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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

Election Day!

Comedian George Carlin once quipped, *"If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain."* **Tomorrow, June 7, is Election Day!** Californians have been voting for several weeks thanks to the COVID-era policy to send every registered voter a ballot in the mail (complete with "I voted" sticker!), but tomorrow is the official deadline to get those ballots turned in, or to vote in person. Don't forget to check [AGC's Official Voter Guide!](#) Below are a few other guidelines and reminders for voters and employers.



To check your registration status or to register click here: [Check Your Registration \(sdvote.com\)](#). If you missed the deadline, you can still vote in-person by registering to be a conditional same day voter here: [Same Day Voter Registration \(Conditional Voter Registration\) :: California Secretary of State](#).

Every registered voter was mailed a ballot, but you can still vote in-person at the Registrar of Voters (5600 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA, 92123) or at a designated polling place. Check [here](#) for one near you. Please be advised that there could be long lines.

So-called ballot harvesting is legal in the State of California. According to the Secretary of State ([Voting Law Compliance Handbook :: California Secretary of State](#)): "A vote-by-mail voter who is unable to return his or her ballot may designate any person to return the ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot or a polling location or vote-by-mail drop-off location within the state. However, the designated person cannot interfere with the ballot's return to the elections official. (Elections Code §§ 3017, 3021, 18577)"

Also *"including in or on your pay envelope any type of written or printed opinion that directly or by implication urges [an employee] to vote for or against a candidate or measure or is intended to influence [an employee's] political action or opinion is prohibited by law. (Elections Code § 18542)"*

Lastly, *"The California Elections Code section 14001 requires employers to post a notice to employees advising them of provisions for taking paid leave for the purpose of voting in statewide elections."* California law allows employees to take up to two hours of paid time to vote, if there is not sufficient time outside of working hours to do so, which should be taken at the beginning or end of a regular work shift unless otherwise arranged. You can

find additional information and a flyer here: ["Time off to Vote" Notices :: California Secretary of State](#).

Six Months In: How Has the Infrastructure Bill Progressed?

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations



According to the White House, \$110 billion in infrastructure funds have been released from the \$1 trillion promised in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act.

May 16, 2022 marked the six-month anniversary of President Joe Biden's signing of bipartisan infrastructure legislation called the [Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act](#). The White House reports that its Infrastructure Implementation team is "hitting the ground running on the projects that are shovel-ready."

The administration says it has "pushed \$110 billion out the door to the states" and made another \$100 billion available in opportunities to fund infrastructure projects. The \$110 billion includes funding for over 4,300 specific projects. From rural communities to urban areas, the Biden administration said over 3,000 communities are beginning to benefit. The projects include things such as tunnel and bridge reconstruction, brand new buses for cities and airport improvements.

The infrastructure bill includes \$110 billion for roads, bridges and major projects; \$65 billion to expand broadband access and affordability; \$66 billion for rail; \$55 billion for water infrastructure; \$25 billion for airports; \$39.2 billion in new transit spending; and \$5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations.

Here is a list of results so far from the legislation:

Roads: The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced \$52.5 billion in Federal Highway Apportionment for fiscal year 2022 the largest in decades for all 50 states and D.C. The law invests \$350 billion in highway programs over the next 5 years.

Rural Highways: USDOT announced \$1.2 billion for highways in rural Appalachia for the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) toward the timely completion of designated corridors in 11 states in the Appalachian region. The total amount that will be available to the states in Fiscal Year 2022 is \$246 million.

Bridges: USDOT and FHWA announced over \$27 billion in funding to replace, repair, and rehabilitate bridges across the country to all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Tribal governments over the next five years.

Major Local Infrastructure Projects: USDOT opened applications for \$2.9 billion for major transportation projects through a combined notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for MEGA, INFRA, and Rural programs. Putting these three programs under a single NOFO makes it easier for communities to apply to one, two, or three major discretionary grant programs with a single application and common set of criteria.

Special Projects Receive Special Funding

On Monday, the Transportation Department also opened for applications \$1 billion in 2022 grant funding for communities to help address mounting U.S. traffic deaths. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said in February U.S. traffic deaths rose 12% in the first nine months of 2021 to 31,720 - the highest number killed on American roads in that period since 2006. Communities can apply to use these "Safe Streets" funds to add roadway safety features like "centerline and shoulder rumble strips" or "traffic calming road design changes, and making strategic use of speed safety cameras," the Transportation Department said in a briefing document.

