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

- **Upcoming Events** (*Register NOW for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 8-13, 2022 in St. Croix, USVI; ACEC/MO & PSMJ Resources A/E/C Principals Bootcamp Moved to July 19-20*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) Liaison Committee*)
- **Industry News** (*Telematics for Engineering Firms; New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; Council of Environmental Quality Changes to NEPA Implementing Regulations; MDNR Reschedules ARPA Webinars; April 2022 Economic Update*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Important Reminders...; 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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Register NOW for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 8-13, 2022 in St. Croix, USVI

We finalized speakers and programs for the ACEC Midwest States Conference scheduled for **June 8-13, 2022** in **St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands**. To see the complete schedule of events, click on the Full Schedule of Events link below. The deadline to register for the conference is **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**. To register for the conference, click on the Register Now link below. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Hill at 573-634-4080 or email at DawnHill@acecmo.org.

RESORT INFORMATION

The Buccaneer Beach & Golf Resort, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Room Rate: \$325 - Oceanview / \$521 - Oceanfront. Reservations: Call 800-255-3881 and refer to "ACEC Group". Book online at www.TheBuccaneer.com by going to "Meetings", then clicking the "group code booking engine" button. Enter "ACEC22" promo code. Send email to reservations@thebuccaneer.com and refer to the "ACEC Group". Deadline to make your sleeping room reservation: **Monday, May 2, 2022**.

Full Schedule of Events

Register NOW

General Information

A/E/C PRINCIPALS BOOTCAMP

ACEC/MO & PSMJ Resources A/E/C Principals Bootcamp MOVED to July 19-20

WHEN: **July 19-20, 2022** in Columbia, MO (NEW DATES)

WHERE: **Drury Plaza Hotel Columbia East**

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **June 1, 2022**

ACEC/MO is partnering with PSMJ Resources, Inc., a leading source for the latest on design management consulting, to host the renowned A/E/C Principals Bootcamp scheduled for **July 19-20, 2022**. It will be held at the **Drury Plaza Hotel Columbia East, Columbia, MO**. This 2-day workshop is guaranteed to give you proven skills to improve project delivery, financial performance, client satisfaction, and much more. For detailed information on this exceptional program or to register for the program, [click here](#). The early bird deadline to register is **June 1, 2022**, to receive a special member discount. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Hill at 573-634-4080 or email at DawnHill@acecmo.org.

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



Missouri Department of Transportation

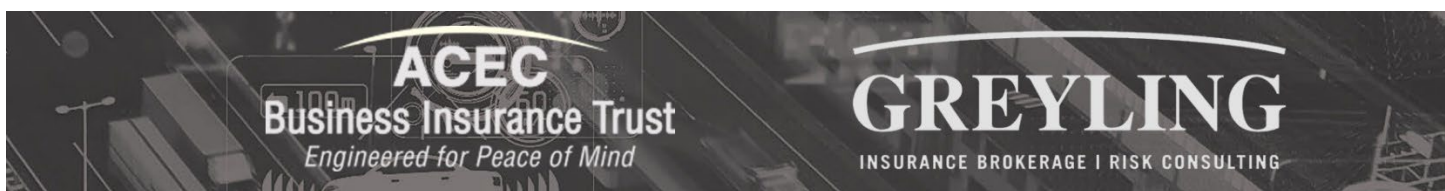
Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) Liaison Committee

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) / ACEC/MO Liaison Committee met virtually on March 15, 2022. ACEC/MO committee members in attendance included: Becky Baltz, Nick Correnti, Mike Herleth, Holly Lehmkuhl, Steve Prange, and Frank Weatherford. Items discussed were as follows:

- MoDOT Leadership Updates/Key Initiatives (STIP Delivery; Turnover)
- District Updates/Staffing Changes – Issues/ Concerns
- Trends in Recent Solicitations (Number of Responses; Multi-Phase Projects – Selection Process; Centralized Negotiations Pilot; Timely Fee Submittals)
- Management of Six-Month Outlook
- STIP and Unfunded Needs Status
- Future Design Build Projects
- Consultant Deliverables – Quality/Areas of Improvement
- ACEC Updates.

