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Here's Your 1/21/21
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2/11/21 @ 2 PM:
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ACEC/MA State Markets Conference

8:30 AM Zoom Networking, 9-11 AM Webinar

[Register](#) for the last session in this series:

January 26: State Markets in Transportation:

- MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak

- MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver

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ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum on the COVID Vaccine

ACEC/MA Member Briefing in conjunction with our HR Forum and Risk Management Forum

1/25, 2:30-4 PM on Zoom

[Contact Us for Zoom Info](#)

Featuring Donovan Hatem attorneys answering questions about legal ramifications of the COVID Vaccine for employers; send your questions in advance to [David Langlais](#), (Hoyle Tanner) or [Steve Hawkins](#) (GEI Consultants), H&S Forum Co-Chairs. [See the 1/25 Forum Meeting Page](#) for the current list of questions.

ACEC/MA HR Forum: A Practical Guide to Massachusetts PFML

ACEC/MA Member Briefing

1/27, 9:00 AM on Zoom

Andrew Godfried, Risk Strategies, joins us to answer real world questions on PFML. Sign Up for Zoom info + send your questions in advance: [More >](#)

ACEC/MA Member Briefing with:

Luciana Burdi, Massport Director for Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs

1/28, 9:00 AM, Zoom Webinar

[Sign up by 1/25 on Survey Monkey:](#) to receive an Outlook appointment with the Zoom webinar info. Provide **exact names and contact information for all participants.** Limited to 6 people per firm.

ACEC/MA is organizing this 1+ hour Zoom briefing with Luciana Burdi on her vision and values for Massport's Capital Programs with a presentation and Q&A session. ACEC/MA will co-host this with AIA MA, WTS-Boston, CMAA & BSCES.

MassDOT RFI for ITMS ConOps

MassDOT has issued an RFI for submittals to help inform and develop the requirements for a proposed system for **Integrated Transportation Management System (ITMS)** software, which is intended to eventually replace or integrate the existing Highway Operations Center (HOC) software systems and functionalities. MassDOT welcomes responses to this [RFI on CommBuys >](#)

MassDOT Seeks Design-Build Teams for Sumner Tunnel Project

MassDOT will be using Design Build on the upcoming Sumner Tunnel project and asked us to share information with our members:

- [Timeline](#)
- [Scope](#)

Engineering Drives Significant Economic Activity and Employment, New Landmark Study Finds

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[Download the Report](#) from the ACEC Research Institute

Government Affairs

[America's Engineering Industry Congratulates President Biden and Vice President Harris](#)

Last week, Governor Baker signed several bills passed at the end of the 2019-2020 session: a \$16.5B [Transportation Bond Bill](#), with some vetoes and a [\\$626M Economic Development Bill](#), with some vetoes. Check out the pages for the veto letters with more information. The final text of these bills was not yet available at press time.

Last week, Governor Baker also vetoed a major [Climate Change Bill](#). ACEC/MA advocated for this bill overall, though one section of concern for ACEC/MA and AIA MA remained in the bill passed by the legislature. The ACEC/MA resource page in the link above includes a letter ACEC/MA and AIA MA sent to Governor Baker on January 5, 2021 expressing our concerns. The House and Senate re-filed the bill this week.

[Chapter 262 of the Acts of 2020](#) became law on 1/4/21: An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting. Passage of this bill, filed by Governor Baker in 2020, was expected.

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

Next GAC Meeting = 1/22/21 @ 10 AM on Zoom

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