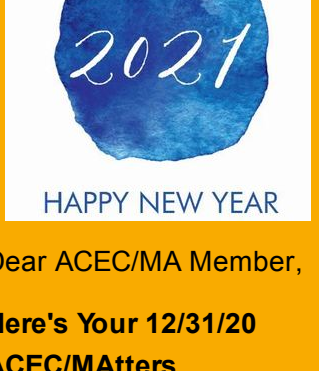




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News from ACEC/Massachusetts



Dear ACEC/MA Member,
Here's Your 12/31/20 ACEC/Matters
Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy & Exciting 2021.



Making New Connections- a Designer Partnership Virtual Engagement Meet-up

January 7, 10 AM - 12 Noon on Zoom

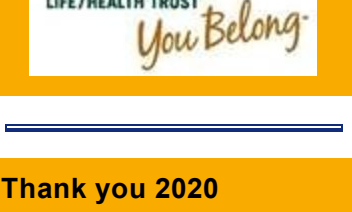
This session is open to all design and related consultant firms. Advance Registration Required

RSVP by January 4 to receive join information for this virtual meeting. This information will be included in your confirmation email. There is no fee to participate in this session.

Important Note: Be sure your firm has a profile on the DSB's Autocene platform before January 7. [See this DSB site for more info.](#)

Virtual Meetings: Prime firms and subconsultants will sign up in advance to meet with each other for 15-minute time slots. Registrants will be notified of participating firms prior to the event and will be set up in break out rooms for 15-minute time slots. The Designer Selection Board, DCAMM and DHCD will also be in informal break-out rooms to chat and there will be an open "virtual lobby" for hanging out in between sessions.

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For our **Transportation Agencies Liaison Committee:**

MassDOT has received concurrence from FHWA to **extend technician and inspector certifications until the 2021-2022 training cycle for contractors and consultants working on MassDOT projects.** MassDOT had requested this extension due to the impacts of COVID-19 on conducting in-person training. [More Information >](#)

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

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Government Affairs

State Rep. Ronald Mariano, (D-Quincy) Elected Speaker of the MA House of Representatives: Speaker Mariano was a longtime deputy to now-former Speaker Robert DeLeo, who resigned this week to take a position at Northeastern University. Speaker Mariano was elected on 12/30/20 with only 6 days remaining in the unusual 2020-2021 session, with three conference committees still working to find compromise on major funding bills including climate change, economic development and transportation. The 2019-2020 Legislature may continue up until the 2021-2022 legislative session begins on January 6, 2021.

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 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 this week after threatening to veto this bill last week.

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

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COVID-19 Resources and Guidance for ACEC/MA Members

Fearing that the holiday season could fuel an explosion of COVID-19 cases that the state's health care system would not be able to handle, Gov. Charlie Baker on 12/22 announced new restrictions that seek to limit the number of people in most businesses, public spaces, and private homes for at least two weeks after Christmas.

Starting 12/26 and running until at least noon on 1/10, restaurants, movie theaters, performance venues, casinos, offices, places of worship, retail businesses, fitness centers, health clubs, libraries, golf facilities, driving and flight schools, arcades, museums, and "sectors not otherwise addressed" must limit their customer capacity to a maximum of 25%. [More on this emergency order.](#)

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