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## **MassDOT Highway Division Issues 2025 Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges**

See also [Engineering Directive E-25-003](#).

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## **MassDOT Highway Division Issues 2025 Construction Standard Details**

Due to [Engineering Directive E-25-002](#), changes have also been made to the MassDOT Title Plan sheets.

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## **Support the ACEC Political Action Committee**

### **Special Reception to Thank ACEC/PAC Contributors: May 8 @ Jacobs, Boston**

ACEC's Political Action Committee - ACEC/PAC - is the engineering industry's primary tool for political engagement at the national level. ACEC/PAC is the largest PAC in the engineering and design services industry.

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Your personal contribution to ACEC/PAC helps us to reach members of Congress as we advocate about the challenges our industry faces.

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## **ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence Gala - Register Today**



**Engineering Excellence Awards**

**April 7, 5 PM Reception | 6:30 PM Gala Awards Dinner | 8:30 PM Dessert Buffet**

**Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston**

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**Register by March 31**

**EEA Registration Info**

**Genesis Course Registration - < 12 seats open**

**April 17, 24, May 1, 3 - 6 PM, CDM Smith, Boston**

3-session course for professionals with about 3-5 years experience.

**More Info**

**Engineers & Land Surveyors Day + Water's Worth It Day @ the State House**

**May 14 @ 9:30 AM, Rm 428, State House**

Check names of your MA State Senator and State Representative before you register.

Find your Legislators:

<https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>

**Info & Registration Link:**

<https://www.acecma.org/about/news/engineers-and-land-surveyors-at-the-state-house-waters-worth-it-day-3751>

**Register by May 1.**

**ACEC 2025 Annual Convention & Legislative Summit**

May 18–21 Convention, Washington, DC.

**More Info**

**ACEC/MA IT and Risk Management Forum**

**April 24, 12 Noon Virtual Meeting**

Topic: Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC)

**Open to ACEC/MA Members\***

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**Resource from ACEC/MA Rising Professionals Committee Briefing - PE Exam Preparation**



**Thank you Paul Tyrell**, PE, PLS, (HDR), Chair, MA Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors & **Tim Shea**, PE, Nitsch Engineering, for presenting at our 3/25 briefing. Thank you to Nitsch Engineering for hosting. [PDF of Presentation](#)

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### **Wastewater Advisory Comm. for MWRA seeks PE**

MA PE license & MA residency.

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### **Board of Building Regulations & Standards Seeks Mechanical Engineer**

MA PE license & MA residency.

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## **Government Affairs**

### **FEDERAL NEWS**

#### **[Navigating Change: ACEC's Commitment to Engineering's Future](#)**

#### **Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:**

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### **STATE and LOCAL NEWS**

#### **[MA residents say state must prepare for transportation funding](#)**

[shortfall](#) - MassInc Polling Group survey found: 51% of respondents said they would somewhat or strongly support replacing the gas tax with a "fee based on how much people drive, whether they drive a gas car or an electric car," 31% opposed the idea, and 18% said they do not know.

#### **[Healey-Driscoll Administration, MassDOT, MBTA Celebrate Launch of South Coast Rail](#)**

#### **[Motorcycle Safety Awareness](#)**

#### **Legislature's Joint Committee on Ways & Means continues its FY26**

**budget hearings this week**, with more hearings planned through April 8 [Hearing schedule is here](#). You can participate in person or virtually.

**Virtual Public Meetings:** State legislators enacted [H.62](#) on 3/20, sending bill to Governor Healey. This bill would extend rules allowing public bodies subject to Open Meeting Law to continue conducting meetings virtually, with a remote access option for the public through June 2027. Governor Healey has 10 days to review the bill. The current law allowing hybrid meetings expires on March 31, 2025.

**ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on April 23 at 10 AM at Aldrich Center at The Engineering Center in Boston + Zoom option.**

Join us as we review bills impacting the engineering, land surveying, and design professional community.

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Opportunities & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying.

STEM Task Force Info

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