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LUCY WITH THE POLITICAL FOOTBALL



By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government and Industry Relations

Fans of the comic strip *Peanuts* are well familiar with Lucy's antics when it comes to her old pal Charlie Brown. For decades, Lucy has held a football for Charlie to kick, and every time he gets near, she pulls it away and poor Charlie Brown tumbles to the ground. An old buddy of mine from my Capitol Hill days used that metaphor when describing Senate Leadership's political gamesmanship. Well, here we are again...only this time it's Speaker Pelosi holding the football while Dem moderates hopelessly try to

kick a \$1.2 trillion dollar infrastructure package through the uprights.

In what seems a lifetime ago now, the Senate passed this same \$1.2 trillion dollar bill with 69 votes. Yes, that's all 50 Democrats plus 19 Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. At the time, the so-called bipartisan infrastructure bill or BIF as it has been dubbed, seemed on a fast track to the President's desk. House (Dem) moderates cut a deal with Speaker Pelosi to hold a vote on the BIF on September 27. As mentioned in a previous article, this "deadline" had no actual teeth and we speculated it would come and go...as it did...as did the next "deadline" of "Thursday." Over the weekend, she set a new deadline - October 31- Halloween. It seems the 96 member-strong Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) is putting significant pressure on the Speaker to stall the BIF until they get their vote in the Senate on the \$3.5 trillion dollar *human* infrastructure bill. The issue there is that Senators Manchin (D-WV) and Sinema (D-AZ) (recently linked by the Hollywoodesque nickname "*Manchinema*") have each said publicly they don't support that price tag. Manchin suggested a scaled down \$1.5 trillion dollar compromise this week which was summarily dismissed by CPC Chair Pramila Jayapal (D-WA).

On the other side of the aisle, House Republicans appear to be steadfast in their opposition to both measures despite bipartisan support in the Senate for the BIF. Interestingly, there are 10 or so Republican members who have indicated they will actually support the BIF once Pelosi secures the magic number of 218. This is actually quite common in the House. Members on both sides who toe the middle line often stand with their caucus until the vote "passes" and then switch votes. It's a political move to save face with both party leadership and voters back home as the only *recorded* vote is the final one and closes when the Speaker says it does.

With the House set to leave town for two weeks and a looming October 18 deadline to raise the debt limit (that IS a hard deadline), this impasse may persist awhile. If the two bills stay married it could spell doom for both along with Pelosi's chances of keeping the majority. Pelosi is a savvy politician. You don't stay in Congress for 35 years and become Speaker twice without knowing a little something about politics. But, until she can firmly plant that football, the infrastructure bill is flat on its back.

A CITY PARCEL TAX BEING CONSIDERED FOR 2022

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

It looks like the election in November 2022, a non-presidential election, is starting to shape up as an interesting one for infrastructure in this region. Besides SANDAG's five big moves which is likely to be on the ballot as a measure to increase the local sales tax, the City of San Diego is also evaluating the possibility of a parcel tax to fund stormwater infrastructure.

The City of San Diego, as we have reported before, has continuing needs to replace underground water supply pipes, sewer collection pipes and pipes that are part of its stormwater infrastructure that collects rainwater runoff that runs into creeks, bays, and the Pacific Ocean. The first two types of pipes are being replaced at a steady pace, paid for by the City ratepayers for water and sewer. However, there is no funding mechanism in place to fund the City's aging stormwater infrastructure.

The effects are obvious to the construction industry. For example, as of the close of Fiscal Year 2021, the city had more than 1,800 sites of pipe failures. This resulted in 11 emergency projects at a cost of \$9.3 million, most of which had to come from defunding other budget items since these leaking pipes can pose public health and safety concerns.

As the City has reported in recent months, the funding gap between funds available to replace aging stormwater infrastructure versus the estimated needs is startling. For instance, the annual estimated annual funding needs estimated by the City's Stormwater Department (SWD) is \$274 million per year over the next twenty years. The available funding annually is just under \$50 million. Which means that there is a \$225 million annual unfunded need that will compound over the next twenty years and thus will be at \$ 4.5 billion if nothing is done in the next two decades.

