor a record 203 entries representing engineering excellence from throughout the nation and the world. Recognition of all award winners, including the top winners—20 Honor Awards, 16 Grand Awards and the prestigious “Grand Conceptor Award” for the year’s most outstanding overall engineering achievement—will make it a night to remember.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Reminders...

ACEC/MO member firms paying their dues on a quarterly or semiannual basis must have all dues paid and in the ACEC/MO office by June 30, 2020 (the last day of our fiscal year). Please contact ACEC/MO staff if you need to discuss payment options.

Calendar of Events

August 17-18 -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, St. Louis
August 21 -- ACEC/MO Summer Meeting, Columbia
September 1-2 -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Independence
October 14 -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline
October 19 -- ACEC/MO 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Columbia
October 28-31 -- ACEC Fall Conference, San Diego, CA
November 4 -- ACEC/MO EEA Judging
November 13 -- ACEC/MO Fall Meeting, Columbia

Newly added events are italicized. To see a complete calendar of events, go to ACEC/MO's website.

Quote of the Week

"Design is where science and art break even." - Robin Mathew

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