Is Newsom coming for your Highway Construction Money?

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The Governor issued an Executive Order (EO) recently that was largely unnoticed because of all Washington, D.C. noise. The EO will have potentially major effects on the highway construction sector and the road and highway infrastructure statewide. Now the Governor is calling for transportation funding to align with state goals on climate and the environment, and to help people find ways to use public transit or bicycles. For those of you who don't remember the first Jerry Brown governorship, he tried the same thing in different ways in the 1970's. He attempted to stop all spending on highway construction, and even sold off purchased rights of way for new freeways in several urban areas.

Jerry's theory seemed to be, if you stopped all highway construction, eventually the congestion and potholes would be so bad that people would be forced into using buses or trains to go to work, pick up their kids, and run their errands. Eventually, the backlash forced him to retreat from his vision. This EO sounds familiar, but the times are different.

Caltrans and the CTC believe their job is to reduce congestion on existing highways and maintain the existing highway infrastructure to the highest standard possible. Their purpose is to improve the mobility of all Californians and maintain a transportation infrastructure that supports a vibrant economy, including movement of goods and services. SB1 was passed and kept in place by the No on Proposition 6 fight, and not only benefits state highways, but also local roads. The new gas tax is focused on maintaining road infrastructure and fighting congestion. In contrast, the Governor believes that transportation dollars should be used primarily to combat climate change. It looks like a train wreck is coming.
The EO points towards a portion of Caltrans’ $14 billion budget; that is the $5 billion dollar line item for their Capital Improvement Program. The EO says directly, “The State Transportation Agency shall leverage the more than $5 billion in annual state transportation funding for construction, operations, and maintenance (of state highways) to help reverse the trend of increased fuel consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emission associated with the transportation sector.” It goes on to say that the Agency shall “reduce vehicle miles” traveled by “encouraging” people to get out of their cars (take a bike, train, or bus) and to use transportation dollars to “support” the production of housing near jobs. Just so you know, “reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT’s)” means no new highway widening projects, because the theory of pro-transit planners is that these projects “induce” additional VMT’s. Of course, additional shifting of large numbers of motorists to public transit could lower VMT’s to a point where highway projects could be included in regional transportation plans.

Setting greenhouse gas emissions aside, a transit system needs to move people at better than 30 miles an hour to encourage people to use it as their choice of transportation mode. So the regional planners around the state have their work cut out for them. For example, a trip, during the middle of the day, from the Escondido Transit Center to downtown on the "rapid bus," moves you along at 21 miles per hour. If you take the freeway, it moves you along at 65 miles per hour assuming you are obeying the law. There is a reason why public transportation use has been falling. The Governor wants to find ways to turn that around.

There is a lot at stake for the construction industry.

Larry McMahon, Alliant Insurance, has been named the 2019 "Good Scout of the Year" by the San Diego Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A luncheon honoring Larry will be held on Wednesday, October 30, beginning at 11:30 A.M. at the Paradise Point Resort in San Diego.
The 2019 Construction and Building Industry Lunch-O-Ree is our industry’s annual fundraiser to support the Boy Scouts of America San Diego-Imperial Council. The event has raised over $1.5 million to support the Boy Scouts of America. This year’s Chairs are Thomas L. Brown of Sierra Pacific West, Inc. and Bill Haithcock of Casper Company.

All funds raised stay in San Diego to help our local scouting program. Over 400 AGC members and guests typically attend the event.

The AGC Board of Directors and the Lunch-O-Ree Committee encourage the industry to attend the event. A registration form and sponsorship opportunities are available by clicking on this link.

Questions, contact AGC Staff Rae Krushensky (858) 731-8157.

Join AGC San Diego's Build & Serve Charitable Alliance in supporting the organization STEP (Support the Enlisted Project); a charity that supports active military, veterans, and their families.

Each year, STEP donates supplies to make a turkey dinner with all of the fixings to local military families in need. To help with this effort, AGC’s Build & Serve Charitable Alliance is collecting non-perishable items to donate for STEP’s Thanksgiving Dinner Program.

We are asking for your help in collecting the “fixings” for Thanksgiving dinner items.

**EXAMPLES OF NEEDED ITEMS**
- Canned vegetables
- Canned pumpkin
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed stuffing mix
MEMBER DISCOUNTS
Are you aware of the many discounts available to AGC Members?

CLICK HERE

AGC Members Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House

AGC's Build & Serve Charitable Alliance organized a Volunteer Day last Friday at Ronald McDonald House to help with various tasks around the House.

