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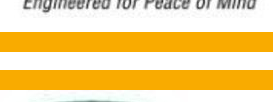
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COVID-19 Resources from ACEC National:

Attend the **Virtual ACEC National Board of Directors Meeting** on **April 25, 12:30-2:00 PM**, when our own **Robin Greenleaf, PE**, becomes **Chair-Elect**. [More >](#)

Webinars:

[You Are Not Alone: Tools for Leading and Connecting Remotely](#), 4/23, 11:30-12:30 PM

[The Long Term Effect of Coronavirus on Your Firm's FAR Overhead Rate and Profitability](#), 4/23, 1:30-3 PM

[Large Firm Roundtable \(201-500+ Employees\)](#), 4/23, 3:30-4:30 PM

[The Ins and Outs of the Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Loan](#), 4/27, 3:30-4:30 PM

More: [ACEC National Coronavirus Resource Page](#)

ACEC-SAME Cost Estimating Working Group Survey - Respond by 4/29

ACEC and the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) partner to improve industry collaboration and increase resource sharing. As part of their Cost Estimating Working Group, they need industry input to improve the accuracy of cost estimating of Department of Defense (DoD) projects.

Help us to improve DoD's understanding of the A/E/C industry's financial risks and project costs.

ACTION REQUESTED by 4/29: We urge each member firm to answer this short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XPRPWLZ>

COVID-19 Resources and Guidance for ACEC/MA Members

MassDOT Traffic Count Data Collaborative: Help MassDOT Highway with this effort to make historical traffic count data more easily accessible to those who need it.

City of Boston Issues New Construction Protocols including Safety Plan and Safety Affidavit

MassDOT Virtual Public Involvement Presentation to ACEC/MA TALC on April 15.

Massport's **centralized screening procedures** at Logan Airport for everyone on construction sites.

ACEC/MA updates, state government news for business: [More >](#)

ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum: Construction Site Safety Issues During COVID-19

April 27, 3:30 PM on Zoom

Discuss construction monitoring, current practices, and risk management issues on Massachusetts projects. **For Zoom instructions, contact ACEC/MA.**

This Zoom Forum is limited to 2 people per ACEC/MA Member Firm.

MassDOT Issues Engineering Directive E-20-004, MASH Implementation Plan

This directive provides guidance on the use of roadside hardware that conforms to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) 2016 Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). The directive supersedes previous guidance for the use of certain safety hardware contained in Engineering Directives E-95-006, E-14-005, E-16-004, E-17-001 and E-19-003.

MassDOT has adopted MASH testing criteria for roadside hardware to be used on projects advertised on or after April 18, 2020, and for roadside hardware that has been damaged beyond repair and that will be fully replaced through maintenance contracts and/or our Accident Recovery Program.

Government Affairs

Massachusetts **construction-related guidance** limiting "essential" construction to housing and critical infrastructure activities. As of 4/1, housing projects, including mixed use with housing, infrastructure projects and construction related to COVID-19 can proceed. On 4/2, the state issued:

State **FAQ page to answer questions on essential construction.**

State supplemental guidelines to limit COVID-19 exposures on construction sites

State guidance outlining the enforcement of COVID-19 safety guidelines.

ACEC/MA FY21 Budget Resource Page

ACEC/MA's **Government Affairs Committee (GAC)** reviews bills impacting our engineering/ PLS /A/E community.

Guide our legislative agenda: [Join ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm \(GAC\)](#)

5/29 Government Affairs Comm (GAC) Meeting, 10 - 11 AM on Zoom

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