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ACEC/MA Announces FY2027 Board of Directors

At its Annual Celebration on June 16, ACEC/MA recognized the members of its FY2026 Board of Directors for their service and welcomed the FY2027 Board of Directors, which will officially assume leadership of the organization on July 1, 2026.

ACEC/MA extends its sincere appreciation to all members of the FY2026 Board for their leadership, volunteer service, and commitment to advancing the consulting engineering industry in Massachusetts.

We offer special thanks to FY2026 President Gerry Preble of Beals and Thomas, who led ACEC/MA through a year marked by continued advocacy successes and the successful transition following the retirement of longtime Executive Director Abbie Goodman.

ACEC/MA also thanks Past President Dawn Connelly of Green International Affiliates, A Lochner Company, for her exceptional leadership and continued service as President and Past President.

The organization also extends its appreciation to outgoing Directors Hillary Lacirignola of Weston & Sampson, John Doherty of CDM Smith, and Kristine Wickham-Zimmerman of VHB for their dedicated service and many contributions to ACEC/MA.

The FY2027 Board of Directors, which takes office on July 1, is comprised of:

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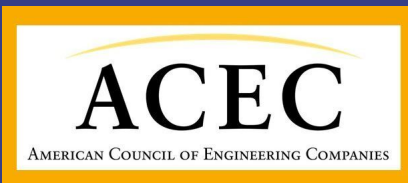
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ACEC/MA FY2026 Board of Directors

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Events & Briefings Calendar

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ACEC/MA thanks the members of both the FY2026 and FY2027 Boards for their volunteer leadership and looks forward to another successful year of serving member firms and advancing the consulting engineering industry throughout the Commonwealth.

June 25 WEEC Program: A Conversation with Melissa Lavinson on Massachusetts Energy & Climate Priorities

Join ACEC/MA's Water, Energy & Environment Committee (WEEC) on **Thursday, June 25, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM** for a conversation with **Melissa Lavinson, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Energy Transformation.**

Massachusetts continues to advance ambitious clean energy, decarbonization, and climate resilience goals amid a rapidly evolving federal policy and regulatory landscape. Melissa will provide an update on the Commonwealth's current priorities, progress toward emissions reduction and clean energy targets, key implementation challenges and opportunities, and how Massachusetts is adapting to changing federal policies and market conditions.

As Executive Director of the nation's first Office of Energy Transformation, Melissa leads the Commonwealth's efforts to coordinate the clean energy transition, including electric grid readiness, gas-to-electric transition planning, and strategies to ensure an affordable and equitable energy future.

The meeting will be offered in a hybrid format. In-person attendance at the Aldrich Center, One Walnut Street, Boston, is limited to the first 20 registrants, and virtual participation is also available.

Register [here](#).

ACEC National Urges Member Firms to Support Surface Transportation Reauthorization

ACEC National is calling on member firms to contact their members of Congress in support of **H.R. 8870, the BUILD America 250 Act**, bipartisan legislation to reauthorize federal surface transportation programs before current authorizations expire at the end of September.

The five-year bill would authorize **\$580 billion through Fiscal Year 2031**, including **\$375 billion for roads and bridges** and **\$87 billion for transit programs** through the Highway Trust Fund. Every state would receive a 3.4% increase in formula funding compared to current law.

The legislation also includes several ACEC priorities, including support for state DOT use of lump-sum contracts for engineering services, project delivery reforms, and grant funding to advance new technologies.

ACEC National is encouraging firms to make their voices heard and urge Congress to prioritize passage of the bill to provide long-term certainty and continued investment in the nation's transportation infrastructure.

Members can contact their U.S. Representative through ACEC National's grassroots action center [here](#).

Massachusetts House Approves Environmental Bond Bill

The Massachusetts House has approved a \$3.1 billion environmental bond bill aimed at protecting clean air and water, strengthening climate resilience, and supporting conservation efforts across the Commonwealth while also streamlining certain environmental permitting processes to facilitate housing production and critical infrastructure projects.

