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### Project Acceleration Tools and Processes

9/23, 3:30 - 4:30 PM on Zoom

Advance Registration Required

The ACEC Research Institute presents this 2nd session in a series with Accelerator for America (see *Government Affairs Report below for background*) taking a deep dive into a new playbook of national infrastructure policy developed by a diverse group of America's mayors. Each recommendation has been driven by local innovation, with cities serving as testbeds for experimentation and transferable solutions.

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### Water, Energy & Environment Committee (WEEC) Briefing

Featuring ACEC's Lynn Schloesser, Director - Water, Energy and Environment Programs

9/23, 11 AM - 12 Noon on Zoom

[Contact us for Zoom Info for this ACEC/MA WEEC Briefing](#)

### ACEC/MA Effective Writing

2 session course on Zoom with Carol Lurie (VHB)

October 13-14, 9:45 - 11:45 AM Both Days

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ACEC/MA is grateful to GEI's Mike Paster for teaching our Effective Writing course for many years. VHB's Carol Lurie will now lead this course in the spirit of Mike's dedicated teaching, with some of her own innovation. Join us for the Fall 2020 course on Zoom. This course is limited to 25 students.

### MassDOT SOP for Modifying Traffic Signals via Access Permit

MassDOT has updated its [Standard Operating Procedures for Design, Review, and Construction of Traffic Signals via the State Highway Access Permit System](#). See the [Access Permit Procedures and Requirements page](#) for more information, as well as [SHAPS](#).

These procedures will be in effect for any new permit applications submitted on or after October 1, 2020. Many ACEC/MA Member Firms are the designer of record for Highway Access Permit work. If you have any questions, contact [Jim Danila, PE, PTOE, State Traffic Engineer](#), MassDOT-Highway Division.

### ACEC 2020 FALL CONFERENCE

October 28-30, 2020 #ACECFALL2020

### ACEC Fall Conference - Oct 28- 30

Now Virtual

Early Bird Registration Ends 9/30

Great sessions you can attend live or later!

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### Government Affairs

#### Recommendations for Improving the Efficiency of Culvert and Small Bridge Replacement Projects

Prepared by the Massachusetts Culverts and Small Bridges Working Group for Senator Hinds and the Massachusetts Legislature - Report Issued September 2020

ACEC Research Institute has partnered with the [Accelerator for America's](#) New Partnership for Infrastructure to produce a series of recommendations to better align federal policies, funding options, and regulations with local priorities within urban areas. The [Community Serving Infrastructure: A Playbook for a New Infrastructure Partnership](#) offers recommendations "to realign the local-federal partnership to fit federal strictures to local needs."

[ACEC/MA Resource Page on FY2021 State Budget](#)

[Transportation Bond Bill Resource Page](#)

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

Next GAC Meeting = 9/25 @ 10 AM on Zoom.

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