City staff were directed months ago to look at options for raising funds for this pressing need. It looks like a parcel tax is the most likely candidate among the options being looked at. However, there are still many aspects of a parcel tax to be looked at as it could have uneven impacts on property owners and renters based on economic status.

A major difficulty in California in raising revenues for stormwater management has been Proposition 218. Proposition 218, a constitutional amendment passed by the voters in 1996 requires local governments and special districts to secure voter approval before raising taxes and it established a two-thirds threshold. Additionally, Proposition 218 introduced constraints for property related fees by requiring a clear nexus of the fee being levied and the service it ultimately funds. A cost-of-service analysis is required to ensure that the fee charged to the parcel is proportionable to the cost of service attributable to the parcel in question.

Proposition 218 also requires a two-step public approval process for any property related fee. First step is a property owner protest vote. If the agency does not receive a majority objection, then the second step would be an election to raise the fee requiring a two-thirds vote of the electorate. A high bar indeed.

A recent poll by City of San Diego hired pollsters showed that a ballot measure to increase funding for stormwater infrastructure has a good chance of success. 66% of San Diego voters likely to vote in 2022 supported the measure, 29% would oppose it and 5% were undecided. This result showed that the potential proposal, which would require a two-thirds supermajority under Proposition 218, is potentially viable in a future election. For voters likely to vote in the 2024 presidential election, the support among those polled rose to 69% with 25% opposed.

Why voters support additional funding was interesting as many San Diegans support environmental issues and are willing to pay for them. The same polling showed that among those polled who believe cleaning and protecting local water quality is a top priority, 75% believe that there is a great or some need for additional funding. Among those who believe that maintaining our storm drain system only 61% believe there is a great or some need for additional funding.

What is not to like about more infrastructure construction projects featuring AGC underground contractors?
We will keep you posted.

AGC BUILD SAN DIEGO LUNCHEON - "BEST OF THE BEST" CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO BE AWARDED

It's time again to recognize the contractors who build San Diego's most impressive construction projects ranging across the building, highway and transportation, utility infrastructure, and sustainable project divisions.

AGC's 2021 Build San Diego Awards luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, November 16** at the **Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel**. Over 300 guests are expected, including key public officials and owners.

We are proud to acknowledge our returning "Title Sponsors", whose support is vital to the success of this program:



The judges have reviewed 33 impressive projects, which are an integral part of the region's economy. The projects are in eight categories, and they represent the hard work of architects, engineers, and construction firms.

Award categories:

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

TECH CORNER: UNDERSTANDING CMMC COMPLIANCE

Brought to you by the AGC Technology Committee

What is CMMC?

The Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) is a new standard of cybersecurity compliance developed by the Department of Defense (DOD). The compliance standard is an evolution of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement and National Institute of Standards and Technology (DFARS 252.204-7012 & NIST 800-171 standards) and is meant to protect the nation's most sensitive data from its

adversaries. All government contractors will have to achieve one of the five levels of CMMC compliance by 2026 in order to do business with the U.S. Government.

Why is this happening?

As the threat of data theft rises daily, so does the need to protect our nation's sensitive information. The Defense Industrial Base and the Department of Defense serve as major targets for cyber criminals. These criminals are most interested in gaining insight regarding our war machines and defense technologies. To prevent them from gaining this insight, our nation must seek to strengthen its cybersecurity hygiene. Because of this, CMMC was created.

When will contractors need to be certified?

The CMMC cybersecurity compliance roll-out will be a phased approach over a 5-year period that started with the release of 10 RFIs and RFPs in 2020. The number of new contracts requiring CMMC certification will grow each year until all DOD contracts require CMMC compliance in 2026. Contractors will have to meet CMMC compliance in order to be awarded DOD contracts. Deciding when to start on the journey to compliance will depend on the release of the contractor's preferred RFI/RFP as well as their business requirements. Contractors may bid on opportunities prior to becoming CMMC compliant. However, they will not be awarded the contract unless they are compliant.

Are Prime Contractors responsible for their Subcontractors?

