

September 23, 2022

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

- **ACEC/MO President's Report**
- **Upcoming Events** (*ACEC/MO Remote Leadership Webinar on October 21; Make Plans Now to Attend ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting and 1st Annual Sporting Clays Tournament on Nov. 3-4*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Transportation St. Louis District Liaison Committee*)
- **Industry News** (*TEAM Conference Looking for Topics for Breakout Sessions; New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; Recommendation for Southwind Trail Subdivision CWC-V-2-22*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*2023 ACEC/MO EEA Project Competition Begins - Entries Due October 27th; More Member Renewals and PAC Contributions; New Member Firms Welcomed; ACEC/MO Seeking Life Member Nominations; 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

This week, the Missouri legislature convened for both veto session and a special session called by the Governor to address agricultural tax credits and a proposed tax cut. Ultimately, both bills were passed. The tax cut bill reduces the top tax rate to 4.95 percent in 2023 and adds four future reductions, triggered by revenue growth. When fully implemented, the top tax rate would be 4.5 percent. The Legislative Oversight fiscal note states that the legislation will reduce state revenue by \$335 million more in 2023 by accelerating a current tax cut already on the books. When fully implemented, the bill would cut taxes \$371 million a year more than the cuts already mandated by state law.



While the bills were not considered as they are outside of the scope of the call for a special session, Senator Mike Moon introduced 2 bills. The first would have repealed SB262. The second would have repealed the prohibition on trucks over 26,000 pounds from applying for the SB262 rebate. While these bills had zero chance of passing this time, it's indicative of the attitude that still remains with some elected officials regarding the increase in the gas tax.

Based upon feedback from our Business Practices Seminar Survey, ACEC/MO will be hosting a webinar on October 21st with guest [Jeff Gross from Gro-Nova](#). Jeff will be presenting on remote leadership and how to manage employees in this time of change. To view a flyer for this webinar, which is limited to 20 people, please [click here](#). For more information on registration, see below in this newsletter.

Since my time here at ACEC Missouri, I have had multiple questions on Political Action Committees and their role here at ACEC/MO. What is a PAC? What is the difference between the National and State PAC? Who can give to which PAC? In response to those questions, your staff have prepared a primer on PAC giving and the differences between the National PAC and the State PAC. If you would like to learn more, please visit our information webpage, [located here](#).

While on the subject of PAC's, I am pleased announce that ACEC/MO will be hosting the 1st Annual Sporting Clays Tournament on November 3rd in conjunction with the Fall Meeting. Proceeds will help us reach our National PAC goal. You do not have to be registered for the meeting to participate in this event, it is a standalone event. So join your fellow ACEC/MO members for a beautiful fall morning at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports where everyone will try and take down 50 birds over a walking course. For more information, please see below.

ACEC/MO continues to engage with elected officials through regional events. The following two events are on the calendar:

- September 30th – St. Louis – EFK Moen – members in the St. Louis area have the opportunity and meet with Representative Dean Plocher, who will be the next Speaker of the Missouri House. We currently have 20 people registered for this event, so please RSVP by [clicking here](#). Members attending will receive a legislative update on efforts to defend SB262 and an update on the progress of the ACEC/MO Strategic Plan.
- October 7th – Joplin – Anderson Engineering – members in the Southwest Missouri area can meet Representative Bob Bromley and Lane Roberts. Rep. Bromley is a retired engineer and currently sits on the House Transportation committee and Rep. Roberts holds a position on the Subcommittee on Appropriations – Transportation. For planning purposes, we ask that you RSVP for the Joplin event by [clicking here](#).

We are currently in the middle of planning the ACEC/MO Fall Meeting, scheduled for November 3-4 in Columbia, MO. We will be returning to the Broadway Columbia Hotel in downtown. The Environmental and Transportation Committees will convene at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

- Environmental Committee – during this meeting we will hear from the Missouri Rural Water Association, Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Energy Division and members will also hear from Ryan Vraa, who recently moved to Missouri from Minnesota. Ryan will share his experiences on being involved as the Chair of the ACEC Minnesota Energy Committee.
- Transportation Committee – we are fortunate to be joined by Matt Reiffer, Vice President, Infrastructure Programs at ACEC National, who will give an update on IIJA and provide a firsthand report on what is going on in Washington D.C.