These projects present opportunities for contractors, and your main questions should be, *"Where is the funding going?"* and *"How can I identify opportunities emerging from this bill?"*

While getting the law passed with bipartisan support was a major win for President Biden, recent polling indicates that Americans are more concerned about other issues, especially inflation. Infrastructure efforts are now wrestling with high inflation, labor shortages that cut across industries and supply chain stumbling blocks that will slow projects and make them more significantly expensive. That will impact state and local budgets when the economy already posted negative GDP growth (-1.4%) in the first quarter.

The complications confront contractors facing labor shortages and their own sets of higher costs. What that means? There may be an even longer delay before we begin to feel the real impacts of the IIHA due to these project delays and increased spending.

Over the past two years, we have seen overall construction cost increases of 15% to 20% per year. This increase includes the cost of labor and materials. We have seen a particularly large spike in cost on petroleum-based projects such as asphalt and plastic pipe, according to many contractors we have spoken with.

Inflation is not helping. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported an inflation rate of 8.3% for April compared to a year ago. That includes a 43.6% rise in gasoline prices, a 13.2% increase in new cars and trucks, a 33.3% hike in air fares and an 80.5% jump in fuel oil prices. Inflation rates are at their highest levels since 1981, including record highs for gasoline nationally.

As the next six months unfold, federal agencies across the administration will continue to shift into high gear with new programs taking shape and existing programs sending out significant funding increases to states. Let's hope the economy cooperates so we can all reap the benefits of this legislation.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Learn Steps to Protect Your Business from Cyberattacks - Join us June 8 for Tech Table Talk

Is your business safe from a cyberattack?

Cyberattacks are not only on the rise, but they also hit businesses every day. The broadness of the scope of illegal access and

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the sophistication and diversity of threats aimed at unauthorized information access have skyrocketed. Phishing, Malware, Ransomware, Password Breaches, Denial of Service Attacks – while around for some time, are now changing in design and growing in complexity. Methods for attacks have become more sophisticated and elusive, putting virtually every business at risk.

The AGC Technology Committee invites AGC Members to a free **TECH TABLE TALK - Cybersecurity Strategies & Best Practices** June 8, 2022, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Lakeside office, with check-in at 11:30 AM, presentation and free lunch at Noon. **Registration deadline is June 6.**

This Cybersecurity panel presentation will discuss the latest in cyber threats, top strategies in preventing and responding to a potential attack, and how to fortify your business from a technical, legal and insurance perspective. The presentation will be moderated by Mandy Irvine, CEO, **Hoop5 Networks** and the panelists who will bring their own expertise include:

Elanie Harwell - Senior Counsel & Privacy Officer, *Procopio*

Natalie Sherod - CIC - Risk Advisor, *Cavignac*

Russell Emig - Director of Security, *Hoop5 Networks*

This is a **FREE** member event sponsored by [Hoop5 Networks](#).

AGC Members online registration is available, at link below, members will need to login to the AGC Member Portal to register for this event.

Registration deadline is June 6. [LEARN MORE & REGISTER ONLINE](#)

If you would like to register by email, please use the [REGISTRATION FORM](#).

For event or registration questions, please contact AGC Staff Member Kellie Korhonen at 858-558-7444 or by email at kellie@agcsd.org.

Join us for the Annual AGC Baseball Bash - June 21 at Petco Park on the Roof of Western Metal Supply Co. Building

From the AGC 2022 Meetings & Events Committee

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The AGC Meetings & Events Committee is excited to announce our Annual Baseball Bash at **Petco Park** on the roof of the **Western Metal Supply Co. Building!** This is an amazing venue, with views of downtown San Diego and Petco Park, and offering plenty of space to mix/mingle and party.

On June 21, the Padres will take on the Arizona Diamondbacks

Registration includes your ticket to the game and food, including ballpark snacks, and plenty of beer, soda, and water.

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[Click here](#) to register.

The “Baseball Bash” committee is looking for some fun raffle prize donations.

[Click here](#) for the raffle prize sponsor form.

Contact Rae Krushensky at raek@agcsd.org with any questions.