Prime contractors are required to ensure all sub-contractors working under them are CMMC compliant. Primes will not be responsible for the sub-contractors compliance costs. Primes are encouraged to provide subs with direction regarding CMMC Compliance.

What is the difference between DFARS or NIST 800-171 and CMMC?

Under NIST 800-171 rules, contractors were able to self-attest their level of achieved compliance. Under CMMC rules, contractors must be assessed and certified by CMMC assessors. CMMC requires DOD Contractors to be audited every 1 to 3 years depending on the level of compliance they achieve. This ensures continuous compliance.

- The project plan (POA&M) must be complete before the assessment
- Contractors must be certified prior to being awarded new contracts
- Both Prime contractors and Subcontractors will need to be CMMC Compliant
- Contractors can select the level that is appropriate for them based on the type of work they perform for the DOD and the level of sensitive information they will be handling

How much will this cost?

There isn't a defined cost to becoming compliant. The cost will vary greatly based on your organization's current cybersecurity hygiene and related policies and procedures. There are five different levels of certification for CMMC. The level required is determined by the amount of controlled information handled by the organization with level 5 being the most demanding and expensive to achieve and maintain.

Costs to prepare for:

- Initial GAP Analysis to assess the organization's current level of cyber hygiene and what is required to reach the desired certification level
- SSP Creation
- Internal Resources (bringing IT infrastructure to compliance standards)
- Third Party Professionals
- Implementation
- Compliance Documentation (Policies and Standards, Operating Procedures)
- Cybersecurity Training
- Fees
- Tools
- Services
- Actual third party CMMC audit
- Ongoing Maintenance and Maturity of Cyber Hygiene

Need more information, please contact AGC Technology Committee Liaison Kellie Korhonen at kellie@agcsd.org to provide AGC Member contacts on this subject.

JOIN AGC MEMBERS IN PARK CITY FOR THE 2022 WINTER CONFERENCE

From AGC Meetings & Events Committee



The AGC Meetings & Events Committee invites you to attend the [2022 Winter Conference](#) at the brand new Pendry Hotel in Park City, Utah.

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Located in the center of Park City, Utah, and a convenient 35-minute drive from Salt Lake City International Airport, this is the largest ski area in the United States, alongside neighboring Canyons Resort.

[View Winter Conference Brochure.](#)

Your 2022 AGC Winter Conference Package includes the following:

- 3 Nights Lodging (Thursday, February 10 – Sunday, February 13, 2022)
- Thursday - Opening Night Cocktails & Dinner Banquet
- Friday - Breakfast & Business Meeting
- Saturday - Cocktails & Dinner Banquet

Additional Pricing will be coming soon for the following:

- Ski/Snowboard Lift Tickets - Friday & Saturday
- Snowmobiling Tour – Saturday

Now is the time to start looking at flights and get yourself booked to attend this fun event as it may sell out quickly. Friday evening is an open night for guests to enjoy on their own.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

We are also hoping to secure enough sponsors to host cocktails at our Thursday and Saturday dinner events and to host an Après Ski event on Friday.

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Questions, please contact Rae Krushensky at raek@agcsd.org.

REGISTER FOR THE CLC MIXER & CAR SHOW ON OCT. 14

By Kellie Korhonen, Staff Liaison - Construction Leadership Council Committee (CLC)



Don't Miss Out on the Last Free Member Event of the Year!

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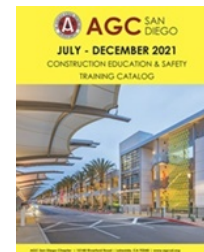