The legislation authorizes more than \$1 billion for programs under the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, including \$315 million for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program, \$250 million for coastal infrastructure and resilience projects, and \$120 million for conservation and open space initiatives. Additional investments include approximately \$838 million for the Department of Conservation and Recreation and nearly \$293 million for the Department of Environmental Protection, including funding for PFAS remediation and municipal flood-risk protection grants.

The measure now heads to a House-Senate conference committee to reconcile differences with the Senate-passed version.

Registration Open for June TALC Meeting Featuring MassDOT State Traffic Engineer Jim Danila

[Registration](#) remains open for ACEC/MA's June Transportation Agencies Liaison Committee (TALC) meeting on **Wednesday, June 24 at noon**, hosted by STV Incorporated in Boston with a hybrid attendance option.

We are pleased to announce that **Jim Danila, PE, State Traffic Engineer for MassDOT's Highway Division**, will join the committee as the featured speaker. Jim's presentation will cover the publication of the **11th Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)** and the process MassDOT follows to adopt the federal standards and publish Massachusetts-specific amendments.

Only 10 in-person spots remain. Attendance at STV is limited to 40 participants, with a maximum of two attendees per ACEC/MA member firm. In-person registration will close once capacity is reached or on June 19. All members of TALC receive the Zoom information to join remotely.

ACEC/MA thanks STV for hosting the meeting and providing lunch and looks forward to an informative discussion on one of the key standards guiding traffic engineering and roadway safety across the Commonwealth.

More information, including registration, can be found [here](#).

ACEC/MA's Public Agency Partnering Committees - Sign Up By July 17

ACEC/MA partners with public agencies to streamline project delivery and strengthen communication between public agencies and the ACEC/MA design professional business community. These committees provide a forum to address issues impacting procurement, contracts, project delivery, and collaboration across the industry.

To participate in a public agency partnering committee or serve as a co-chair beginning in August 2026 for the next two years, [review the volunteer position descriptions and sign up by July 17](#).

Please coordinate participation within your firm. Only one person per ACEC/MA Member Firm may serve on a particular public agency partnering committee, though individuals from the same firm may participate on different committees.

More information - including the job descriptions and signup sheet - can be found [here](#).

Annual ACEC/MA Membership Recertification

As part of the annual ACEC/MA membership recertification process, your firm's primary contact should have received an email sent out from acecma@engineers.org.

The form can be found [here](#). If your firm has not submitted yet, please do so ASAP.

Please reach out to acecma@engineers.org with questions or to confirm if your firm has completed the survey.

MassDOT Highway Issues New Highway Construction Standard Details

MassDOT's Highway Division has released 11 new Construction Standard Detail drawings, dated May 2026, covering milled rumble strips and updated pavement marking configurations for ramps, auxiliary lanes, lane reductions, and gore areas.

The new standards should be referenced immediately for design and maintenance purposes and will be incorporated into all new MassDOT construction contracts advertised on or after June 8, 2026.

[Additional information, including the complete set of drawings and the May 2026 Change Log, can be found here.](#)

The 34th Annual TECET Golf Tournament – June 23 at Marlborough Country Club

The Annual TECET Golf Tournament is just around the corner, and there's still time to join the fun! There are only **12 spots remaining**, so register soon before they're gone.

This event is one of our most important fundraisers, helping us fund 6 yearly scholarship programs while also supporting the daily operations that make our mission possible.

Not a golfer? You can still participate and make an impact! **Raffle tickets** and **Ball Drop entries** are available for purchase online, giving everyone a chance to support local students and win exciting prizes.

Whether you play, purchase raffle tickets, or enter the Ball Drop, your support helps us continue investing in our community. Thank you for helping us make a difference! Lots of thanks to our many sponsors.

Register or Purchase Raffle & Ball Drop Entries [here](#).