Ronald McDonald House just completed the remodel of its "Great Room," an area at the House where the residents, and families with a child battling a serious illness at Rady Children's Hospital, gather to eat a nourishing meal, talk with other families in a supportive environment, and connect with others who are experiencing similar stories.

AGC volunteers helped prepare the Great Room before it's official re-opening by organizing the food pantry, recycling, organizing kitchenware and unloading new dishes, pruning, trimming, and sweeping around the courtyard and children's play area.

AGC would like to thank the following AGC member volunteers and companies for donating their time and helping with the needed preparation for the re-opening of the Great Room.
Nov. 5 | Build San Diego Awards Luncheon
Nov. 14 | Public Entities Dinner

DECEMBER
Dec. 7 | Holiday Dinner Dance
Dec. 17 | Annual Meeting

Interested in advertising in AGC's "Good Faith Report"?
Contact:
Lisa Lovelace
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Ronald McDonald House relies on generous charitable donations and the assistance of caring volunteers and groups to prepare and make a donation for a meal. If your company would like to host a meal, please click on this link for more information.

Register to Attend the "Best of the Best" Construction Projects to be Honored November 5 at the Build San Diego Luncheon
Rae Krushensky, Director of Meetings & Events, Membership Services
AGC recognizes the contractors that build outstanding buildings and supporting infrastructure that help make San Diego County a thriving region!

AGC’s 2019 Build San Diego Awards luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 5 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:

This event gives AGC an opportunity to showcase the industry, and to feature the amazing construction projects that our members complete. Public and private owners, elected officials, and the media recognize the importance of receiving one of these prestigious awards. AGC members are encouraged to attend and support this awards ceremony, which reflects the industry’s pride in building San Diego.

Click here to register to attend the luncheon.

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ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY
Advertise in the 2019 AGC Build San Diego Awards Magazine!
Deadline TODAY!

If you are trying to reach San Diego construction, we can help you!

WHO SHOULD ADVERTISE?

- AGC Affiliate Businesses - Reach an audience of the Best of the Best in the official program! AGC's Build San Diego's magazine is distributed to AGC members and throughout the industry in print form and digital version with direct links to your website! Distributed at the event!

- Project Award Nominees - Highlight why your company is one of the best! Use it in your Marketing Packets! Thank your project teams!

- Award Nominees Project Teams - Subcontractors and suppliers congratulate the Prime Contractors on their
Award Nominated Project and say 'Let's work together again!'

The AGC Build San Diego Awards magazine is the official 4-color glossy magazine of the AGC’s Build San Diego Awards that recognizes the region's BEST vertical and horizontal infrastructure projects built by AGC members.

The magazine is distributed at the AGC Build San Diego Event on November 5, 2019 and is also directly mailed to the Associated General Contractors membership and thousands of general contractors, local, county and state public agencies, and legislators throughout the San Diego area. (Circulation: 3000 printed & a virtual digital email version)

Don't Delay! The deadline for your high visibility print ad is TODAY, October 14, 2019

Click on this digital link for a rate sheet for the AGC Build San Diego Awards Magazine:

For more information, contact:
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2020 Construction Safety Excellence Awards - San Diego Chapter Accepting Competition Applications

The Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) recognizes those companies who excel at safety and health performance. This program closely examines each candidate's commitment to safety and occupational health management and risk control. AGC's CSEA selection process is comprehensive - judges will look for evidence of company management commitment, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation.

All AGC San Diego Members are welcomed to enter the San Diego CSEA competition as this allows for feedback from the Safety Committee before submitting final application the AGC National Competition.

To compete in the San Diego Chapter CSEA, companies need to fill out the application form

Application Requirements:

• Members may apply in only one division and category.
• The application is a step-by-step qualification process. All sections of the application must be completed in full to qualify.

• **Each applicant must submit their application no later than Friday, December 6, 2019.**

• If competitors want to advance to the National Competition, a check in the amount of $250.00 for application fee to AGC San Diego Chapter is required upon submission.

[Click here](#) for additional information about National Competition selection process and competition deadlines.

Members of the AGC Safety & Health Committee will review submittals during the 2020 AGC Safety & Health Conference in Austin, TX. The finalists in each division/category will compete during the AGC Annual Convention in Las Vegas, NV. Finalists will give an oral presentation in front of a panel of judges. The award winners will be presented at the Willis Towers Watson Safety Awards Luncheon during the AGC Annual Convention.