EDUCATION & TRAINING CLASSES

October Classes

- Oct. 5 - Stormwater Virtual Forum - *via Zoom*
- Oct. 6 - MS Excel Beginner - *offsite*
- Oct. 11 - 13 - Fall Protection 24-Hour CPT for EM 385/NAVFAC - *Ferris*
- Oct. 11 - Fall Protection REFRESHER - *Ferris Square*
- Oct. 12 - Caltrans Approved Flagger Training - *Lakeside*
- Oct. 12 - Prevailing Wage Certified Payroll - *Lakeside*
- Oct. 13 - MS Excel Intermediate - *offsite*
- Oct. 13-14 - CQM - *via Zoom*
- Oct. 13 - EOS Workshop - *Lakeside*
- Oct. 14 - Confined Space - *Ferris Square*
- Oct. 18 - 21 OSHA 30-Hour - *Ferris Square*
- Oct. 20 - MS Excel Advanced - *offsite*
- Oct. 20 - Construction Law Webinar - *via Zoom*
- Oct. 21 - Trenching & Excavating - *Ferris Square*
- Oct. 21 - Effective Project Engineer - *Lakeside*
- Oct. 21 - MS Project 2016 *via Zoom*
- Oct. 26 - Blueprint - *Lakeside*
- Oct. 26 - MS Project 2016 - Advanced - *offsite*
- Oct. 27 - CPR/First Aid/AED Training - *Lakeside*
- Oct. 27-28 - CQM - *via Zoom*

For more information on classes, contact:
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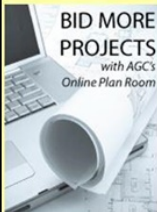
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Drop off items at one of our designated locations starting Oct. 25. through Nov. 12.

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6212 Ferris Square
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 Contact: [Robin Scott](#)
 858.558.7444 ext. 216

AGC office - Lakeside

10140 Riverford Road

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6289 Riverdale Street
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 518.527.9336

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COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETINGS

October Meetings

Oct. 6 - 7:00 AM - **Safety Committee** - *via GoToMeeting*
Oct. 19 - 11:00 AM - **Airport** - *via GoToMeeting*
Oct. 21 - 1:00 PM - **City of San Diego** - *via GoToMeeting*
Oct. 28 - NOON - **Meetings & Events** @ Lakeside

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About Monday Morning Quarterback

AGC San Diego Chapter's Monday Morning Quarterback is a "hot off the press" and to the point Monday morning briefing on the important issues facing San Diego's construction industry. It is prepared by AGC Chief Executive Officer, Eddie Sprecco, and Vice President Government & Industry Relations, Dustin Steiner.

Please contact [Eddie Sprecco](#) or [Dustin Steiner](#) with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 3,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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VACCINE MANDATES HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE TO ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES

By Eddie Sprecco, CEO

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, AGC San Diego has stressed the need to balance the benefits of public health safety measures against the costs to society's many other priorities. While the wobbly economy is already struggling to recover from past coronavirus mitigation strategies, vaccine mandates threaten to deliver the final blow.

In the March 16, 2020 Edition of MMQB, we laid out the hard questions for decision makers – is the shutdown of construction more harmful than continuing under modified circumstances? The bipartisan consensus from the Trump Administration, the Newsom Administration, and down the line was that construction IS essential and should not be disrupted except for carefully balanced safety measures guided by science.

For the most part, the construction industry succeeded in the balancing act despite the challenges direct and indirect. Even with the “essential” status, the construction industry suffered from supply chain and workforce disruptions caused by the COVID policies that cut across all sectors - the container ships stacked up off the coast of California are a clear indication that those issues remain. The labor force was disrupted by legitimate health concerns, but also by childcare problems caused by school closures, and government transfer payments that were a final discouragement from rejoining the labor force.

Today, with COVID cases down, workers are returning, material prices have hit a plateau (albeit still 30% higher on average than pre-pandemic levels), and students are back in school. Despite the progress, vaccine mandates threaten to plunge the construction industry into a deeper crisis than before.

Personally, I got the COVID-19 shot as soon as it was available to me – but I also get the flu shot every year and incentivize the AGC staff to do the same. Like the flu shot, a lot of people don't want to get the COVID-19 vaccination, including some of my closest friends and family members, despite my encouragement...

Unfortunately, the vaccine and the pandemic response in general has been politicized and plagued by misinformation, disinformation, and honest but simply wrong information. Elected officials have also bred mistrust by breaking the very rules they mandated for everyone else. Given all of this background, the tone and timing of the mandates have not broken through the vaccine hesitancy, but further galvanized people in their beliefs.