Registration for the ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament on September 28, 2026 at Ferncroft Country Club will be opening in the coming weeks.

MassDEP Opens 2027 State Revolving Fund Solicitation Period

MassDEP has opened the project solicitation period for the 2027 Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing cycle. Municipalities and other eligible borrowers seeking SRF financing must submit Project Evaluation Forms (PEFs) by **July 24, 2026**, to be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Intended Use Plan.

The SRF program remains a critical funding source for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and resilience projects across Massachusetts. MassDEP has indicated that projects addressing PFAS, sewer overflows, nutrient reduction, and climate resilience continue to be priorities. The Department will also host an informational webinar on June 18 to review program requirements, application procedures, and key deadlines.

More information on the solicitation process, upcoming deadlines, the temporary pause of the Asset Management Planning (AMP) Grant Program, and the EPA's upcoming 2027 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey can be found [here](#).

MBTA Announces Upcoming Changes to Track Access Training Requirements

The MBTA has provided advance notice of significant changes to its track access training and certification requirements for contractors, consultants, and vendors working on MBTA projects. Beginning later this year, the Authority will transition from its current Right of Way Rulebook to a new Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) program in response to updated federal requirements.

The new program will introduce revised training, certification, and documentation requirements, including a one-day, in-person certification course for personnel performing roadway work. The MBTA has also indicated that it plans to implement per-person training fees following the initial rollout.

ACEC/MA and the MBTA Partnering Committee will remain closely engaged with MBTA leadership as the new program is implemented.

Members are encouraged to review the [notice](#) for additional details.

MassDOT Highway: New Checklist for Contract Assignments

MassDOT Highway Division recently released a [checklist](#) for use on new MSA and task order contract assignments and assignment amendments. Design consultants should submit this form to the MassDOT Project Manager with each fee proposal for a new contract assignment or for an amendment to a contract assignment.

This simple, one-page form is intended to improve the efficiency of the contract assignment/amendment approval process. It will help to ensure that key information has been checked and is correct and will help to eliminate revisions and resubmissions. The checklist also has a secondary purpose of highlighting current contract expiration dates and A&E prequalification rating expiration dates, which should help to avoid lapses in either of those time-sensitive items.

The checklist is available in the Contract and Invoicing Tools portion of [MassDOT's Highway Project Management and Design webpage](#).

Massachusetts Designer Selection Board Seeks 1 Professional Engineer for the Board

The Massachusetts Designer Selection Board (DSB) is seeking resumes from candidates who are Professional Engineers with 10 or more years of experience licensed in and residing in Massachusetts for 1 opening on the DSB.

As a Professional Engineer licensed in Massachusetts, you possess the expertise needed to help improve the delivery of public projects across our Commonwealth. By joining the DSB, you'll have the opportunity to contribute your skills to the selection of designers for state facilities and charter schools.

As part of an autonomous 11-member Designer Selection Board, you'll play a hands-on role in evaluating proposals and ideas from design professionals, ensuring that our public building projects meet the highest standards of design quality, sustainability, and efficiency.

More information and how to apply can be found [here](#).

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) Seeks 1 Professional Engineer for Designer Selection Committee

The MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) is looking for one PE to fill a two-year term for the EOHLC Designer Selection Committee (DSC) beginning in January 2026, with the possibility to serve another 2-year term beyond that. All DSC members are eligible to serve two consecutive 2-year terms.

We have been asked to identify qualified candidates to serve on the DSC.

[Learn more.](#)

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The July GAC date will be announced in the coming weeks.

Join us as we review bills impacting the engineering, land surveying, and design professional community.

Join ACEC/MA GAC

ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Opps & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying.

See our [STEM Task Force page](#) for opportunities to increase awareness about engineering and land surveying careers.

Upcoming Major Events to Save the Dates

September 28: ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament - [Save the Date.](#)

Program Registration

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