With Transportation in the News, and a Potential Hit to the Construction Industry, Who Better to Listen to...Gary Gallegos from SANDAG!

By Brad Barnum, Vice President Government Relations

Needed funding for our local streets and roads, highways, and transit systems continues to be the talk of the town. Two major projects in San Diego, the MidCoast Trolley Extension from Old Town to UCSD/UTC, and the $6 billion I-5 North Coast Corridor, are just a few that will be addressed by Gary Gallegos, Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), at AGC's Engineering Contractors’ Council Reception/Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 - 7:30 PM at the San Diego Yacht Club. To register, CLICK HERE. The cost is $30.00 per person.

Gary's presentation couldn't be timelier, as recent developments at the state level could impact the future of transportation infrastructure. Let's take a quick look at the Governor's five-year infrastructure plan, State Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins' legislative proposal, and a potential action by the California Board of Equalization, which could be devastating.

Governor's 2015 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan

In January, Governor Jerry Brown released his 2015 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan as part of the state's annual budget. The plan proposes $57 billion in spending, of which $52 billion would be for transportation infrastructure. However, it should be noted that nearly half of that $52 billion would be for the High Speed Rail project. Funding for maintaining and improving the state highway system is proposed at $13.3 billion, while $8.8 billion is proposed to fund local transportation projects.

Deferred maintenance also is addressed in the report. However, even though there is a $59 billion backlog identified in the Department of Transportation, no allocation is proposed. A background report prepared for a Senate Transportation Committee to be held tomorrow reveals the importance of addressing the maintenance backlog.

The Governor's Infrastructure Plan highlighted "the challenge...to find new funding and to make existing funding go further. While continuing to refine the state's highest priority deferred maintenance projects, the Administration plans to explore other revenue alternatives as well, such as a road user charge, tolls, or other mechanisms to generate revenues proportionate to usage of the highways."
Speaker Atkins' Proposal

On February 4, Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins announced her proposal to increase transportation infrastructure funding to improve safety and efficiency on California's highways, bridges, and roads. Her plan would provide $10 billion for transportation infrastructure, $2 billion per year over the next 5 years, and it would include:

- $1 billion per year by returning Truck Weight Fees to transportation instead of using them to repay general obligation debt.
- $200 million per year for transportation funding by accelerating repayment of transportation loans.
- $800 million per year in new net funds for transportation by establishing a new "Road User Charge".

California Board of Equalization's Intention to Lower Gas Tax

In 2003, over 69% of California voters supported Proposition 42, which dedicated state sales tax on gasoline to transportation. This allowed for a stable funding source for needed transportation projects, which would not be subject to the "taking" by the Governor or State Legislature.

In 2010, the Governor and Legislature agreed to a "fuel tax swap", where the sales tax would be eliminated and placed within the existing excise tax on fuel pumps to be adjusted on an annual basis by the California Board of Equalization. This supposed revenue-neutral move didn't take into consideration the impact due to recent large decreases in gasoline prices...and this is where the rubber meets the road...in a potentially detrimental way for the construction industry!

The recent news reports of a 7.5 cents per gallon decrease is a good news for drivers, but many don't understand that the decrease will actually eliminate $1.1 billion from state and local transportation programs. The immediate effect will reduce funds by 70% for local streets and roads, and for state highway improvements, intercity rail, and regional highway and transit improvements. Click here to read a letter to the Board of Equalization from impacted stakeholders, including AGC, the League of California Cities, and the California Association of Counties.

From all indications, it is going to be a rocky road for local and state transportation infrastructure funding in the coming months. That is why it is important to hear from Gary Gallegos about the implications for the San Diego region. Again, we hope you will attend AGC's Engineering Contractors' Council Reception/Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 - 7:30 PM at the San Diego Yacht Club. Click here to register. The cost is $30.00 per person.

AGC San Diego Chapter 2014 Annual Report Now Available

By Jessica Kovack, Director of Communications & Information Services

AGC's Annual Report represents the association's top accomplishments throughout a calendar year. It also exemplifies the numerous ways in which AGC is providing leadership and vision within the industry, and serving its members.
The digital version of the 2014 AGC San Diego Chapter Annual Report is now available. Members will be receiving the printed version next week. We urge all Monday Morning Quarterback readers to take a few minutes to read this report. 2014 AGC San Diego Chapter President Brian Jordan, Helix Electric, Inc., summarizes the accomplishments of the Association in the 2014 President's Letter on page one of the Report.

The Report is used throughout the year to detail to the membership, prospective members, public officials, and others, the scope of services that are offered by the AGC. The Annual Report has proven to be an excellent publication to communicate AGC activities and services.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Tomorrow's Affiliate Mixer at the San Diego Central Library is now SOLD OUT!

SDSU CEM GALA- April 11th
By Jim Ryan, Chief Executive Officer

The San Diego State University Construction Engineering & Management (CEM) Program needs your help!!! This article is a “plea” to the industry to “sell out” the 4th Annual CEM GALA, and to help make this fundraising dinner and auction the best yet!!