This Monday, the ACEC/MO Board of Directors began work on the [Strategic Plan](#). The Board heard from a potential marketing firm to help formulate the message to both internal and external stakeholders on the importance of the engineering industry in Missouri and the role we play in the lives of Missouri citizens. We discussed the potential of a standalone website (to be located at <https://engineeringmatters.us/>) to convey this message and staff are currently working on a membership wide survey to provide feedback on this marketing plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACEC/MO Remote Leadership Webinar on October 21

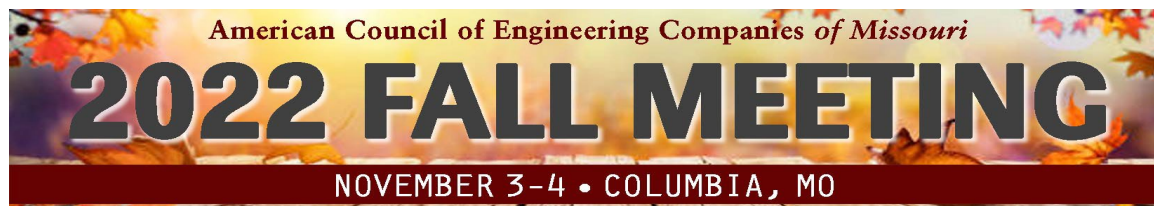
ACEC/MO has partnered with Gro-Nova to bring our members a **Remote Leadership** sixty-minute web workshop (Video Recording also Available). This will be held on **Friday, October 21, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

Global Workplace Analytics reports that 25-30% of the workforce are working remotely and will remain so. There are pros and cons to working remotely but no matter what side you fall on, it is here to stay in one form or another. Gro-Nova's Remote Leadership teaches the fundamentals of leading a remote team. Jeff Gross, CEO Gro-Nova, has personally led remote teams and his first-hand knowledge is both practical and timely. In this workshop you will learn:

- The common challenges to leading remotely
- How to stay close while being apart
- How to use technology to build a team
- To manage remote expectations
- How to encourage remote social interactions

This workshop will be hosted by [Jeff Gross, Chief Empowerment Officer with Gro-Nova](#). The workshop is limited to 20 participants to maximize participation. Member firms will be allowed to register only 1 person to attend. We recommend early registration to save your seat. The cost to attend is \$75 per person. Video recording of the workshop is also available for \$75.

For more information on the webinar, [click here](#). To register for the webinar, [click here](#). The deadline to register is Monday, October 17, 2022.



Make Plans Now to Attend ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting and 1st Annual Sporting Clays Tournament on November 3-4

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting and 1st Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament scheduled for **November 3-4, 2022** at **The Broadway Columbia - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Columbia, MO**. Below is the schedule of events for the meeting. We are finalizing some of the details and will post that information on our [meeting website](#) once that's done. You can however go ahead and register for the Sporting Clays Tournament and the Fall Meeting by clicking on the links below. Please put November 3-4, 2022, on your calendar and plan to join us in Columbia!!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM - **1st Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament**

2:30 PM - **Registration for Fall Meeting**

3:00-5:00 PM - **Environmental Committee Meeting** (Speakers: [Andy Popp, MDNR Division of Energy](#); Ryan Vraa, Burns & McDonnell; Trent Watson, Watson Governmental Consulting)

3:00-5:00 PM - **Transportation Committee Meeting** (Speaker: [Matt Reiffer, ACEC](#))

6:00-7:00 PM - **Networking Reception**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

8:00 - 9:00 AM - **Breakfast Program** ([Kimberly M. Cella, Citizens for Modern Transit](#) - invited)

