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9/12/22 @ Marshfield Country Club

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9 Session Leadership Course Begins 9/29/2022

@ Conference Center at Waltham Woods

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ACEC/MA's highly rated Odyssey Leadership Program is accepting registrations for the class of 2023. Your firm can apply for a Massachusetts Workforce Training Grant to reimburse up to 100% of the tuition, depending on the firm's employee count in MA, but **firms must register their staff for Odyssey and apply for the grants before 9/8/22.**

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State of the Engineering Economy - Q3 2022

August 23 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM Eastern

Free to ACEC Members and Non-Members

Sign up for ACEC Research Institute's quarterly update on the State of the Engineering Economy – 2022 Q3 - a lively discussion on the current state of the US Economy, how it is affecting the Engineering and Design Services sector, and an industry outlook. [More >](#)

Government Affairs Update

Governor Baker Signs \$11.4B Infrastructure Law

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STV
Triunity, Inc.

Highlights:

- \$400M for Immediate Safety Improvements for MBTA
- \$2.8B for interstate and non-interstate federal highway system
- \$1.375B for transit and rail improvements
- \$1.27B for non-federally aided road and bridge projects and tens of millions of dollars more for multimodal transportation planning, regional transit network improvements and Complete Streets funding for municipalities.
- ACEC/MA-backed Dig Safe Language now law
- ACEC/MA in in Governor's amendment on Mobility Pricing Commission

Governor Baker approved all of the bond authorizations in the nearly \$11.4B bill (was H. 5151) he signed on 8/10/22, including \$400M for immediate safety improvements at the MBTA and \$275M as a down payment toward a western Massachusetts passenger rail expansion, and several of the outside sections packed into the major legislation

Another Baker amendment to this bill would expand a proposed mobility pricing commission, which lawmakers tasked with studying and making recommendations on measures such as congestion pricing and public transit fares, by eight members. The new seats would be filled by representatives of AAA, Construction Industries of Massachusetts, **American Council of Engineering Companies**, Trucking Association of Massachusetts, Retailers Association of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Restaurant Association, Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association and the hospitality industry. At press time, this law does not yet have a session chapter number.

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Here are updates on other major bills of interest to ACEC/MA members that were on Governor Baker's desk at as of August 2, 2022:



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**[H5065 financing the general governmental
infrastructure of the Commonwealth \(GGBB\).](#)**

Signed by Governor, now **[Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2022](#)**

**[H4981 providing for the terms of certain bonds for
transportation improvements to be issued by the
Commonwealth.](#)**

Signed by Governor, now **[Chapter 153 of the Acts of 2022](#)**

[H5060 driving clean energy and offshore wind.](#)

Action Due: Today, Thursday, Aug. 11

**[H 5163 to improve and modernize the information
technology systems and capacities of the judiciary.](#)**

Signed by Governor with the return of one section. No
session chapter number assigned yet. **[More >](#)**

House and Senate negotiators continue to work on a
significant **economic development bill** in conference
committee as they continue to wrestle with an existing law
that could trigger nearly \$3B in tax relief this year. Economic
Development Bills in conference: **[H 5034](#)** and **[S 3030](#)**

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**Stretch Energy Code and Specialized Municipal Opt-in
Code Comments Due Friday**

The MA Department of Energy Resources (DOER) public
comment period for its proposed Stretch Energy Code and
Specialized Municipal Opt-in Code (225 CMR 22.00 and
23.00) ends 8/12/22 at 5 PM. Written comments
encouraged via email to **stretchcode@mass.gov** with the
words BUILDING CODE COMMENTS in the subject line.

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**ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on
bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E community.
Next GAC Meeting: 8/26 @ 10 AM on Zoom**

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