Faced with a vaccine mandate to go to work or have kids attend school, many San Diegans from all walks of life and political stripe will vote with their feet. Elected officials need to recognize the short and long-term effects this will have on the construction industry, school districts, the economy, and the local tax base.

In construction, mandates will cause ongoing projects to grind to a halt while legal disputes over who is responsible for the associated cost and time impacts are raised. For future projects, the added uncertainty and liability of vaccine mandates will result in higher risks assessments by contractors which equates to higher prices for owners. Across the board we will see long delays in delivering essential construction projects while contractors attempt to price in the impacts on labor, sub-contractors, union agreements, supply chains, and compliance costs. Long term we will also see less construction, as these impacts are felt across the broader economy and California's population growth continues to shrink.

Elected officials must weigh these significant impacts with the current status of the pandemic in mind. COVID is not going away, but instead is something we will all have to learn to live with. Local COVID-19 rates are encouraging and should indicate the end of emergency measures as we move towards "endemic" status. At this late point, vaccine mandates will primarily serve to be hugely disruptive, while creating generational vaccine hesitancy at a time when seasonal COVID shots – like the flu shot – may be necessary for protecting against future variants, especially for at risk populations.

President Biden and elected officials down the line should be working with industry to educate, not mandate, on vaccines.

California Infrastructure Report

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The American Society of Civil Engineers 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure reveals we've made some incremental progress toward restoring our nation's infrastructure. For the first time in 20 years, our infrastructure is out of the D range. The 2021 grades range from a B in rail to a D- in transit. Five category grades — aviation, drinking water, energy, inland waterways, and ports — went up, while just one category — bridges — went down. Overall, eleven category grades were stuck in the D range, a clear signal that our overdue bill on infrastructure is a long way from being paid off.



As Congress dithers over the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and OSHA ponders vaccine mandates; here is how California is faring in infrastructure grades.

Bridges C-

Progress has been made over the past decade to increase the percentage of California bridges in good condition and to reduce the number that are classified as structurally deficient (SD). Today, California has fewer SD bridges than the national average, and this number is expected to continue declining thanks to the passage of the Road and Repair Accountability Act (SB 1), which increased funding for badly needed repairs to the state's transportation system.

Approximately 50% of bridges in the state have exceeded their design life and the backlog of recommended maintenance, repair and replacement work continues to grow. California is home to the second largest percentage of "functionally obsolete" (FO) bridges, or bridges with outdated designs that frequently contribute to congestion chokepoints. Over 7% of California's bridges are structurally deficient and California ranks among the worst states for bridges in "poor" condition by bridge deck area. In other words, some of our largest bridges, along corridors such as I-5 in San Diego, Highway 101 in Los Angeles, and I-80 in Sacramento need major repair and rehabilitation.

Energy D-

California receives and generates energy through a variety of sources, primarily from natural gas, nuclear, and utility-scale solar and wind. Although under duress, California's energy systems have generally met the needs of consumers until recently as we now face an uncertain future. The threat of natural stresses, including fires, seismic events, storms, and gas storage mishaps, as well as the elevated cost of service, threaten energy system sustainability. Aging equipment, inferior design, and poor right-of-way vegetation management have caused incidents and, in some cases, resulted in deadly wildfires.

California now has a legislatively mandated target of 100% clean energy by 2045, but the true cost of building infrastructure to support this goal is unknown. Meanwhile, natural gas continues to help meet peak electric and heating demands.

Levees D

Over the last six years, unprecedented funding was invested in California's aging levee system, and many miles of levee were improved during that time. Yet the fiscal impacts of climate change, increased regulatory pressure, more rigorous maintenance, updated safety standards, and higher cost estimates render this investment a mere down payment on the much larger bill. A capital investment of \$45 billion is needed to rehabilitate and improve California's levees, and unfortunately, the path to this funding is unclear. Local agencies currently spend \$1.3 billion annually on all flood management activities. However, additional annual funding of at least \$100 million is necessary to repair infrequent but inevitable flood damage.