Construction Leadership Council Builds Industry Connections

*Interested? Join us for the
CLC Sip n' Social June 29*
by CLC Chair Rob Brienza,
Hensel Phelps



AGC Construction Leadership Council (CLC) is looking for a few good industry members...

Are you an early to mid-career professional in the construction industry? Would you like to meet some of your fellow colleagues across the industry? Do you like free food and drinks? Want to tour high profile projects in San Diego?

AGC San Diego has the committee for you, the CLC! Next up is the **CLC Sip n' Social on June 29** from 4pm – 6pm at Ballast Point Brewing Company at the Miramar location. This is a recruiting mixer for the CLC, if you are interested in learning about the CLC, please join us on June 29. RSVP by emailing Kellie Korhonen at kellie@agcsd.org.

Upcoming CLC meetings and events:

- August 17 - CLC Meeting @ CBIZ office
- September 22 - CLC Meeting @ TBA (Final CLC Mixer & Car Show preparations)
- October 6 - CLC Mixer & Car Show @ Lakeside
- December - CLC Meeting @ TBA

We're rotating meeting locations this year, and we are still looking for a host site for our December meeting!

AGC Members build connections with fellow construction professionals, creating opportunities to enhance their industry knowledge through relevant programs. CLC encourages a higher level of involvement in the industry among early to mid-career professionals.

This year's goals include:

- To encourage a higher level of involvement in the industry
- Support SDSU CEM/CM program and RENO teams
- Grow CLC membership
- Coordinates annual CLC Mixer & Car Show to raise funds for RENO teams and committee events

Learn more about the CLC [here](#) and if you are interested in joining the CLC, complete the [AGC Committee volunteer Form](#).

Questions? Contact Kellie Korhonen at kellie@agcsd.org or 619.592.4529.



AGC BLOOD DRIVE - July 12-15

BLOOD DRIVES @ AGC MEMBER LOCATIONS [LEARN MORE https://www.agcsd.org/agc-blood-drive.html](https://www.agcsd.org/agc-blood-drive.html)

Monday, July 11 **HOSTING SPOTS AVAILABLE** Contact Marcy Knopman (619) 592-4527

Tuesday, July 12
 Acme Safety & Supply Corp. - National City
 C.W. Driver - Mission Valley
 Dynalectric - El Cajon
 Erickson-Hall Construction - Garden Grove
 Hensel Phelps - Kearny Mesa
 Sundt - Mission Valley

Wednesday, July 13
 Acme Safety & Supply Corp. - El Centro
 Erickson-Hall Construction - Riverside - via LifeStream
 Hawthorne Cat - Rancho Bernardo
 Hazard Construction - Lakeside
 Swinerton - Rancho Bernardo

Thursday, July 14
 Balfour Beatty - Sabre Springs
 Countywide Mechanical - El Cajon
 Erickson-Hall Construction - Escondido
 TC Construction Co. - Santee

Friday, July 15
 AGC San Diego - Lakeside
 PCL Construction - Mira Mesa
 Sherwood Mechanical - Sorrento Mesa
 Sundt - Irvine

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
www.mysdbb.org

AGC Blood Drive - July 12-15

The AGC Blood Drive is coming up in July and we encourage everyone to schedule their appointments to donate at one of our AGC member locations.

[CLICK HERE](#) for AGC Blood Drive website page.

Post [FLYER](#) at your offices and **DONATE TO SAVE LIVES!**

We have AVAILABLE HOST SPOTS for Monday, July 11 if your company is interested in hosting the Blood Drive at your office/parking lot. Contact [Marcy Knopman](#) (619) 592-4527

Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING EVENTS



- June 8 - **TECH TABLE TALK - CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIES**
- June 21 - **BASEBALL BASH @ Petco Park**
- July 11-15 - **AGC BLOOD DRIVE @ AGC Member Locations**
- July 29 - **DAY AT THE RACES @ Del Mar Racetrack**
- August 5 - **AFFILIATE DAY GOLF @ Singing Hills**

EDUCATION/SAFETY TRAINING

JUNE CLASSES

- June 7 - **Stormwater Monthly Seminar**
- June 8 & 9 - **USACE CQM-C – Virtual Training**

