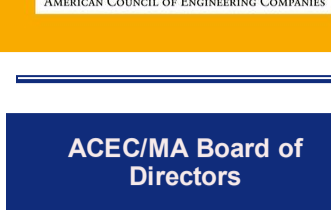




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ACEC/MA State Markets Conference 2021

3 Tuesday Zoom Sessions: 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

All sessions: 8:30 AM Zoom Networking, 9-11AM Program

[Register](#) for all 3 sessions or for individual sessions:

January 12: State Markets in Buildings

- Carol Gladstone, DCAMM Commissioner + team
- Simone A. Early, Assist. Director, Architecture, Engineering and Sustainability Unit, Dept. of Housing and Community Development
- MSBA: TBA

January 19: State Markets in Water and Climate

- Fred Laskey, MWRA Executive Director
- Nate Keenan, Massachusetts Clean Water Trust
- Maria Pinaud, MassDEP (invited)
- Andraea Downs, MWRA WasteWater Advisory Committee

- City of Haverhill Case Study on their Municipal Vulnerability Plan: Erik Mas, Fuss & O'Neill, Inc,

Julianne Busa, PhD, CSE, Fuss & O'Neill, Inc,

City of Haverhill rep: TBA

January 26: State Markets in Transportation:

- MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak
- MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver

Additional speakers tba.

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ACEC Releases 2020 Engineering Industry Profile

Today, January 7, the ACEC Research Institute will launch new ground-breaking research – **2020 Engineering Industry Profile, Measuring Engineering's Impact on the Economy and Society**

This is a first-of-its-kind study to measure the impact of the engineering and associated professional services on employment and economic activity in America. The report demonstrates the significant contribution these sectors make to overall employment (3% of all US jobs), tax revenue (\$44.7B) and direct economic impact (\$229B). We include more information next week.

[Download the Report](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

ACEC/MA Education Corp. Scholarship - Due 1/29/21: Several scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year... [More >](#)

ACEC 4-Session Online Course on Diversity & Inclusion

Strategies for Developing a Respectful, Diverse, and Inclusive Workplace Culture: January 25 - February 19, 2021. [More >](#)

Government Affairs

Legislature ends 2019-2020 session at 4:42 AM on 1/6: passing a \$16.5B [Transportation Bond Bill \[Resource Page\]](#) and a [\\$626M Economic Development Bill \[Resource Page\]](#). The 2021-2022 legislative session started on January 6, 2021.

Earlier this week, the legislature passed a major [Climate Change Bill \[Resource Page\]](#). We also advocated for this bill, though one section of concern for us and for AIA MA remained in the bill passed by the legislature. The resource page includes a letter ACEC/MA and AIA MA sent to Governor Baker on January 5, 2021.

Thank you to our many members who reached out to their legislators to advocate for the passage of the Transportation Bond bill and assisted with the Climate Change bill.

These three omnibus bills (economic development, transportation bond and global warming) are now on Governor Baker's desk. The Governor has 10 days from when he received the bills to issue vetoes (not expected) or veto parts of the bills before signing them. With the 2019-2020 session ending just hours before the 2020-2021 session began yesterday, this time table is unprecedented. He is expected to veto part of the climate bill. It still remains unclear whether he will veto any part of the two bond bills, but he is expected to sign them.

Reported last week:

Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030: Statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions limit of 45% below the 1990 GHG emissions level for the year 2030:

On 12/30/20: Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides released the [2050 Decarbonization Roadmap](#) and the [Interim 2030 Clean Energy and Climate Plan](#), along with a [Letter of Determination](#)

The Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030 (2030 CECP) provides details on the actions the Commonwealth will undertake through the 2020s to ensure the 2030 emissions limit is met. The 2030 CECP is prepared in coordination with the development of the Decarbonization Roadmap to 2050 such that the actions and policies set forth in the 2030 CECP will also work to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. EEA will offer opportunities for public engagement in early 2021, which we'll post soon.

COVID-19 Relief and Consolidated Appropriations Act Summary of Key Provisions (December 21, 2020) from ACEC National Staff:

Congress approved this \$900B relief package on 12/21/20. President Trump signed it into law earlier last week after threatening to veto this bill 2 weeks ago.

Three States and DC Sign Onto MOU for Transportation Climate Initiative:

Twelve states and Washington, D.C. began the process more than 2 years ago of developing a regional "cap-and-invest" program to reduce carbon pollution from cars and trucks and generate the resources needed to expand clean transit options and improve public health. On 12/21/20, the Governors of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and the Mayor of Washington, D.C. signed on as the program's initial members.

ACEC/MA's GAC reviews bills impacting our Engineering / PLS / A/E community.

Next GAC Meeting = 1/22/21 @ 10 AM on Zoom [Join ACEC/MA Government Affairs Committee](#)

COVID-19 Resources and Guidance for ACEC/MA Members

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