Roads D

Driving on deficient roads costs Californians \$61 billion annually due to congestion-related delays, traffic collisions, and increased vehicle operating costs caused by poor road conditions. The condition of California roads is among the worst in the nation, ranking 49th according to a US News & World Report Ranking. Meanwhile, Southern California and the Bay Area are the second and third most congested urban areas in the nation, respectively. Repair and improvement to these roads is vital to California's economic health and public safety. The Road and Repair Accountability Act (SB 1) passed in April 2017, provides \$52 billion in additional funds for local and state roads over the next ten years. However, a total of more than \$130 billion over that same time is needed to bring the system back to a state of good repair.

Stormwater D+

Stormwater infrastructure in California includes storm drains, pipes, ditches, canals, and channels. It also includes green infrastructure like vegetated areas that provide habitat, flood protection, cleaner air and cleaner water. Much of the drainage infrastructure in California was constructed prior to the 1940s and needs repair or replacement. For example, over the next 20 years in Los Angeles County, the cost of achieving water quality objectives is estimated at about \$20 billion, and in San Diego County, it is estimated at about \$5 billion. Clean water is fundamental to our way of life in California and significant investment is needed to insure sustainable clean water for future generations.

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HOT RODS ON DISPLAY IN LAKESIDE FOR CLC MIXER/CAR SHOW

From the CLC Committee

A colorful variety of classic cars, trucks and hot rods lined up in the AGC Lakeside office parking lot for the 8th Annual CLC Mixer & Car Show hosted by AGC's Construction Leadership Council (CLC). The event brought over 150 AGC members and industry partners together for an evening of networking and competition by the cars on display.

Attendees enjoyed the local microbreweries on tap, margaritas, and delicious eats from local food trucks, BIG thanks to **CLC Chair Paul Diaz**, and the **CLC volunteers** who helped make this event a success!

Several elected officials, public agency representatives and special guests attended:

Phil Ortiz, Councilman, El Cajon

Steve Goble, Councilman, El Cajon

Ronn Hall, Councilman, Santee

Virginia Hall, President, Grossmont Healthcare District

Mari Edrozo, Representing Supervisor Jim Desmond

Determined by attendee votes, awards were given to car participants in four categories:



Best in Show

1957 Chevrolet Corvette – **Owner Austin Cameron**

Best Classic

1959 Chevy Belaire – **Owner Cyndi Beilman**

Best in Hot Rod

1936 Chevrolet Standard 2-door Coach – **Owner Ken Drinkward**

Best Truck

1969 Chevy C10 - **Owner Chad Cameron**

Many thanks to the sponsors who made this mixer a free event!

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There are 8 modules to this program:

- Module 1 - What is a Project Engineer?
- Module 2 - Planning, Scheduling, Project Start-up, and Early Project Requirements:
- Module 3 - Scope & Contracts
- Module 4 - Project Communication and Documentation
- Module 5 - Buy-Out & Change Order Management
- Module 6 - Cost Tracking & Earned Value Management
- Module 7 - Progress Billings, Releases & Insurance
- Module 8 - Lean Construction Principles, Project Closeout, and The Habits of a Complete Project Engineer

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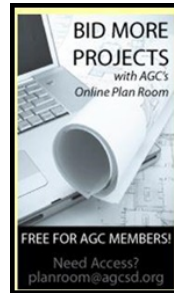
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Building Trades Council Leader Tom Lemmon Retires Under Clouds of Scandal

By Eddie Sprecco, CEO

Longtime leader of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, Tom Lemmon, announced his retirement on October 14, to the plaudits from the normal corners of local politics. Tom's retirement was rumored to be coming since this time last year when the City Council of San Diego declared October 21, 2020, as "Tom Lemmon Day."



Building Trades Council Business Manager Tom Lemmon with Political Director Carol Kim –
Picture via Voice of San Diego

The following Tuesday, however, came the surprising news that Tom was apparently pushed out after discovery that he received up to \$200,000 in "Unintended Compensation" [per reporting by the online alternative newspaper, Voice of San Diego](#). *The Voice of San Diego* is politically aligned with the Building Trades Council and their allies, and is their go-to outlet to get favorable treatment on otherwise politically damaging news. The fact that someone [leaked internal documents to the Voice](#) indicates an effort from inside the Building Trades Council to get ahead of the story, while limiting the damage to Tom Lemmon on his way out the door. There is likely much more to come out of this, and we will follow along as it develops.