9:15 - 10:15 AM - **Seminar Program on Staff Quality / Recruiting / Training / Retaining** (Speaker: TBD)

10:30 - 11:50 AM - **Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

Register for ACEC/MO 1st Annual ACEC/PAC
Sporting Clays Tournament

Register for ACEC/MO Fall
Meeting

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



Missouri Department of Transportation

Missouri Department of Transportation St. Louis District Liaison Committee

The Missouri Department of Transportation St. Louis District / ACEC/MO Liaison Committee met on September 8, 2022. ACEC/MO committee members in attendance included: Buddy Desai, Mike Erdtmann, Howard Gotschall, Tom Lohman, Matt Miller, Linda Moen, J.C. Murray, Scott Smith, and Todd Welz. Items discussed were as follows:

- MoDOT Staff Changes since last meeting.
- Tom Blair Time (Upcoming Meetings; Staffing; Design).
- Tom Evers Update (\$400m/year for Construction Projects; STIP Budget; Projects Coming in Higher Than Cost Estimates; Prompt Payment of Invoices).
- Consultant Update - Jeff Cremer (Re-Writing EPG Section 134; Billing of Overtime on MoDOT Invoices; On-Call Selections).
- St. Louis Consultant Update - Jeff Bohler (6-Month Consultant Project Outlook Sharing; SAFER Document; On-Call Direction for 2023-2026; Project Scheduling Software/Use).
- Major Project Update - Jeff Bohler (I-270 North Project; Route 94/Muegge; I-64/Jefferson; I-55 bridges).

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for early December 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

TEAM Conference Looking for Topics for Breakout Sessions

The subcommittee responsible for organizing the Breakout Sessions is reaching out for assistance to help build the list of potential presentations at the 2023 TEAM Conference. They are inviting you to contribute to the success of the conference as the TEAM Programming Committee organizes the 2023 conference, with the theme: ***“Navigate, Collaborate & Thrive in an Expanding Transportation World”***.

Next year's conference theme focuses on innovative ways to navigate through rules and regulations, policies, funding, as well as showcasing challenges that we've overcome or anticipate encountering. In addition, they look to highlight ways we work together on new ideas and technology to create a positive workplace environment and benefit users as we traverse an expanding transportation world. While this theme offers guidance to assist with selecting topics to be presented at next year's conference, it certainly isn't exclusive. All topics related or offering benefit to the transportation industry will be considered. The breakout presentations are delivered in five sessions over three days. Like last year, each Breakout Session will be 90 minutes in length, allowing time for two 40-minute presentations (30 minutes per presentation and 10 minutes for follow-up Q&A) per room with a 10-minute break in between presentations.

Note: Presentations that incorporate next year's theme will gain preference for selection.

To submit a breakout presentation idea or presenter, please complete the form at the following link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/0mtJCVp/TEAM2023>. The submittal deadline is **Friday, September 30, 2022**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of contacts listed below.



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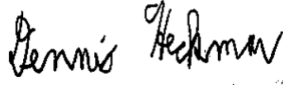
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New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

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.

- [City of Rock Hill RFQ to Create a Stormwater Master Plan](#) - deadline is **October 28, 2022**
- [Missouri Department of Transportation \(MoDOT\)](#) - multiple deadlines



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Recommendation for Southwind Trail Subdivision CWC-V-2-22

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources hereby places the Southwind Trail Subdivision Phases 2-5 Variance CWC-V-2-22 on public notice.

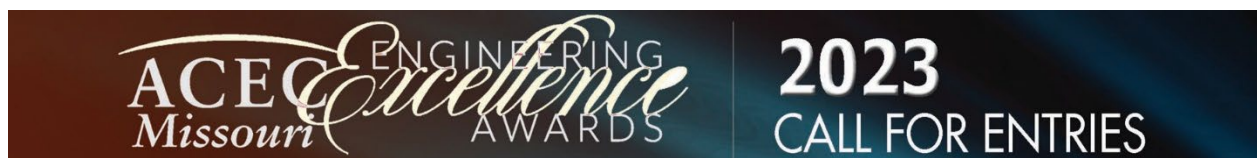
On the basis of preliminary staff review and the application of applicable state and federal regulations, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, as administrative agent for the Missouri Clean Water Commission, proposes to recommend approval of the Southwind Trail Subdivision Phases 2-5 Variance CWC-V-2-22. The proposed recommendation is tentative pending public comment.