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



Telematics for Engineering Firms

Is telematics an effective method to control risk, lower insurance premiums, and prevent nuclear auto liability verdicts? The ACEC Business Insurance Trust addresses these questions in their latest guide, [Telematics for Engineering Firms](#).

For many engineering firms, auto liability represents the largest single risk exposure, and yet, in a hardening insurance marketplace, it is becoming increasingly difficult for firms to control current and future costs of insurance. According to the Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers Commercial Property & Casualty Market Report Q4 2021, excess/umbrella results show an average of a 15% rate increase while auto liability rate increases were closer to 10%.

They recommend that firms with a small or large fleet of vehicles consider telematics. If done correctly, they believe the benefits outweigh the technology costs and the challenges of implementing the program. A strong return on investment (ROI) should be realized short term after the implementation of telematics due to improved fuel economy, reduced vehicle maintenance costs, increased productivity, and enhanced safety.

Greyling, the broker and program administrator for the ACEC BIT, has assisted many clients with the planning and execution of telematics. If you have any questions or would like to discuss how they can assist your firm with implementing a pilot telematics program, please contact Jeff Connelly at (636) 236-0212 or by email at jeff.connelly@greyling.com.



New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs/RFQs we recently received from the City of La Belle, Missouri, and MoDOT. To see the new RFPs/RFQs recently posted, click on the links below. We update the website as soon as we get new postings in, so please check it often.

- [City of La Belle, Missouri RFQ](#)
- [Missouri Department of Transportation](#)

Council of Environmental Quality Changes to NEPA Implementing Regulations

by Matt Reiffer, ACEC Vice President, Infrastructure Programs

Last week, CEQ published a final rule repealing certain changes to NEPA regulations that had been put in place by the previous Administration. The new rule undoes several reforms that we had generally supported, along with the U.S. Chamber and many other business and infrastructure organizations. This has implications for the environmental reviews that our members perform for their clients and for the project delivery and regulatory approval process.

The CEQ press release is [here](#). The final rule is posted in the Federal Register [here](#). This is Phase 1 of a two-stage process, with more comprehensive changes expected in Phase 2. The CEQ action repeals three changes that had been made in 2020, and essentially reverts these requirements to the preexisting status:

- **Expanded Consideration of Alternatives** – the rule removes the focus on the stated goals of the project applicant in the Purpose and Need Statement and expands the parameters for the range of reasonable alternatives that an agency can consider and analyze in any environmental impact statement.
- **Agency NEPA Procedures** – the rule allows individual agencies to impose more requirements in their agency-specific NEPA implementing procedures than the requirements set forth in the CEQ rules.
- **Definition of Effects** – the final rule reinstates the requirement to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of a project, removing the 2020 rule's criterion of a close causal relationship as a prerequisite to requiring NEPA analysis.

When CEQ first proposed the changes last fall, ACEC filed comments that were developed by a working group of members from the Transportation Committee and the Water, Energy, & Environment Committee with expertise in environmental regulations. Our comments on the rule are [here](#). We had expressed concern that undoing the 2020 changes may unnecessarily delay or block performance of major environmental, health and safety goals and undermine some of the benefits of the investments in the IIJA. Simply put, the changes are likely to waste time and money on unnecessary analysis, subject proposed projects to more litigation, and create additional uncertainties in the regulatory review process. This means that IIJA and other funds may not be as impactful because of project delays, and private client projects particularly in the energy market will be subjected to more burdensome standards.

We are committed to staying engaged with the Administration and agency regulators to ensure effective project delivery processes that timely meet priority national environmental and social challenges, including climate change. As information on CEQ's Phase 2 plans becomes available, we will circulate that to the members and our committees will be engaged to help us review and provide industry feedback. If you have any questions, please contact [Matt Reiffer](#) at 202-682-4308.