Even prior to the "unintended compensation" episode, the Building Trades Council under Tom Lemmon has been a corrosive force in local government. Their scorched earth politics has killed more projects than it has secured for their member unions - chasing a bigger piece, while shrinking the entire pie. The Building Trades Council tactics also increase the

cost of housing construction and costs of living, hurting the working families it claims to serve.

A recent example from the Building Trades' catalog of damage is the Pure Water Project. At the behest of Tom Lemmon and the Building Trades Council, the City of San Diego openly violated the citizens passed law banning Project Labor Agreements (PLA) to secure the Pure Water Project work for union members. After a California Superior Court Judge ruled in favor of the citizens, and against the City, the project could have proceeded, without union-only language in the contracts. Instead, Tom pursued a state carveout of the local ordinance via Assembly Bill 1290 (Gloria) which threatened state and federal money for the Pure Water Projects if a PLA wasn't adopted. Last week, the City of San Diego admitted that Tom's PLA efforts cost the City of San Diego at least \$90 million in increased Pure Water Project costs – the final tab will likely be much higher.

The Building Trades Council is a political organization that represents some, but not all, of the construction craft unions, and therefore doesn't often have the broader industry in mind when making decisions. AGC San Diego has great relationships with the basic trade unions in town, and in the past has worked well with the Building Trades Council. We are hopeful that the next leadership of the Building Trades Council network will again work with industry as partners for the betterment of San Diego.



Trick or Treat?

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Next Sunday, children all across the world will dress in costumes and go door-to-door in search of candy and other goodies. Interestingly, while this custom (traditionally called “guising”) has origins in Scotland and Ireland going back centuries, the phrase “trick or treat” appears to largely be an American invention from the 1900s. So, it may be fitting that Halloween is the

deadline that Speaker Pelosi set for a vote on the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill.

President Biden has set his own deadline and would like both the \$1.2 trillion bill and the larger \$3.5 trillion reconciliation on the House floor before he departs for Rome on Thursday. Ideally, he would like the \$1.2 trillion bill passed and signed into law and a deal on the reconciliation bill. He hosted a breakfast meeting with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) at his Wilmington home yesterday. It appears that the \$3.5 trillion dollar price tag has been **slashed** to between \$1.5 trillion (where Manchin originally drew his line in the sand) and \$2 trillion where Schumer and Pelosi appear to be. Like a **caramel apple** on the molars, one of the biggest **sticking** points of this so-called “human infrastructure” reconciliation bill is...wait for it...**dental**.

Suffice it to say, there are still some major issues to be worked out in the coming days. Oh, and there is a potential bellwether election next week in Virginia. While Virginia has been reliably “blue” in the most recent presidential elections, the gubernatorial race is a statistical dead heat between former Governor Terry McAuliffe (D) and political newcomer Glenn Youngkin (R). Virginia does “off year” (2021 instead of 2020 or 2022) elections for Governor and is often seen as a harbinger for mid-term elections. Also, Virginia does not allow a governor to run for re-election (McAuliffe is seeking a second term, but not consecutively, which is allowed), so it is always a race between two challengers.

Will Senate leadership strike a deal on the topline dollar amount for the reconciliation bill? Will the progressives in the House trust the Senate with its 50-50 split to pass what they promise? Will the moderates claim victory if they get their vote on the \$1.2 trillion bill before the October 31 deadline? Will any of this impact the Virginia race next Tuesday (11/2)? Will the **political tricks** be enough to deliver the long-awaited **treats**? Will the dynamic duo of Senators Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) and Joe Manchin get their way, or will it be Pelosi and Schumer? Tune in next week...*same Bat-time, same Bat-channel!*

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The entries are in, judging is finished, and the envelopes with the winners' names are tightly sealed.

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