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Light at the End of The COVID Tunnel - Time for Vigilance

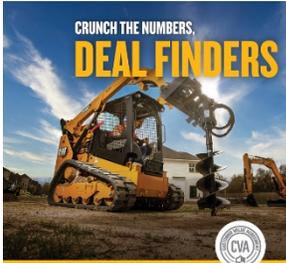
Eddie Sprecco, CEO

As we enter the month of March, we are closing in on the one-year milestone of the COVID shut-downs and their many adverse effects. And, while there is much good news on the COVID front, there is reason to remain vigilant - finishing the work of snuffing out the pandemic, and being on guard against opportunist in the waning months of the crisis.

Most COVID news is good these days. The data shows case numbers falling off of a cliff since early January. To date, roughly 50 million Americans have received at least one COVID shot, and the United States is averaging 1.74 million COVID shots per day. The vaccines have been wildly successful, and are projected to be available to everyone who wants one by next month. For many reasons, some still unknown, the pandemic appears to be in complete collapse.

That's with some caveats - such as the new California variant that spreads easier and threatens to spike cases again. That's why, as an industry, we continue to stress the use of the [COVID-19 Construction Industry Safety Plan](#) and a good dose of common sense to avoid COVID transmission. Keeping those simple

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measures in place will help win the race of vaccine distribution vs. new variants.

As an industry, we must also keep vigilant against the long-lasting impacts of "emergency" actions that survive well after the pandemic is relegated to history. One example, at the federal level, is the latest COVID stimulus bill weighted down with partisan policy priorities that have nothing to do with the current crisis. Congress needs to focus on ending the pandemic, ending the shutdowns, and addressing the economic impacts to businesses, local governments, and American households. An amended bill without the political baggage would receive bipartisan support, and provide needed relief to the country by this weekend, but the seriousness of our leaders has yet to meet the seriousness of the times.

This kind of political brinkmanship could be written off as "business as usual" if it weren't for the fact that the futures of students, thousands of businesses, and millions of workers hang in the balance.

On the pages of the MMQB, we have been purposefully slow to criticism during the pandemic. Our elected officials have had difficult decisions to make, with constantly changing circumstances in the cloud of a contentious election year. Along with the majority of the American people, however, our grace period is coming to a close.

All of our elected leaders - federal, state, and local - need to get off of social media and get on with the work of the people; end the pandemic and get us back to normal. Your political fights can wait for another day.

Call to Action - Say "No" to Legislation to Extend COVID Supplemental Paid Sick Leave

Brad Barnum, Executive Vice President

State Legislation has been introduced that will extend state supplemental paid sick leave (SPSL) for employers of all sizes to provide up to 80 hours of paid sick leave per calendar year to all employees for COVID-19 related reasons. This new requirement would apply retroactively to January 1, and be effective to September 1, 2021. In other words, employers are on the hook for SPSL to employees who were unable to work due to COVID-19-related reasons since January 1, 2021.

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AB 84 and SB 95 are unnecessary, as employees currently have multiple sources of both paid and unpaid leave that can be used for COVID-related purposes, including the Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard paid leave, paid sick leave, workers' compensation, and family leave. The bills also create more litigation risk and make it more difficult for businesses to stay open. [Click here](#) for a FAQ sheet prepared by the California Chamber of Commerce.

Call to Action - Your help is needed to get the construction industry's message to your State Legislators and Governor Newsom. Simply [click here](#) to send an email message (it only takes one minute to complete). This will help our advocates as they continue to fight for our industry.



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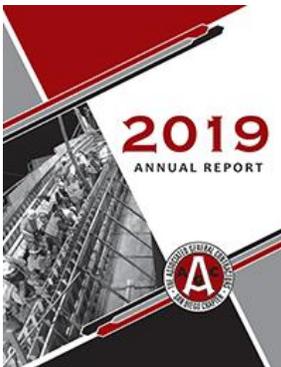
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The State's Transportation Vision for 2050 Released

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The State of California recently released the California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050 with little fanfare. Caltrans has prepared the CTP pursuant to California state law, which requires Governor to submit the plan to the California State Legislature and the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation. The CTP 2050 is a policy framework that provides a vision for the future of our transportation system. What a vision it is indeed.