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MDNR Reschedules ARPA Webinars

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has rescheduled two free webinars to provide community leaders information about state ARPA funding programs for public water projects. The webinars will now be offered from **2:00-3:00 PM** on **May 11, 2022**, and **10:00-11:00 AM** on **May 12, 2022**. Each one-hour webinar is designed to help communities better understand the different grant opportunities and to more easily navigate the application process. (Both webinars will provide the same information.)

The Missouri General Assembly is considering an allocation of ARPA funds to the Department of Natural Resources for competitive community water infrastructure grants for communities to complete drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects, or to conduct lead service line inventories. Both webinars will include an overview of the following topics:

- Grant program funding amounts
- Application process
- Project scoring criteria
- Application deadline and timeline for awards
- Grant caps
- Eligible applicants
- Eligible and ineligible project types

Attendees can register for the webinars at these links:

May 11: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/state-arpa-funding-webinar-1-tickets-303774897897>

May 12: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/state-arpa-funding-webinar-2-tickets-303849651487>

For more information about state ARPA funding, please contact the Department's Financial Assistance Center at DNRARPA@dnr.mo.gov or 573-751-1192. To learn more about using ARPA funds for water infrastructure, visit the State of Missouri's Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Toolkit for Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater at oa2.mo.gov/ARPAtoolkits/water-infrastructure.

April 2022 Economic Update

Every month, ACEC's Vice President of Private Markets Resources, Erin McLaughlin breaks down the data you need to know about what's happening in the economy for the engineering industry. News, data and analysis

brought to you only from ACEC. To listen to the update for this month, click on the video link below. Visit <https://www.acec.org/publications/private-market-resources/> for this update as well as post updates.



MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



Important Reminders...

- **ACEC/MO Committee Assignment Information** was recently emailed out to member representatives and is due **by April 29, 2022** to be considered for an ACEC/MO committee in 2022-2023. If you want to serve on a committee and didn't receive the committee assignment preference email, [click here](#) to complete the form.
- **ACEC/MO Board of Directors Ballot** was also recently sent to ACEC/MO voting member representatives. The deadline to vote for those nominated for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors is **May 31, 2022**.
- **ACEC/MO 2021-2022 Dues** - ACEC/MO member firms paying their dues on a quarterly or semiannual basis must have all dues paid and in the ACEC/MO office **by June 30, 2022** (the last day of our fiscal year).

MEMBER NEWS

Member News

[Black & Veatch](#) announced that their Board of Directors have selected a new Chairman & CEO for the company upon the decision of Steve Edwards to retire after 44 years of outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the company. Steve will continue in his leadership role through a transition period when **Mario Azar**, currently the company's President, Energy & Process Industries, will succeed Steve. Mario becomes only the eighth senior leader in Black & Veatch's 107-year history.

[Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.](#) is honored to again be named to the FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For list in 2022, which celebrates companies who create a great employee experience that cuts across race, gender, age, disability status, or any aspect of who employees are or what their role is.

[McClure](#) is pleased to announce the following for their North Kansas City, MO office: **Coby Crowl, P.E.**, joined the firm as market leader serving municipal service teams; and **Adam Knier** joined the firm as a mobile mapping specialist.

[SCI Engineering Inc.](#) welcomes their newest Senior Engineer, **Shari Cunningham, P.E.** With almost 25 years of experience, Shari has extensive knowledge in geotechnical engineering, slope stability, mechanically stabilized earth retaining walls, shoring design, settlement, and forensic evaluation.

Upcoming EVENTS

Calendar of Events

May 2, 2022 - ACEC/MO 1st Annual PAC Golf Tournament, Porto Cima, Sunrise Beach

May 22-25, 2022 - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC

May 4-5, 2022 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, St. Charles

June 8-13, 2022 - ACEC Midwest States Conference, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

June 15-16, 2022 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Independence

July 19-20, 2022 - ACEC/MO & PSMJ A/E/C Principals Bootcamp, Columbia, MO -- NEW DATES

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

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

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