

ACEC Missouri Priorities 2024

INVESTMENT IN MISSOURI INTERSTATES

During the 2023 legislative session, Governor Mike Parson and the Missouri General Assembly appropriated funds to expedite needed improvements to Interstate 70, including expansion to six lanes across the state, and to fund preliminary work needed for future expansion of Interstate 44. This strategic investment in statewide assets will help Missouri's economy and will provide an economic return to Missouri citizens and communities for generations to come.



ACEC/MO Position – This strategic investment in statewide assets will improve transportation safety and efficiency while also providing a substantial economic return to Missouri citizens and communities for generations to come.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OF ENGINEERS



Professional licensing of engineers is essential in protecting public safety, maintaining high standards of competence and ethics, and providing confidence to clients and the public. It ensures that engineers meet specific educational, experience and examination requirements and adhere to ethical standards. Engineers design and oversee projects that directly impact public safety, such as bridges, buildings, transportation systems, and environmental infrastructure. Licensing helps ensure that those responsible for these projects have the necessary expertise and knowledge to prevent failures, accidents, and disasters.

ACEC/MO POSITION – ACEC Missouri asks you to keep licensing of Professional Engineers in place and to ensure that their work meets quality standards in protecting public health and safety.

SAFER ACCESS FOR EVERYONE ON THE ROADWAY

The Missouri Department of Transportation has proposed the "SAFER" legislative initiative, which targets various state statutes that should be adopted or improved. These policy improvements would combat rising traffic fatalities and create a safer transportation system for all users.



ACEC/MO POSITION – ACEC Missouri supports MoDOT's efforts in creating a safe transportation network.

SUPPORTING NATURAL RESOURCES



DNR receives revenue through its fee programs, charging for things such as environmental permits, disposal of hazardous waste, and laboratory certification. These fees are used by DNR to help fund budgets associated with environmental programs. DNR conducts stakeholder meetings with affected entities to ensure that fees are reasonable and to provide transparency to the public on how these fees are used.

ACEC/MO POSITION – ACEC Missouri supports the current stakeholder process of setting environmental fees and opposes any use of fees for governmental expenditures outside of DNR environmental programs.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

In recent years, Missouri has made great strides in the funding of roads and bridges. The design, construction, and maintenance of transportation infrastructure in Missouri supports approximately 79,000 full-time jobs across all sectors of the state economy. Approximately 1.3 million full-time jobs in Missouri in key industries like tourism, retail sales, agriculture and manufacturing are completely dependent on the state's transportation network.



ACEC/MO POSITION – ACEC Missouri opposes reducing the motor fuel tax as it will have a detrimental impact on the state economy and increase costs for private sector businesses.

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WHY IS ENGINEERING IMPORTANT?

Engineering is the foundation of our society's ability to function. Water, sewer, power, transportation, broadband, telecommunications, gas, etc. are all put in place, maintained and managed through engineering.

Quality engineering is essential to the design and production of safe, practical, cost-effective products, facilities, and infrastructure. Engineering brings scientific principles to bear on everyday problems to make communities safer, more productive, more livable, and enhance the quality of life.

Engineers work every day to provide a safe environment for the public to lead their daily lives. These engineers usually work behind the scenes but do their job with pride and constantly keep the safety of their fellow Missourians in the top of their mind.



WHO IS ACEC MISSOURI?

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri, Inc., ACEC/MO, is an organization comprising professional engineering firms in private practice. Our mission is to promote the professional and business interests of our members. ACEC/MO was founded on July 12, 1955, and is incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri. We serve as the business voice of over 10,000 employees who are involved in various transportation, structural, and environmental projects across the state and the nation.



PROJECTS ENGINEERS DELIVER FOR THE STATE

- Drinking water supply systems
- Roads and bridges
- Airport and riverport design and construction
- Stormwater and wastewater management
- Structural design of commercial, manufacturing and office buildings
- Railroad crossings
- Traffic management



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