

July 15, 2022

Items included in this ACEC Missouri Weekly Update are listed below.

- **President's Report**
- **Upcoming Events** (*Registration is Open for ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting & 6th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on August 25-26*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) Liaison Committee*)
- **Industry News** (*MDNR Stakeholder Forums; New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; ACEC Secures House Passage of PPP Credits Waiver Amendment*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*ACEC/MO 2022-23 Committee Assignments; Member News; Calendar of Events*)

If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: [Morgan Mundell](#) or [Dawn Hill](#).

ACEC/MO President's Report

Good afternoon. By my standards, the summer is half over and it has gone fast! I wanted to take a moment to share some updates and reminders.....

Office Move: The last week of June, ACEC Missouri moved offices. Please make a note of our new office address. If you are in the area, please stop and see us!



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Gas Tax Revenues: As of July 11, the Missouri Department of Revenue has received approximately 2,000 refund claims for the 2.5 cents per gallon fuel tax increase that began in October 2021, according to Anne Marie Moy, department director of strategy and communications. [Read more here.](#)

On another note, current fuel prices do not seem to be affecting purchases of motor fuels. For the months of January through May, total gallons of gas and diesel sold in 2022 are 32% higher than in 2019 and 3.7% higher than 2021.

MoDOT Releases 2023-2027 STIP: The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved a record \$10 billion plan for building and maintaining roads and bridges during the next five years.

The 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) approves federal and state funding for all modes of transportation. Approximately \$7.65 billion is budgeted for road and bridge construction contractor awards, averaging approximately \$1.5 billion annually for the next five years. [Read more here.](#)

Governor Vetoes Some ARPA Funds: Governor Mike Parson [vetoed portions of HB3020](#), the legislative vehicle authorizing expenditure of ARPA funds. The ARPA website continues to solicit grant applications in various areas; however, water projects closed this week. One of the line items that was vetoed was the \$500 million tax credit to individual taxpayers. Governor Parson has [called a special session](#) for a permanent tax cut.

Upcoming ACEC/MO Events:

Springfield Area Meeting with Senator Lincoln Hough: ACEC/MO will be hosting a regional meeting for Springfield area members on July 19, 2022, starting at 3:30 PM at Anderson Engineering in Springfield. Our special guest will be Senator Lincoln Hough. Senator Hough is current member of the Senate Transportation Committee, the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight and is the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. To RSVP, [click here.](#)

St. Louis Area Meeting with State Representative Dean Plocher: ACEC/MO will be hosting a regional coffee for St. Louis area members on July 29, 2022, at 8:30 AM at EFK Moen in St. Louis. Our special guest, Representative Dean Plocher, recently served as House Majority Floor Leader and is the current House Speaker-elect for 2023-2024. We'll then hold a regional roundtable for members to discuss various issues in the industry. To RSVP, [click here.](#)

ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament and Summer Meeting: Registration for our ACEC National PAC golf tournament and Summer Meeting is now open. We are starting golf a little earlier on Thursday, August 25th to try and beat the heat. Later that afternoon we will conduct our Environmental, Governmental Affairs, Transportation, Business Practices and Engineering Excellence Committee meetings. That evening we will cruise the Lake of the Ozarks aboard the Tropic Island yacht for a reception and dinner. The next morning, we will hear from our National Executive Committee representative, John Rathke and then Rebecca Gordon will present the newly adopted ACEC Missouri Strategic Plan. We will conclude with our traditional Board of Directors/Membership Meeting. We hope you can join us! And please, if you plan on attending, make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. To make your reservation online, [click here](#) or call 800-826-8272 or 573-348-3131 to get our room rate.

