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Seeking ACEC/MA Representative for MEPA Advisory Committee

MEPA Director and EOEEA Assistant Secretary **Tori T. Kim** has asked us for one person to represent ACEC/MA on the MEPA Advisory Committee to inform the MEPA regulatory review process moving forward. They are planning a September release of a M.G.L. c. 30A rulemaking package. MEPA , and are looking to have the committee in place by early September.



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The group's initial focus will be on environmental justice issues, followed by broader topics related to MEPA definitions, procedures, and thresholds. They may create a subcommittee to focus on climate issues. This is a follow up to our 8/9/21 briefing on the **Resilient Massachusetts Action Team (RMAT): Climate Resilience Design Standards Tool: [PDF of RMAT Presentation](#)**.

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If you are interested in serving on this MEPA Advisory Committee, please send your contact information and a short bio to [Abbie Goodman](#) by August 27.

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8/30/21, 2:30 PM Zoom: Health & Safety Forum

discussion. This Outlook appointment will be sent to H&S
Forum members today, but if you aren't yet on the Forum
and would like to participate, [email us for Zoom info.](#)

From 8/25/21 TALC: [PDF of Presentation](#) from Marie
Rose, MassDOT Director of Project Management.

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In Case You Missed It (ICYMI):

[MassDOT List of Design-Build Project Identification-Next Generation Bridge \(NGB\)](#) - no bid dates

7/28/2021: Liz Williams, Liz, Bob Frey, Kevin Lopes of MassDOT on MassDOT Data Resources: [PDF of Presentation from MassDOT](#)

Project Controls for Designers Presented by: Ken Johnson, Deputy Chief – Project Controls: [PDF of Presentation from MBTA](#)

ACEC Fall Conference

October 27- 30, 2021

JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, FL

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On 8/24/21, the US House of Representatives approved a procedural resolution that provided, among other things, that the House will vote on approval of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act by September 27 at the latest. [More >](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) reviews bills impacting our Engineering/PLS/A/E community.

Next GAC Meeting = 8/27 @ 10 AM on Zoom

[Join ACEC/MA Government Affairs Comm](#)

PPP Loans / FAR Credits Clause

Like many other important amendments, the provision address PPP loan forgiveness and FAR credits was not able to move forward in the Senate version of the Federal Infrastructure bill that passed on August 10. ACEC is looking at options for the final bill and other vehicles. We still need ACEC member engagement to bolster the case.

[Contact Your US Representative and Senators](#)

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