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16th Annual
ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament
Proceeds Benefit the ACEC/MA Education Corporation Presidents' Scholarship Fund

ACEC Massachusetts
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Monday, September 29, 2025
Ferencroft Country Club, 10 Village Rd, Middleton MA
9:30 AM Registration | 11:00 AM Shotgun Start | 5:00 PM Reception

ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament September 29, 9:30 AM, Ferencroft Country Club

Tournament Sponsor: Collins Engineers Inc

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Join us for this fun annual event supporting engineering & land surveying scholarships.

[ACEC/MA Education Corp Golf Tournament Registration](#)

ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum on MassDOT Highway Construction Safety Legislation

August 26, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

This ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum is a hybrid meeting. It is being held in person at Aldrich Center @ The Engineering Center in Boston and on Zoom.

In-Person Guest: **Neil E. Boudreau**, Assistant Administrator for Traffic and Safety, MassDOT - Highway Division

We'll focus on MassDOT's safety legislation bills, including H. 3763, S.2380 and why these bills are important for our ACEC/MA community, MassDOT staff and our contractor colleagues to support. Neil will discuss some of the safety issues that these bills are looking to address. We'll also discuss how people can support these bills.

Register online by August 22 to let us know whether you will attend this ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum in person or by Zoom. All ACEC/MA Members who sign up will receive Zoom information as a courtesy.

This meeting is open to employees of ACEC/MA Member Firms. If your firm is an ACEC/MA member, YOU are an ACEC/MA member.

[ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum Registration](#)

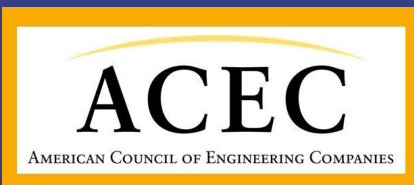
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Massachusetts House Authorizes Expanded Chapter 90 Funding

Source: **Speaker Ron Mariano's** office: On July 23, 2025, the MA House of Representatives passed [H.4307](#), a bill that includes \$1.2B in bonding for an expanded Chapter 90 Program, and for transportation programs that will address regional needs and the impacts of climate change on local infrastructure. The Chapter 90 Program provides municipalities with a funding source for transportation-related improvements, including road and bridge repairs. The bill includes a one-year authorization of \$300M for the Chapter 90 Program, a 50% increase over past funding levels. The bill also appropriates \$885M in funding for three critical programs, funding that will help to ensure that the Commonwealth is able to achieve its long-term transportation goals

"The federal funding uncertainty from Washington, D.C is very real. The House is proceeding with caution while balancing the significant transportation needs of our cities and towns," said **Representative James Arciero** (D-Westford), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation. "I want to thank House Speaker Mariano and Chairman Aaron Michlewitz for their leadership. This bill leverages the Legislature's increased appropriations to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund. These strategic appropriations expanded our borrowing capacity to allow for additional transportation funding for cities and towns."

The legislation authorizes \$1.2B in bonding for the Chapter 90 Program, and for three additional programs.

The one-year authorization in Chapter 90 Program funding represents a historic 50% increase and includes:

- \$200M to be distributed to all municipalities based on the standard Chapter 90 Program distribution formula.
- \$100M will be distributed to all municipalities based solely on road mileage.

Additional programs to support various transportation-related projects include:

- \$500M for the Lifecycle Asset Management Program (LAMP), which supports non-federally aided roads and targets the pavement and bridges that are in the worst condition in the Commonwealth.
- \$200M for a culvert and small bridge repair program to aid municipalities for local culverts and small bridges under 20 feet that are in a state of disrepair or require replacement.
- \$185M for capital projects to reduce congestion hotspots, funding that will be available for a myriad of projects such as shared use paths, intersection improvements, railroad grade crossings, and sidewalks.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 156-0 and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Rising Professionals Committee Tours Cambridge Crossing



On July 17, ACEC/MA's Rising Professionals Committee (RPC) held a walking tour of Cambridge Crossing led by RPC Member **Katie Pritchard** (Beals and Thomas). The tour highlighted how this urban redevelopment embraces the context of the community and environment by connecting multimodal transportation systems, creating open spaces in urban environments, and turning stormwater systems into an amenity. Following the tour, RPC members enjoyed the sights, sounds, and food at CX Summer Nights.