Final Reminder: Our new membership system requires a login to RSVP and register for ACEC/MO meetings and events. Your username is your email address and if you need your password, simply click the "Reset Password" link and you will receive an email to reset it to the password of your choosing.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Registration is Open for ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting & 6th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on August 25-26

Registration is now open for ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting & Working Committee Session & ACEC/MO's 6th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament. They will be held on **August 25-26, 2022**, in **Osage Beach, MO**. We

have great speakers planned for this meeting and a brief agenda is listed below. Also, we are inviting spouses/guests to join members at the meeting and they are welcome to attend all the meetings and meals.

To see the complete agenda and/or to register for the golf tournament or for the summer meeting, click on the links below or go to [ACEC/MO's website](#). You can also see more information on the speakers on our website. You have any questions, please contact the ACEC/MO office.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

9:00 AM: 6th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament at Bear Creek Valley Golf Club (*Golf prizes will be given out during reception & dinner*)

2:30-5:00 PM: Committee Meetings with Speakers (Business Practices, Engineering Excellence, Environmental, Governmental Affairs, & Transportation)

6:00-8:30 PM: Reception & Dinner Cruise



FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

8:30-10:00 AM: Breakfast Program (*Speakers: John Rathke, ACEC Vice Chairman; & Rebecca Gordon, The Rebecca Gordon Group*)

10:15-11:50 AM: Board of Directors/Membership Meeting



[View Full Schedule of Events](#)

[Register for Golf Tournament](#)

[Register for Summer Meeting](#)

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



Missouri Department of Transportation

Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) Liaison Committee

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) / ACEC/MO Liaison Committee met virtually on May 18, 2022. ACEC/MO committee members in attendance included: Ed Alizadeh, Heidi Eilers, Bob Gilbert, Howard Gotschall, Vicki LaRose, David Maxwell, and Srinu Yanamanamanda. Items discussed were as follows:

- MoDOT Staff Changes
- Missouri Legislature 2022 Session Overview
- Increasing Program (Largest STIP)
- Federal Funding Grant Opportunities
- Anticipated Date for Next Consultant 6-Month Look Ahead & Updates on How APD/Design Build Projects will be Procured
- Update on How the Consultant Community Can Assist MoDOT in a Program Manager or PMC Roles
- Cost Share Program Updates
- FHWA New Bridge Inspection Standards

- Update on the On-Call RFQ Timetable
- Open Roads Design/EPG Updates

The next meeting has been scheduled for August 17, 2022. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, [click here](#). These minutes along with previous meeting minutes are posted on ACEC/MO's [website](#).

INDUSTRY NEWS



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MDNR Stakeholder Forums

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is working to improve transparency and consistency in all of its communications. Our stakeholder forums offer open and candid dialogue on department-level issues common to our respective organizations. Our main goal is to gain insights and input on Missouri's challenges and opportunities from our partners.

Beginning immediately, the department is moving to hold two stakeholder forums each year. We hope to schedule these approximately every six months, and will be open to all of our stakeholders. The format of the forum will remain the same, with the opportunity for you to hear from department leadership as well as time for you to ask questions on topics important to you.

The first forum is scheduled for Nov. 18, 2022. As always, we will post the meetings on our [website](#).

To subscribe to receive a notice of upcoming forums, please visit our online [subscriber page](#), enter your email, and select "Upcoming Events." These notices are how we will inform you and all of our stakeholders about the department's two annual forums.

Please let us know if you have any questions. You can reach [Director Dru Buntin](#) or [Deputy Director Mike Sutherland](#) or [Deputy Director Hannah Humphrey](#) at 573-522-6221.



New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs/RFQs we recently received, and they are listed below. To see all the RFPs/RFQs posted, go to our [website](#). We'll update you as we receive more RFPs/RFQs.

- [Missouri Department of Transportation \(MoDOT\)](#) - multiple deadlines
- [City of Silex RFQ to Address Drinking Water System Upgrades](#) - deadline to respond is **August 17, 2022**
- [City of Glendale RFQ for Stormwater Improvements](#) - deadline to respond is **August 31, 2022**

ACEC Secures House Passage of PPP Credits Waiver Amendment

The House of Representatives has again approved a targeted waiver of a provision in the Federal Acquisition Regulation that is forcing A/E firms to provide credits for forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans on contracts with state departments of transportation (DOTs) and transit agencies. Enactment of the provision would address a significant challenge facing small firms working on State DOT and local transit projects.