- June 13 - **QuickBooks for Beginners**
- June 13-15 - **Fall Protection 24-hour CPT for EM 385**
- June 14 - **Forklift Training**
- June 14 - 16 - **SAIA Supported Scaffold CPT 24- Hour CPT**
- June 15 - **Prevailing Wage Compliance Training**
- June 15 - **Harassment Prevention for Employees - Virtual Training**
- June 16 - **Harassment Prevention for Supervisors - Virtual Training**
- June 15 - **Microsoft Excel Beginner**

- June 20 - 22 - **Fall Protection 24-hour CPT for EM 385**
- June 20 - 23 - **OSHA 30 Hour Construction Outreach**
- June 22 - **Microsoft Excel Intermediate**
- June 20 - **QuickBooks for Intermediate / Advanced**
- June 21 - **Flagger Training – CalTrans Approved**
- June 22 & 23 - **USACE CQM-C – Virtual Training**

- June 29 - **Fall Protection 8 Hour CPT**
- June 29 - **CPR First Aid Training**
- June 29 - **Project Engineer Boot Camp**
- June 29 - **Microsoft Excel Advanced**
- June 30 - **Construction Contract Administration**



[Training Calendar & Class Registration](#)

For more information on classes, contact: [Becca Schaffer](#), 619-592-4533

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COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETINGS

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JUNE MEETINGS

June 10 - **Caltrans** - 7:30 a.m. - *Virtual*

June 14 - **H.R. Practices Committee** - 11:30 a.m. - *Lakeside*

June 14 - **NAVFAC** - 3:00 p.m. - *Lakeside*

June 16 - **Meetings & Events** - 12:00 p.m. - *Lakeside*

June 29 - **CLC Sip n' Social** - 4PM - Ballast Point Brewing Co. - *RSVP required*

June 30 - **Joint Meeting - EGCC, Public Building, General Building** - 8:00 a.m. - *Lakeside*

AGC LOCATIONS



AGC East County Facility & Apprenticeship Training Center
10140 Riverford Road
Lakeside, CA 92040
(858) 558-7444
[DIRECTIONS](#)



AGC Government Affairs Office & Fall Protection Training Campus
6212 Ferris Square
San Diego, CA 92121
2nd floor
[DIRECTIONS](#)

About Monday Morning Quarterback

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AGC Chief Executive Officer, Eddie Sprecco, and Vice President Government & Industry Relations, Dustin Steiner.

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SANDAG Tax Measure Fails to Qualify for November Ballot

By Eddie Sprecco, CEO

From the breaking news on Friday, the “Let’s Go San Diego” initiative to fund SANDAG’s infrastructure plan has failed to qualify for the November ballot, per the San Diego County Registrar of Voters. The proponents of the initiative took the rarely seen approach of using volunteers to collect signatures, likely adding to their high invalid rate. In addition, proponents claim a discrepancy of 20,000 signatures between their tally and that of the Registrar. Even if 20,000 signatures are added to the tally, however, the measure’s high invalid rate would require a lengthy and expensive recount of signatures.

It is disappointing that a viable infrastructure measure could not be placed on the 2022 ballot, during a window of opportunity when State Courts have allowed citizens’ initiatives to pass with a simple majority – that window is likely to close this year. The “Let’s Go San Diego” initiative had challenges from the beginning, with only a small group of stakeholders around the table, and not the broad coalition of past, successful efforts. SANDAG, the proposed recipient of funds from such a measure, added to the troubles in the past year by eliminating previously promised projects, adopting a divisive Project Labor Agreement, and being in the middle of a scandal over credit card spending on meals and travel.

Any SANDAG initiative in 2022 would face headwinds that include gas prices, inflation and being associated with the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) tax, that was not in the “Let’s Go San Diego” initiative but is included in SANDAG’s long term funding plans. While conditions for an infrastructure measure may be better in 2024, the 2/3 vote threshold is expected to be in effect. It’s clear that a broad-based coalition of supporters is needed around the table, from drafting to implementation, for these initiatives to be successful.

More to come as this story unfolds.

Happening this Week!

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Calling all federal contractors! Tomorrow, **Tuesday June 14**, at 1500 hours, join us for a lively discussion with NAVFAC Southwest Commanding Officer Captain Mike Oestereicher

and his team. We have several topics of interest raised by *you the contractor* including President Biden's recent Executive Order 14063 mandating discriminatory Project Labor Agreements on Federal projects and material price escalation and supply chain disruptions. This will be the first in-person **NAVFAC Liaison Committee meeting** since the beginning of the pandemic, and you don't want to miss it!