The RPC has started a book group and is planning an August walking tour at the North Bank Bridge open to all RPC members. Look for tour details in next week's ACEC/Matters.

ACEC/MA's Rising Professionals Committee is for staff in our member firms who are age 35 and under. To sign up, you should be 35 or less as of December 31, 2025 and employed by an ACEC/MA Member Firm. [Join a Committee or Forum.](#)

MassDOT Highway Updates Bridge & Tunnel Inspection Standards and Procedures with Release of 3 New Policy Directives

MassDOT Highway notified ACEC/MA on 7/17/2025 that the agency has updated its bridge and tunnel inspection standards and procedures with the release of 3 new Policy Directives:

[**P-25-001 – Bridge and Tunnel Inspection Standards and Procedures \(supersedes P-18-001\)**](#)

[**P-25-002 – Tunnel Inspection Testing Program \(supersedes P-18-002\)**](#)

[**P-25-003 – Bridge and Tunnel Inspection and Testing Protocol for Roadways Covered by Air Rights Developments \(supersedes P-18-003\)**](#)

The new Policy Directives contain updated references to appropriate guidance documents and procedures, including the [**MassDOT Bridge Manual – Hundredth Anniversary Edition**](#). Directive P-25-003 also contains new inspection and maintenance requirements for the tenants and owners of air rights developments, including overbuilds.

?s: contact [Thomas A. DiPaolo, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer, MassDOT – Highway Division](#) directly. [Thomas A. DiPaolo, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer, MassDOT – Highway Division](#), 10 Park Plaza, Suite 7410, Boston, MA 02116

MBTA Training on New Professional Services Invoice Template

Beginning on July 1, 2025, the MBTA is requiring consultants to use this new invoice template for all new contracts.

Existing contracts will be given a waiver until January 1, 2026 to allow consultants time to transition data from the existing invoice template to the new format.

MBTA, in conjunction with ACEC/MA, will provide **two more 1-hour training sessions with Q&A on Zoom**. There is no charge for these sessions and they are open to any design professional firm working for the MBTA, but advance registration is required through ACEC/MA.

Sign up for one of the training sessions:

August 13, 11 AM: [Information and Sign up](#)

November 12, 11 AM: [Information and Sign up](#)

MassDOT's Chapter 85 Design and Submittal Requirements for New Municipal Bridge and Bridge Replacement Projects

MGL Chapter 85 Section 35 Review Process: MassDOT has updated their Design Requirements and Submittals for New Municipal Bridge and Full Bridge Replacement Projects. [More Info](#)

Board of Building Regulations & Standards Approves Resilience Technical Subcommittee, Seeks A/E Reps

BBRS has approved a resilience technical subcommittee to support the discussions on the 11th edition of the MSBC. The MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs is seeking subject matter experts to be part of this subcommittee; **they asked ACEC/MA for recommendations for several roles**. This technical subcommittee will meet several times over 6 months, starting in fall 2025. We are still seeking candidates who are:

- Registered Architect with expertise in resilient design
- Professional Engineer with expertise in resilient design / Mechanical Systems

Candidates should be MA residents and licensed in MA.

If you are interested, send your credentials, including full home and work contact info. to [Abbie Goodman](#) by August 1.

Board of Building Regulations & Standards Seeks Mechanical Engineer

MA PE license & MA residency.

[More Info](#)

Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:
[Bookmark this ACEC page](#) - announcements, executive actions, & decisions **including tariffs** from White House that directly impact America's engineering & design services industry

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[President Trump Cancels \\$327 Million In Transportation Funding for Massachusetts](#)

[E.P.A. Is Said to Draft a Plan to End Its Ability to Fight Climate Change](#) - gift article from NY Times

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Unveils New Tools to Grow and Attract Businesses](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on August 14, 10 AM on Zoom. [Request Zoom Info for August 14](#)

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

[Join ACEC/MA GAC](#)

ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Opportunities & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying. **New: Geek is GLAM on October 11 in Worcester.**

[STEM Task Force Info](#)

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