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Here's Your 9/30/21 ACEC/Matters

Grassroots Push Needed for Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill

Now is the time for a final grassroots push on the bipartisan infrastructure bill.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is working to get the House to vote on the bill this week. We hope that she has the votes to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, but the situation is very fluid and could change in an instant, so securing as many votes as possible is critical to ensuring that this vital piece of legislation passes and goes to the President's desk to be signed into law.

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ACEC's Action Alert calls on members to reach out to their Congressional delegation. [Access the advocacy site here](#), where you can follow a straightforward, step-by-step process for sending a personalized email to your US Representative... [More >](#)





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9/30 Online Event on Remo, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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STEM Task Force + HR Forum

10/7, 2 PM on Zoom

David Cedrone, Assoc. Commissioner, MA Department of Higher Education, + students from the [STEM Starter Academy](#), located at every Massachusetts community college. They are seeking partnerships with our firms through:

- Student Internships
- Career Awareness Programs with their student on campus or virtually
- Other opportunities

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From 9/27 ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum + HR Forum

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Members discussed reactions by OSHA and FAR to the Executive Order related to COVID-19 and vaccination mandates for employers.



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 News & insight on the
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Accounting & Finance Forum

10/21, 11 AM - 12 PM on Zoom

ACEC's new Peer Benchmarking Program with EFCG and sharing local benchmarking data gathered by DGC.

Speakers:

- **Rebecca Zofnass**, Managing Partner, EFCG Environmental Financial Consulting Group
- **Marie Ternieden**, Senior Vice President, Business Resources and Education, ACEC
- **Nick Tamvakiis**, Principal in DGC's A/E Practice, co-chair of ACEC/MA A&F Forum with Jackie Weir of BDO

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Government Affairs

[Report Recommends Taking Road To 15-](#)

[Minute Neighborhoods](#): Boston Indicators and the Massachusetts Housing Partnership concluded that a long history of policy choices and hyperlocal decision-making have rendered many neighborhoods segregated, unaffordable and car-centric. Achieving a solution, they said, will require a greater state government focus on zoning, housing development and other fabric-of-life issues.

Waiver of FAR Credit for Forgiven PPP Loans Passes

US House: ACEC's campaign to win passage of a targeted waiver of a provision in the Federal Acquisition Regulation that is forcing A/E firms to provide credits for forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans on contracts with state departments of transportation (DOTs) got a big boost last week, as the House of Representatives passed the waiver as an amendment to the annual National Defense Authorization Act... [More >](#)

#PPPFairness

ACEC continues to work on options to address PPP loan forgiveness and FAR credits in Congress. We still need ACEC member engagement to bolster the case.

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

Next GAC Meeting = 10/22 @ 10 AM on Zoom

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ACEC Fall Conference

October 27- 30, 2021

JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, FL

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