The 2022 California Gubernatorial Primary is in the books, but there is still much to discuss! How did the AGC endorsed candidates fare? What can we expect in November? Were there any surprises? Join us *this Thursday* for a special joint meeting of the **Government Relations Committee and the Political Action Committee (PAC)** for a Primary recap and a look-ahead to the General Election. The Government Relations Committee is where you can stay on top of all things happening at the federal, state and local level and have a say in ballot measures each election cycle. The PAC is where the campaign rubber meets the road and we meet with and endorse, support, or oppose candidates for public office.

As the old saying goes, *if you're not at the table, you're probably on the menu*. To join these meetings or be added to the NAVFAC Liaison Committee or Government Relations Committee mailing list for future meetings, please contact Robin Scott by clicking [here](#). To learn more about the PAC, please contact Dustin Steiner by clicking [here](#).



Father Time is Undefeated

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering
Construction & Industry Relations

Today, the San Diego City Council is expected to pass the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget which will set a new record. The General Fund Budget is expected to surpass \$1.9 billion with the addition of some one-time funding. Last-minute additions are expected to cover the costs associated with graffiti abatement and

more homeless outreach. The growing homeless population in the city is putting some pressure on the Mayor's Office, a problem that they can't seem to contain despite large expenditures from the city treasury.

Setting that aside, what is in the budget for contractors? Two department budgets are what we focused on when reviewing the budget. These two departments will be generating new construction contracts and bidding opportunities for contractors and administering those projects that are in the field today.

The first is the Engineering & Capital Projects Department (E&CP) which provides engineering, program, construction management, and inspection services for the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and oversight of the development of public infrastructure and facilities. The CIP is made up of projects that rehabilitate, restore, improve, and create new capital infrastructure like libraries, parks, and water and sewer pipelines, mostly built by AGC contractors.

Due to the city's growing and record-breaking CIP, E&CP reorganized its operations to adapt to increased demand. The reorganization is the first phase of the Department's organizational plan that will help refocus the department "back to basics" while concentrating on its core purpose of delivering capital infrastructure.

The department has a total of 825 authorized positions; 109 of those positions, or 13.2%, are vacant as of April 19, 2022, which has been noticed by contractors working with the city.

The FY 2023 Budget transfers three programs out of E&CP. The first is the Prevailing Wage program. The program is being transferred to the Compliance Department (which was established in FY 2022). The second program being transferred out of E&CP is the Public Works Contracting team. This shift is intended to bring the City's procurement-related functions under one department. The third restructure transfers the function of Right-of-Way (ROW) inspections work to the Development Services Department (DSD) in FY 2023. E&CP will be responsible for finishing about 2,000 existing permit projects currently in the inspection process.

The second department we are focusing on is now called the Strategic Capital Projects Department (SCP), which was created in FY 2022 to provide engineering, project management, and construction management on complex, unique, and large capital projects that we sometimes call mega projects. The SCP Department will be tasked with managing the construction of Pure Water Phase 1 and the development of Pure Water Phase 2, along with potential mega-projects that could evolve in the region.

The funding picture for construction projects has changed dramatically since 2016. In 2016 the capital budget, funding construction projects, was about \$300,000 per year. It is now at just over \$830,000 per year. However, the capital needs are projected to grow by over \$1.7 billion per year, which said another way, the city has only half the funding it needs to keep up with the crumbling infrastructure. A huge problem economically for this region.

The FY 2023-27 Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook, released a few months ago by the city, reports that capital infrastructure needs will exceed available funding by \$4.3 billion over the next five years. This is the largest year-over-year increase in the funding gap since the report was first created. The funding gap has increased by 152.6% from \$1.71 billion in 2016 to \$4.32 billion, in the latest version of the report. In other words, the backlog of deferred projects is accelerating.

This accelerating of the aging and deteriorating of city infrastructure assets, ultimately further increases costs. As aging, neglected assets fail and cause collateral damage, this requires the city to spend funds on more costly emergency repairs. Deferring capital needs also creates risk for the public and liability for the City: for example, unaddressed sidewalk defects have resulted in sidewalk-related injuries and claims against the City related to those injuries.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the recently passed federal infrastructure, should bring in some additional funding for the city, however, at this point, The city did not include an estimate of what those funds might be in the 2023 Budget. As federal funds become available, it is expected that funds will provide a source of infrastructure funding that could help to address the City's deferred capital project backlog and fund key water, stormwater, transportation, and other projects.