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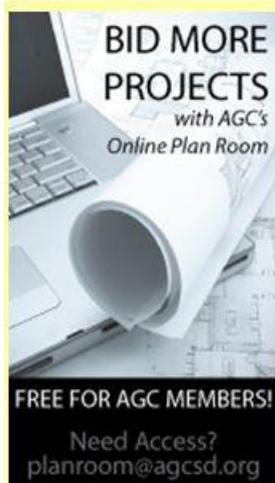


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The CTP is a document written by planners for planners who spend a lot of time contemplating the future. The plan is less about the forces of economics and human behaviors and mostly a collection of the latest academic driven social engineering ideas to compel people of the future to do things they are not doing now ala the story of a future society in *Brave New World*.

If we look back to 1950 here in San Diego and compare it to the transportation vision in 2050, we seem to be going around in circles. The San Diego Electric Railway (SDER) system is pictured below at its height in the 1940's. It was the original mass transit system in Southern California, using 600-volt DC streetcars. The SDER was established by sugar heir and land developer John D. Spreckels in 1892. The railroad's original network consisted of five routes: The Fifth Street and Logan Heights Lines, the First and "D" Streets Lines, the Depot Line, the Ferry Line, and the "K" Street Shuttle. The company would establish additional operating divisions as traffic demands led to the formation of new lines. The company also engaged in limited freight handling primarily as an

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interchange with Spreckels' San Diego and Arizona Railway (SD&A) from 1923 to 1929.

At its peak, the SDER's routes would operate throughout the greater San Diego area over some 165 miles of track. Steadily declining ridership, due in large part to the phenomenal rise in popularity of the automobile, ultimately led the company to discontinue all streetcar service in favor of bus routes by 1950.



The recently released CTP says we are going back to those days whether you like it or not. In contrast to the demise of the SDER, which was based on the "popularity" of the automobile and the market forces and human behaviors that became associated with that. The future being contemplated by our state government will be driven by the population being compelled by the government to do things that will be good for them because slowing down climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions will be their top priorities.

The top transportation priority of the CTP 2050 is local and regional expansion of mass transit. The cost and benefits are not known as this is not a revenue constrained plan. It is more akin to a manifesto. Also included in the plan is the idea of Connected Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs), which somehow will become common and support the first and last mile trips of those who are compelled to take transit.

The last seventy years has seen a massive expansion of our highway system across the nation. The CTP 2050 envisions no new roads, but maintaining the roads we do have. The plan is to reduce congestion by placing a tax, or toll, on people who drive their cars

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Please notify AGC if your company has relocated, or if there are updates to your company's listing (i.e. contacts, phone/fax, job titles, CSI codes, & certified business listings).

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on certain roads and in the dense urban cores of our cities and make transit riding free. In other words, driving in some areas of California will be only for those with enough disposable income to afford it.

Zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) are also going to be required long before 2050 here in California. While much will change over the coming decades, the CTP states that "Californians will still be driving in 2050. To reach our 2050 climate goals, we must continue to advance clean fuel technologies, including ZEV technology and supportive infrastructure." ZEV technologies refer to three different vehicle types - battery electric vehicles, hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, and "transitional" plug-in hybrid electric vehicles-all of which can support the goal of reducing emissions.

Yes, it looks like a brave new world is coming.

AGC/EGCC Golf Classic - June 4 at the Maderas Golf Club - Spots and Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available

From the AGC 2021 Meetings & Events Committee

Join us for the **AGC/EGCC** Spring Golf Classic at Maderas Golf Club on June 4. Registration and sponsor opportunities are still open.

Golfers will enjoy a shot gun start at 8:00 a.m. and will be riding two people to a cart.

Thank you **RDO Equipment Company** and **Vulcan Materials Company** for returning as the **Title Sponsors** once again for this tournament.



We want everyone to keep in mind that the following restrictions are still in place due to the threat of COVID-19, but we are hopeful that these may change by June:

- No gatherings allowed before or after golf. Breakfast sandwiches available in A.M.

- Masks required in all common areas including the clubhouse, restrooms, etc.
- There will be no registration table.

For this tournament, there are 144 golf spots available.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Registration Form and tournament details.

In addition, the following changes will apply to some of the sponsor opportunities.

- The only exhibitors allowed on the course are RDO Equipment & Vulcan Materials
- Hole sponsors will have their logos displayed on the golf carts GPS screen as the golfers approach each hole. No signage on the holes.
- Signage allowed for the contest holes only, including putting contest and driving range.