Comments should be confined to the issues relating to the proposed action and the potential effect on emergency operations and water quality.

You can find the public notice posted here: <https://dnr.mo.gov/calendar/event/196906>.

Those interested in commenting on the proposed variance are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department. Comments should be submitted by email to scott.adams@dnr.mo.gov or by mail to Attn: Scott Adams, Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. **All comments must be received or postmarked no later than October 14, 2022.**

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



2023 ACEC/MO EEA Project Competition Begins - Entries Due October 27th

It's time again for our annual project competition! You can begin planning to submit your project entry for the ACEC/MO 2023 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Competition. The deadline is **Thursday, October 27, 2022** for the project entries to be submitted. All project entries must be submitted through ACEC/MO's online [EEA portal](#). Check it out!! The only items you must submit to the ACEC/MO office is a USB flash drive with all the materials you submitted online and your project entry fee.

The Engineering Excellence Committee met on August 25th to begin the process of confirming judges and those names will be posted on our [website](#) along with other pertinent information. Below are important dates for the competition so please be sure to put them on your calendar. If you wish to print out the Call for Entries that includes the rules, please go to our [website](#). You can also click on a link from that same page to submit your project entries or click on the link above.

Important EEA Dates:

October 27, 2022

ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline

November 18, 2022

ACEC/MO Virtual EEA Judging

January 13, 2023

ACEC National EEA Project Entry Deadline

March 2, 2023

ACEC/MO Awards Banquet in St. Louis

March 10-12, 2023

ACEC EEA Judging in Chantilly, VA

June 13, 2023

ACEC EEA Presentations & Gala Awards Program in DC



More Member Renewals and PAC Contributions

Thank you to the following member and associate member firms that have renewed since we sent our last newsletter. Also, thank you to the below firms and individual that contributed to the state and national PAC

since our last newsletter. To see the complete list of state and national PAC contributions, please go to our [website](#).

MEMBER FIRM RENEWALS

Member Firms: Frontenac Engineering Group, Inc.; Midwest Environmental Consultants

STATE PAC CONTRIBUTIONS

Associate Members: N.B. West Contracting Company, Inc.

Member Representatives: Bruce Dawson; Tom Gredell; Scott Heavin; Gary Pendergrass

NATIONAL PAC CONTRIBUTIONS

Member Representatives: Elke Boyd; Dave Diestelkamp; Tom Gredell; Jeff Smith; Steve Wells



New Member Firms Welcomed

We want to welcome the following new member firms to the Council and hope you will too.

Antella Consulting Engineers, Inc.

1600 Genessee, Suite 260
Kansas City, MO 64102
Contact: Monica Santos

KimHEC LLC

5326 Southwest Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63139
Contact: Kimberly Cole

ACEC/MO Seeking Life Member Nominations

ACEC/MO seeks to recognize past member firm representatives who have given extraordinary service to ACEC/MO and have retired from active practice. Your help as a current member firm representative is needed to identify former members of your firm who may meet the criteria for Life Membership.

Nominations are due by **October 27, 2022**. They can be mailed or emailed to ACEC/MO as indicated on the form. A listing of current life members is listed on our **website** along with a link to the nomination form. If you have any questions, please contact the ACEC/MO office.



Calendar of Events

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

October 21, 2022 - ACEC/MO Remote Leadership Webinar

October 27, 2022 - ACEC/MO Engineering Excellence Awards Competition Project Entry Deadline

November 3-4, 2022 - ACEC/MO Fall Meeting & 1st Annual Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia

November 18, 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](#).