The growing homeless problem is hard for city hall to ignore. However, the crumbling infrastructure of the city needs greater attention from our elected officials because the needs are accelerating and aging as we all know is inevitable. Memo to city hall: "*Father Time*" is undefeated.

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Safety Huddle/June 2022

June's Safety Focus

By Julie McConnaughy, Safety
Coordinator/Operations Support, Tower Glass

As the summer months begin, COVID is rearing its ugly head again. Fortunately, this time around the variant isn't having a huge impact on hospitalizations or deaths. However, employers are still required to follow CalOSHA's COVID's ETS, which was updated again last month. The ETS now defers to the California Department of Public Health's recommendations for isolation and quarantine guidelines. As these recommendations

change on a frequent basis, we recommend that you refer to this link on a regular basis to stay current and in compliance: https://dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/Isolation-and-Quarantine-fs.pdf

Below are the high points employers need to keep in mind per the current guidelines.

First and foremost, employees should not come to work when sick. The current variant is presenting as the common cold. Employees with symptoms should test before reporting to work and then follow the protocol below:

If an employee is **symptomatic and tests negative**, they should avoid being close contact with others and wear a well-fitting face mask when close contact cannot be avoided.

If an employee is **symptomatic and tests negative but have had close contact** to someone who tested positive for COVID, they must wear a well-fitted face covering around others for 10 days following the last day of close contact. It is recommended that they retest in 1-2 days, particularly if they originally tested the first 1-2 days of their symptoms.

If employee is **symptomatic or asymptomatic and tests positive**:

- They must remain in isolation for a minimum of 5 days following the start of symptoms or positive test date if asymptomatic.
- If they test negative after day 5 and their symptoms have improved with no fever for 24 hours, they may return to work but must wear a well-fitting face mask when around others for 10 days following the start of their symptoms or positive test date if asymptomatic.
- If they test positive after day 5, even though their symptoms have improved or they are asymptomatic, they must continue quarantining for 10 days following the start of their symptoms or positive test date if asymptomatic.

If an employee is **asymptomatic and has had close contact** with someone testing positive for COVID regardless of vaccination status:

- They must test within 3 to 5 days after their last close contact.
- If positive, refer to above.
- If negative, employees must wear well-fitting face coverings when around others for a total of 10 days after exposure.

Cybersecurity Tech Table Talk Informative to Members

Last week, AGC Members attended the **TECH TABLE TALK: Cybersecurity Strategies & Best Practices** and learned about cybersecurity insurance policies, current applicable privacy, and data security laws, and a few tips on IT security best practices.

The one-hour presentation included an overview of privacy and data security laws, including the current California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and the changes included when California voters in November 2020 voted to amend the CCPA to the California Privacy Rights Act (CPR) that goes into effect January 2023. The attendees also heard about cyber risks, examples of claims, and coverage available.



Thanks to our event sponsor, [HOOP 5](#), and our speakers: *(pictured)*

- Elaine Harwell, *Procopio*
- Natalie Sherod, *Cavignac*
- Mandy Irvine and Shane Willis, *HOOP 5*

This event was hosted by the Construction Technology Committee and is looking for more member working in IT, if you are interested please complete the [AGC Committee Volunteer Form](#).

The committee released the application for the **2022 Excellence in Construction Innovation Award**. This award highlights AGC Members who have implemented a Technology or Innovation process / solution at their company that elevates the art of construction through this technology or innovation. [Download the application today.](#)

Questions about the Construction Technology Committee or the Excellence in Construction Innovation Award, please contact AGC Staff Member Kellie Korhonen at kellie@agcsd.org

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We're rotating meeting locations this year, and we are still looking for a host site for our December meeting!

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Contractor “Transparency” Comes to the City of San Diego

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Last Thursday, the Land Use and Housing (LUH) Committee of the City of San Diego met to discuss the *Contractor Transparency Amendment to the Municipal Code* being proposed by Mayor Gloria’s office. While AGC San Diego certainly supports transparency and efforts to root out bad actors, many of the provisions in the draft ordinance are duplicative or unnecessary.

