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## Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll Briefs ACEC/MA Leaders on Housing, Economic Development Plans



From Left: ACEC/MA President (FY25) Dawn Connelly (Green International Affiliates), ACEC/MA President (FY24) Colleen Moore (HDR | City Point Partners), Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll at ACEC/MA's June 18 Annual Celebration.

Massachusetts Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll joined more than 100 ACEC/MA leaders for our Annual Celebration on June 18 in Boston discussing the Healey-Driscoll administration's plans for housing and economic development, with bills pending in the legislature. More on our incoming Board and leaders next week.

## ACEC/MA Odyssey Leadership Program - Now Accepting Registrations for Odyssey Class of 2025.

9 Session Course Starts September 26, 2024.

Leadership skills development program for senior management, middle management and anyone who has been identified as a high potential leader. Typically participants have 10 - 20 years of experience.

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## MassDOT Industry Day on Allston & Cape Cod Bridge Projects

June 25, 9 AM - 1 PM @ Volpe Center in Cambridge.

Focused discussion on Design-Build Procurement for both projects anticipated to be in procurement beginning Sept 2026.

MassDOT advises attendees to arrive very early to go through security for this event at Volpe and to leave backpacks and briefcases in the office.

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Please have any public employee golfers register separately.

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## MEPA Schedules Public Presentations on Straw Proposals to Update Greenhouse Gas Emissions Policy & Interim Protocol on Climate Change Adaptation & Resiliency

The public presentations on Zoom are scheduled for [June 18, 2024, 2-4 pm](#), and [June 20, 2024, 2-4pm](#), and will be recorded.

Resource documents to be updated: [2010 MEPA Greenhouse Gas Emissions Policy and Protocol](#) and the [2021 MEPA Interim Protocol on Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency](#).

The straw proposals are available on the [MEPA website](#),

Public comments are due by **Sept. 16, 2024** (to [MEPA-regs@mass.gov](mailto:MEPA-regs@mass.gov)).

Full details are [here](#). Contact [MEPA-regs@mass.gov](mailto:MEPA-regs@mass.gov) with any questions.

## ACEC/MA Committee and Forum Co-Chair Opportunities

ACEC/MA is currently looking for interested members to serve as co-chairs for:

**ACEC/MA HR Forum - two co-chairs who are HR leaders in their firms.**

- ACEC/MA is grateful to **Leila Cahillane, HDR | City Point Partners** and **Katie Murphy, GZA GeoEnvironmental**, who have led our HR Forum for several years!

**ACEC/MA Risk Management Forum** - seeking one co-chair who is in-house counsel or leading risk management at an ACEC/MA Member Firm.

**Both Forums meet quarterly on Zoom.**

For more information, contact [Abbie Goodman](#)

## Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[The Delicate Art of Preservation Engineering](#) - from ACEC's Engineering, Inc.



## STATE NEWS

[Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll Release \\$15.6 B Capital Investment Plan For Fiscal Year 2025–2029](#)

[July Service Changes: MBTA Continues Repair Work To Improve Reliability Across The System](#)

[MA Senate to Take Action on Sweeping Climate and Plastics Bills](#) - the Senate version of the Plastics Bill includes ACEC/MA-backed language on labelling of non-flushable wipes. The Senate is expected to vote on both bills today.

[MBTA Board Approves Capital Investment Plan For Fiscal Years 2025-2029](#) - approved June 11, 2024

[MassBay Partners with Natick High to Launch STEM Tech Career Academy](#) - includes Engineering Track

[MBTA General Manager Provides Update On Progress Of South Coast Rail Project, Milestone Reached With New Testing Phase](#)

[The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' FY2025 Budget Process for ACEC/MA Members](#) - Conference Committee begins work.

**ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Acts on Bills Impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community.**

[Join ACEC/MA GAC for July 12 Zoom](#)

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## ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Opportunities & Resources for your firm to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying

[STEM Task Force Info](#)

## STEM Starter Academy

Technical Students for Entry Level Roles in Your Firm from MA Community Colleges

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