The amendment, sponsored by Representative Anthony Brown (D-MD) and co-sponsored by Representatives John Katko (R-NY), Pete Stauber (R-MN), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), was approved as part of a package of amendments to the annual National Defense Authorization Act. This is the second time the House has approved the measure.

The [Brown amendment](#) would provide that “no cost reduction or cash refund (including through a reduced indirect cost rate) shall be due to the Department of Transportation or to a State transportation department, transit agency, or other recipient” on the basis of forgiveness of the payroll costs of a covered PPP loan.

ACEC is coordinating with lead sponsors in the Senate, Senators Mike Braun (R-IN) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), on securing final passage.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



ACEC/MO 2022-23 Committee Assignments

We have completed the draft listing of ACEC/MO's 2022-23 Committee Assignments and that listing is posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#). If you would like to be removed from a committee, please contact [Dawn Hill](#) and we'll get you removed from the committee. If you would like to be added to a committee, [click here](#) to complete a form or contact [Dawn Hill](#) and we'll get you added to the committee. With our new membership system, we'll be doing more with our committees through that system. Our hope is to get members more engaged.

We have several committees that will be meeting as part of our Summer Meeting on August 25, 2022, in Osage Beach. Those committees are Business Practices, Engineering Excellence, Environmental, Governmental Affairs, and Transportation. More information on the committee meetings is posted on the [meeting website](#).

If you have any questions regarding committee assignments, please contact the ACEC/MO staff.

MEMBER NEWS

Member News

[Affinis Corp](#) is proud to announce that **Kristen Leathers-Gratton, P.E.**, President, was named Engineer of the Year by the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers. She was recognized by the Eastern Chapter earlier this year and by the state a few weeks ago.

[GBA Companies](#) is pleased to announce that **Heidi Thummel** was one of 25 women selected for the Kansas City Business Journal's 2022 Women Who Mean Business. The firm also announced they were ranked 73rd on the top 150 Private Companies List in the KC Metro area by the Kansas City Business Journal.

[HNTB Corporation](#) is pleased to announce that **Tirzah Gregory, P.E.**, was one of 25 women selected for the Kansas City Business Journal's 2022 Women Who Mean Business.

[Lochmueller Group](#) is pleased to announce that **Joseph Kovarik, P.E.**, joined the firm. As a Project Engineer I, Joe will be working with the Transportation Design team in the Troy office on roadway design projects.

[McClure](#) is pleased to announce that **James Fisher, P.E.**, joined the firm's Water team as a Project Manager. James will collaborate with the Kansas and Missouri Water Team, utilizing his prior design experience with pump station and treatment work, and achieving our vision of "making lives better."

[RubinBrown, LLP](#) has named **Steven Harris** as the firm's managing partner. As managing partner, Steven will focus on oversight of operations firmwide, and represent the firm in the community and profession across all markets.



Calendar of Events

July 20, 2022 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Virtual

August 24-25, 2022 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach

August 25, 2022 - ACEC/MO 6th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach

August 25-26, 2022 - ACEC/MO Summer Meeting, Osage Beach

October 16-19, 2022 - ACEC Fall Conference, Colorado Springs, CO

October 25, 2022 - ACEC/MO Engineering Excellence Awards Competition Project Entry Deadline

November 3-4, 2022 - ACEC/MO Fall Meeting, Columbia

November 16, 2022 - ACEC/MO Engineering Excellence Awards Competition Judging

March 2-3, 2023 - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, St. Louis

May 1, 2023 - ACEC/MO 2nd Annual CECMO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach

Newly added events are italicized. To see a complete calendar of events, go to ACEC/MO's [website](#).