Our industry is currently facing severe workforce shortages, material price escalation and supply chain disruptions, inflation, and record fuel costs, all of which serve to delay critical infrastructure and housing supply. With the promise of our share of the \$1.2 trillion dollar Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act heading our way, this is not the time for added bureaucracy. The California Public Contract Code already requires full disclosures for public projects, and it is simply impractical to disclose subcontractors during permit issuance, when many if not all have not even been hired yet. Violations, which will likely be inadvertent or clerical in nature, will be met with a Stop Work Order.

AGC San Diego joined with eight other industry associations to share our concerns with the Committee Members and the Mayor’s Office. The LUH Committee voted 3-1 (Councilmember Cate-No) to move the ordinance forward to Council. Chair Vivian Moreno directed the Mayor’s Office to meet with each stakeholder group to address concerns raised prior to docketing for Council.

If this is truly about transparency, the information should be collected prior to final inspection or permit release in a simple online form. We will continue to work with the Mayor’s Office and the Council to find a way to achieve the goals of this proposal without unduly burdening the City’s efforts to build critical infrastructure and housing.

To view our full letter, [click here.](#)

Are Freeway Widening Projects a Thing of the Past?

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations



The widening of a 19-mile stretch of the 710 Freeway from East Los Angeles to Long Beach was rejected by Los Angeles County's transit agency last month, putting an end to a contentious project in the works since 2005. It now looks like the goals of addressing the climate crisis, social injustices, and the goals of organized labor may be on a collision course.

LA Metro spent \$60 million studying and planning the \$6 billion project for 17 years, but on Thursday, the transit agency reversed course, selecting the "no build" alternative and closing out the environmental impact report.

Eliminating widening was a major shift from a plan approved by its board in March 2018 to add general freeway lanes and truck-only lanes that would've required the destruction of hundreds of freeway-adjacent homes and businesses via eminent domain.

The beginning of the end for the 710 Freeway widening project began in 2021 when both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Caltrans quietly opposed the project, while the public was focused on the pandemic. The EPA said, *"adding freeway lanes would increase air pollution, not meet federal air quality requirements, and was not a cure for gridlock."* Caltrans said the project should not move forward and the Caltrans Director stated opposition to the project based on *"pollution, climate change, and displacement concerns."*

Opposition from federal and state agencies meant the project would have no chance of receiving state or federal dollars to make up the large funding gap. Aligning alternative projects with these agencies' objectives would increase the possibility of receiving funding, Metro said.

For heavy highway contractors, this should be a wake-up call about what your state government is doing to eliminate future highway widening projects. The Secretary of the California Transportation Agency was quoted as saying, *"no longer will the state add freeway lanes solely to allow more cars and trucks to use them."* *"That is the past, we cannot do projects like that moving forward."* What projects can you do, Mr. Secretary? The Newsom administration seems to be living in a world where grid-locked freeways in California will remain gridlocked and the public will just have to sit in traffic in-perpetuity.

One LA County Supervisor pointed out that, *"We can't just talk about 'no build,' we must talk about doing something."* So, what's the plan? Improvements being considered include money for zero-emission trucks leaving the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach; higher freeway sound walls; air filtration systems in nearby schools; a regional light-rail project connecting the 710 cities; moving freight onto rail cars and off the freeways; and safer streets with more bikeways. Meanwhile the gridlock on the 710 freeway goes on forever.

Expect this process to play out in San Diego eventually, once SANDAG and its allies are able to actually get a sales tax ballot measure on the ballot and passed so they have money to spend. Right now, money for transportation expansions is in short supply in San Diego, so the killing of freeway widening projects is not playing out yet.

The lack of local money for transportation, is concerning because it may cause this region to lose out on opportunities to capture federal funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

One interesting side note on the “killing of the 710-freeway project” is that the trades unions have come out in opposition to the state’s policy to kill freeway widening projects. Labor leaders contend that limiting freeway widening projects overestimates the state’s ability to transition from an automobile centered culture and does so at the expense of good-paying jobs.

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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK



Survey Results Just In

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

During the last two plus years, our members have been experiencing a significant escalation in prices from diesel to PVC pipe to heavy equipment. There are also availability issues that are having a daily effect on projects and project schedules. We recently decided to get some current information from AGC members, so we sent out an informal survey in early June and received dozens of interesting responses. Here are some of the questions and highlights that came back from survey takers.