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**AGC 2019 Holiday Dinner Dance**

**Holiday Dinner Dance at Hotel Del Coronado - Room Block/Invitation**

**Deadline for Room Reservations is November 15.**

We invite members to make plans early to attend the AGC Holiday Dinner Dance this year, and to book your room reservations with the Hotel Del Coronado. When making your room reservations below, please know that this does not register you for the AGC event. You will also need to complete the registration information on the [invitation](#).

You may use the phone number or our personal reservation link below to reserve your rooms: 1-619-435 6611

[https://book.passkey.com/e/49840029](https://book.passkey.com/e/49840029)

Rates are as follows:

- **Resort Room - $280**

Add 11.56% Occupancy Tax & Tourism Fee. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
The following additional room type upgrades are based on availability at the time of booking:

- Coastal View Guestroom - $340
- Ocean View Guestroom - $452
- Junior Suite (non-view) - $360
- Junior Suite (ocean-view) - $554
- Resort Suite with ocean view - $900
- Ocean Front Cottage Jr. Suite - $1,189
- Ocean Front Cottage Suite - $1,599

In addition, daily valet parking rates are discounted at $20, and $30 for overnight valet parking. The normal resort fee of $35 has also been waived for our group.

In the event that the room block becomes full, members can also book rooms at the Glorietta Bay Inn, directly across the street from the Del, or at the Loews Coronado Resort. Note that there are no room blocks at these locations.

Please contact Rae Krushensky at the AGC with any questions at raek@agcsd.org.

Reminder - 2020 Membership Directory Company Listing Update - Due Date Extended - Oct. 25

If you have not submitted your updated company listing for the 2020 AGC Membership Directory, please submit before Oct. 25.

Please update your listing by completing the online form via Survey Monkey

Any questions, please contact Marcy Knopman or (858) 731-8162.

CLASSES

October Classes

Oct. 15  Construction BMP Training
Oct. 16  Construction Scheduling
Oct. 17  Construction Law: Construction Contracts 101
Oct. 17  Flagger Training 4-Hour Certification
Oct. 21-24  BIM (Building Information Modeling)
Oct. 21-25  EM 385-1-1 40-Hour with OSHA 30-Hour
Oct. 23  Construction Estimating Basics
Oct. 25  BIM EXAM
Oct. 28  Fall Protection 8 Hour Refresher Course
Oct. 29  Primavera P6
Oct. 30  CPR, First Aid & AED Training
Oct. 30  Silica Standard
NOVEMBER CLASSES

Nov 4   Construction Law: Caltrans Jobs
Nov 4   Rigging & Signal Person Training
Nov 5   Beginning Microsoft Excel 2016
Nov 5   Prevailing Wage Certified Payroll & Compliance Training
Nov 5   Stormwater Monthly Breakfast Forum
Nov 6   Effective Project Engineer
Nov 6   Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016
Nov 7   Advanced Microsoft Excel 2016
Nov 7   Fall Protection 8-Hour Competent Person Training
Nov 13-14 CQM
Nov 13  Effective Project Engineer
Nov 14  Construction Law: Public Bid Law 101
Nov 14  Traffic Control Technician
Nov 18  Beginning Microsoft Workshop
Nov 18-20 Fall Protection 24-Hour Competent Person Training
Nov 19  Advanced Microsoft Workshop
Nov 19  How to Prepare an Effective SWPPP
Nov 20  CPR, First Aid & AED Training
Nov 20  Effective Project Engineer
Nov 21  Trenching & Excavating
Nov 25  Fall Protection 8-Hour Refresher

For more information on classes, contact: Becca Schaffer at (858) 731-8155.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the AGC office (6212 Ferris Square, San Diego, CA 92121) unless otherwise noted in red.

October Meetings

Oct. 18  7:30 a.m.  Caltrans @ Caltrans
Oct. 21  1:00 p.m.  Water Authority Meeting
Oct. 22  4:00 p.m.  Construction Leadership Council (CLC)
Oct. 24  11:30 a.m. Specialty Contractors' Council
Oct. 25  12:00 p.m. Technology Committee
November Meetings

Nov. 6  7:00 a.m.  Safety Meeting
Nov. 13  7:30 a.m.  Build & Service Charitable Alliance
Nov. 13  11:30 a.m.  Education Committee
Nov. 19  4:00 p.m.  Construction Leadership Council (CLC)
Nov. 21  11:30 a.m.  Specialty Contractors’ Council
Nov. 21  1:30 p.m.  County of San Diego Meeting @ County

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 Executive Vice President, Brad Barnum.

Please contact Eddie Sprecco or Brad Barnum 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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