Now for some fun changes. We are excited to offer the following NEW sponsor opportunities:

- **Tee Prize Sponsor** - 2 exclusive sponsorships available to include your company name on a tee prize provided to each golfer. (*email Rae for more details*).
- **Swag Donations** - provide unique swag gifts with your company logo for the golfers "swag bag."
- **Hosted Drink Tickets** - 3 exclusive sponsors. Each golfer receives 2 drink tickets printed with your logos to be used at the club house bar or beverage cart.
- **Beverage Station Sponsor** - 4 sponsors will be allowed to distribute by a gloved hand, non-alcoholic beverages to the golfers. We will pair 2 sponsors at 2 different holes on the course.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Sponsor Form with more information on all the opportunities.

In addition, we want to thank **Ferguson Waterworks** who are returning as the Cart Sponsor this year!

This tournament raises funds for the EGCA scholarship programs at SDSU and the Diesel Technology Program at Palomar College. In addition, new scholarships are being added to the **AGC Apprentice Program** and the **Miramar Diesel Technology Program** this year.

If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact Rae Krushensky at the AGC: raek@aqcsd.org.

Giving Back - Support the Enlisted Project (STEP) Baby Drive



For the month of March, the **AGC Build & Serve Charitable Alliance** will be partnering with STEP to help collect various items for its Baby Drive.

STEP and AGC are calling on YOU for help. Nobody should debate between paying the electric bill and buying

diapers. Let's support our Military and Veteran families by keeping their little ones clean and healthy.

Will you help make sure these families' needs are met for their basic baby's hygiene needs?

Items Needed:

Baby Wipes
Diaper Rash Cream
Baby Shampoo
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Gift Cards

STEP has set up an [online store](#) to make it easy to donate items.

We ask that your offices help collect essential items, and then drop off at one of the locations around the County by March 31:

Escondido - **Erickson-Hall Construction Co.**

Chula Vista - **Hawthorne Cat**

Grantville/Mission Gorge - **Atlas**

Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch - **Balfour Beatty**

Lakeside - **AGC East County Headquarters**

You may drop off items directly at **STEP's office**, or order items and have it delivered through any online retailer of your choice.

Thank you, in advance, for helping support our military heroes and their families.

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Application Period Extended to March 31 for the 22nd Annual Construction Safety Awards

The AGC Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA), sponsored by Willis Towers Watson, is the industry's elite safety excellence awards program. The CSEA recognizes companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and risk control programs and showcases companies that have achieved continuous improvement and maintenance of their safety and health management systems.

Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for your best-in-class safety program!

For more information on the CSEA program, please contact Vince Hundley, AGC Safety Director at vhundley@smartsafetygroup.com

The deadline for submitting revised and new applications is Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

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MARCH CLASSES

Mar. 2 - **Stormwater Monthly Forum**

Mar. 9 - **Prevailing Wage Certified Payroll & Compliance Training**

Mar. 8 - **CalTrans Approved ATSSA Flagger w/ Traffic Control Technician**

Mar. 10 - **Project Engineer's Boot Camp**
Mar. 11 - **Fall Protection Refresher - 6 seats left**
Mar 10-11 - **Construction Quality Management (CQM) FULL**
Mar. 15 - **Qualified Rigger & Signal Person**
Mar. 18 - **Project Management Boot Camp**
Mar. 19 - **Caltrans Approved ATSSA Flagger Certification - 7 seats left**
Mar. 22-24 - **Fall Protection 24-Hour CPT - 10 seats left**
Mar. 24 - **Business Writing and Construction Correspondence**
Mar. 24-25 - **Construction Quality Management**
Mar. 29 - **BIM - Building Information Modeling EP (3rd Edition)**
Mar. 30 - **Foreman & Superintendent Boot Camp**
Mar. 31 - **Construction Scheduling**
Mar. 31 - **Construction Contract 101 Webinar**
Mar. 31 - **CPR, First Aid & AED Training**

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

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MARCH MEETINGS

Mar. 3 - **Safety Committee** - 7:00 a.m. *via GoToMeeting*

Mar. 5 - **Caltrans/SANDAG** - 7:30 a.m. *via GoToMeeting*

Mar. 16 - **HR Practices** - 11:30 a.m. *via Zoom Meeting*
Mar. 16 - **Water Authority** - 1:00 p.m. *via GoToMeeting*
Mar. 17 - **Build & Serve** - 7:30 a.m. *TBD if in-person*
Mar. 17 - **Government Relations** - 10:00 a.m. *via GoToMeeting*
Mar. 23 - **County of San Diego** - 1:00 p.m. *via GoToMeeting*
Mar. 25 - **Construction Leadership Council** - 4:00 p.m. - *TBA*

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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 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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