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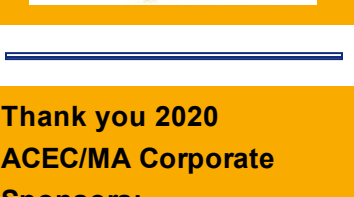
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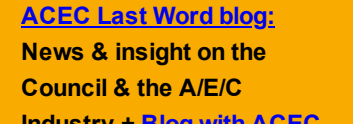
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MassDOT, Other State Agencies Move to On-line Meetings & Conference Calls Only Due to COVID-19

Yesterday, MassDOT Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer Patty Leavenworth notified ACEC/MA that effective March 10, the Commonwealth has asked **state agencies to hold on-line meetings or conference calls with third parties and to avoid in person meetings.** We've been asked to let ACEC/MA members know that you should expect to hear from MassDOT staff: **any in-person meetings are being converted to an electronic venue or may be cancelled altogether for non-critical subject matter.** This situation is ever evolving, so directions could change as things unfold. For specific projects, consultants should continue to work through their Project Managers. John Bechard, Jack Moran, Marie Rose, and Mike O'Dowd are always available to respond if a project issue needs to be elevated or you can contact Chief Leavenworth.

Other agencies are also implementing on-line meetings and conference calls for their projects at this time.

ACEC/MA hopes to provide you with some on-line briefings in the next few weeks on issues.

3/27 Member Briefing on Governor's Actions to Promote Greater MBE and WBE Participation in Public Construction

This bill includes changes to filed sub-bids; the 2/27 bill announcement ([press release](#)) also outlines administrative changes including increasing the combined annual participation goals from 10.4% to 13% in the construction phase, and from 17.9% to 21.6% in the design phase.

[More on this bill and administrative changes](#)

ACEC/MA will discuss H.4511 and administrative changes with DCAMM during a **March 27 Zoom mid-day Briefing.** We're confirming the exact time and will post it later this week. Participate by Zoom; [contact ACEC/MA for timing and Zoom info.](#)

ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence Awards Gala Rescheduled to June 25

@ Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel

5:00 pm Reception | 6:30 pm Gala Dinner + Awards | 8:45 pm Dessert Reception

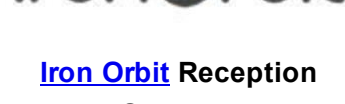
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Government Affairs

House Finalizes Transportation Funding Proposal

Late in the evening on 3/4, the MA House of Representatives finalized amendments to **H.4508, An Act relative to transportation finance**, which could raise over \$600M in new funding for transportation. The bill has been sent to the Senate for action later this spring. [More >](#)

[Transportation Bond Bill Resource Page](#)

On 3/5, the MA House approved its version of the Transportation Bond bill. It now moves onto the Senate, which will develop its own bill. [More >](#)

[ACEC/MA FY21 Budget Resource Page](#)

ACEC/MA's **Government Affairs Committee (GAC)** reviews bills impacting our engineering/ PL S /A/E community. Guide our leg. agenda: [Join ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm \(GAC\)](#)

3/20 Government Affairs Comm (GAC) Meeting, 10 - 11 AM on Zoom

[Contact us](#) for Zoom info

[Register for 5/14 Engineers & Land Surveyors Day @ the State House](#)

Boston Lobbying Ordinance [More >](#)

Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) Seeks 2 PEs for Designer Selection Panel; DSB Seek 1 PE

This is an opportunity to serve on an important public selection panel. [More >](#)

Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) seeks PE - Mechanical for board service

[About BBRS](#)

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