1. Are lead times for pipe and other critical materials longer than previously seen?

The general answer was a unanimous “yes.”

Some examples we got were:

- Electric gear in general is hard to come by.
- Transformers for example, take 66 weeks to procure after submittal approvals.
- Iron pipe has a lead time of 8-9 months.
- Cold formed steel is out 12 to 24 weeks.
- All HVAC equipment is subject to delayed delivery plus price increases.
- Poly ISO roof insulation is being rationed and now has an 18-week lead time.
- Vinyl flooring now has only one American made supplier still in business. Armstrong has filed for bankruptcy, so only one supplier left standing.

A common theme on a separate track was that submittals, for materials approvals to public agencies, were taking significantly longer (4 months) to process, due to shortages of staff at these agencies.

2. Are subs/suppliers willing to enter into firm price agreements?

Most of the surveys came back as “no’s,” however there were a few “yes-but’s.”

- A common theme was that vendors will not necessarily honor the quoted proposal that the contractor got from them at bid time.

- Vendors can't guarantee when the material will be available or what the price will be.
- Suppliers and vendors are giving a new price at the time of shipping to the contractors.
- Firm price agreements are not the norm, however there are some with escalation clauses included and or time constraints.

The larger firms are able to get firm price agreements, due to their buying power, but the prices are subject to fixed escalation as part of the agreement. Not cheap, but they know what the price is going to be.

3. Are subs/suppliers requiring price escalation clauses or seeking other recourse for price increases?

The common answer is "yes" to this question.

- The material won't be shipped without an agreement to pay the new price.
- In most cases quotes are only available for 10 days or less.

4. Would materials escalation clauses in future contracts be helpful to mitigate risk?

The consensus was "yes," but not unanimous. Some members are not convinced that escalation clauses really work to reflect materials pricing.

5. Which materials would be priorities?

The list was long indeed: PVC, ductile iron, copper, brass, fuel, asphalt, concrete, steel of all kinds, fuel, aluminum, lumber, to name a few.

We also received some general comments that helped to paint the picture of how all this impacts projects. For examples, manufacturers are raising prices suddenly during the middle of projects which makes it tough to meet project budgets. Many contractors have gotten information on price jumps on things like glass, that are effective immediately and are between 25% to 40% increases.

The addition of escalation clauses for specific materials can benefit both the contractor and the owner. It allows the contractor to bid more aggressively on things they can control like means and methods without worrying so much about prices they can't control which can bring down their business.

Because of the extreme volatility in the materials supply markets, contractors are experiencing sometimes 50% price hikes at the time of shipping, and that time of shipping is not necessarily predicable because of supply chain problems. The ability of the industry to sustain performance and schedule is being threatened as we write this article.

Finally, the bottom line is that owners have been, thus far, willing to provide time to the contract for delays to deliveries. However, as far as we know as of today, no owner is yet offered to provide financial relief for the unprecedented price hikes of many commodities.



Affiliate Day Golf Tournament - August 5

The AGC Meetings & Events Committee and Affiliate Council are pleased to announce the 83rd Anniversary of the Affiliate Day

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To ensure your spot, [Register Now!](#) We expect the tournament to sell out quickly. Don't wait until you get the names of your foursome to register, as it may be too late. We recommend you sign up now and provide the names of your players later!

This event is much anticipated and offers great marketing opportunities for AGC members. There are still sponsorships available. Get in on it while you can!

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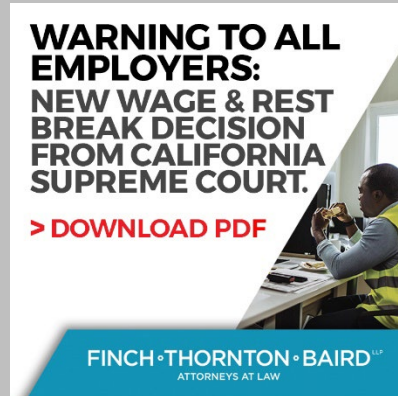


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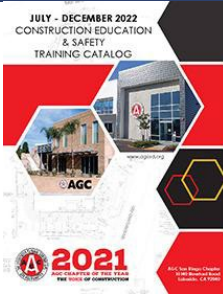
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