The GALA will be held on Saturday, April 11th, 2015 in the new Conrad Prebys Student Center on SDSU's Campus beginning at 6:00 p.m. The GALA is becoming one of the San Diego Construction industry's "premier" events. This year's major sponsor for the GALA is San Diego Gas and Electric. SDG&E is a major construction user, and stepped up to sponsor the GALA because SDG&E recognizes the importance of our industry having a local source of highly qualified construction engineers.

In addition, the following leaders of our industry have also agreed to support the GALA as a member of the SDSU CEM GALA Steering Committee. As a member of the GALA Steering Committee, these individuals have committed to.....

1. Personally attend the event, and to fill the table they have purchased with their local executive leadership.
2. Make a significant donation to the GALA that will support the GALA auction.

The Steering Committee includes...
Ted Baker, President, Baker Electric
Eric Stenman, Regional CEO, Balfour Beatty Construction
Tom Anderson, Chairman, Bergelectric Corporation
**Feb. Event***

**AFFILIATE MIXER**
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
SD Downtown Library
SOLD OUT

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**March Events***

**AGC NATIONAL CONVENTION**
March 18-21, 2015
San Juan, Puerto Rico
REGISTRATION

**EGCC DINNER MEETING**
Speaker: Gary Gallegos
March 24, 2015
SD Yacht Club
REGISTRATION

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**April Event***

**SDSU CEM GALA**
Saturday, April 11, 2015
Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union
REGISTRATION

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**May Event***

**SPRING CONFERENCE**
May 6-10, 2015
Ritz Carlton, Rancho Mirage
SAVE THE DATE

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**Nov. Event ***

**SAVE THE DATE**
BUILD SAN DIEGO
Nov, 4, 2015

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**2015 EDUCATION & SAFETY CATALOG**
Jan. - June, 2015

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The GALA raises funds to support the CEM faculty and students. Since 2008, the State of California has imposed draconian budget cuts on all SDSU academic programs, and the CEM Program is no exception. The GALA, and other events held throughout the year, are designed to replace at least a portion of the state’s cuts. The GALA allows the CEM Program to move forward, and to offer key support to ensure that it continues to supply the industry with “top notch” graduates!!

The SDSU CEM GALA on April 11th is your opportunity to offer support to this outstanding program that is making such a positive impression on your customers, and helping the industry to populate our construction projects with engineers that are among the "best of the best."

A registration form available by clicking on this link.

And one more item of interest......over 40 of the top students in the program will attend the event. The Steering Committee members will be meeting these young, bright, future leaders of our industry....maybe you should also be there!!! We will sell out fast!

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**SAVE THE DATE: MCRD BOOTCAMP CHALLENGE**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

TEAM AGC will be ready and raring to go again at this year’s MCRD BOOTCAMP CHALLENGE on Sept. 26th. AGC will be emailing members and past participants AGC’s own registration form in the next few weeks to take advantage of the early bird registration fee. (Please do not register through MCRD). We will also be requesting SPONSORS to support our team.

So please mark your calendar....Saturday, September 26th, to be held on the base at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Point Loma...an event not to be missed!

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**LAST YEAR's PHOTO GALLERY**

Any questions contact Marcy Knopman or RaeMarie Blaha-Jonas.
TEAM AGC MOTTO: "WE BUILD WHAT THEY PROTECT"

The proceeds from this event support our military heroes!

Advertise in First Constructor Magazine of 2015!

By Eddie Sprecco, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The "Year in Review" edition of AGC Constructor Magazine is right around the corner!

Assignment to AGC San Diego Members: If you have pictures enjoying the great AGC events in 2014, email to esprecco@agcsd.org - you just may be featured!

ADVERTISE! - There is still time to advertise your business in the next issue of the AGC Constructor - the first publication of 2015!

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FEBRUARY CLASSES

Feb. 23-26  BIM
Feb. 24   Construction Office Management (Prevailing Wage)
Feb. 25   CPR, First Aid & AED Training
Feb. 26   Bluebeam Design / Shop Drawing Review, RFIs & Submittals
Feb. 26   Construction Office Management

MARCH CLASSES

Mar. 2 - 6   EM 385-1-1
Mar. 2, 9, 16   Primavera P6
Mar. 5   Bluebeam Basics
Mar. 5-6   Work Zone Traffic Control Supervisor
Mar. 6   Fall Protection Awareness Training
Mar. 10   Construction BMP Training
Mar. 11   Bid Protest Basics: Local, State & Federal
Mar.11-12   CQM Training
Mar. 11   Foreman & Superintendent Boot Camp
Mar.12   Bluebeam Advanced Courses - Punch & iPad
Mar. 12 & 19   Certified Payroll Reporting
Mar. 12   Miller Act (Payment Bonds) Actions on Federal Projects
Mar. 16-17, 23-24   OSHA 10 &3 Hour
Mar. 17   Financial Management - Planning for Ownership Transition
Mar. 18   Trenching & Excavating Competent Person
Mar. 19   Bluebeam Advanced Courses - Administrators Session
Mar. 20   Lock Out/ Tag Out for Construction
Mar. 24   CPR First Aid & AED Training - Spanish Version
Mar. 24   Lessons in Wage & Hour Laws
Mar. 24   Certified Payroll Reporting
Mar. 25   Miller Act (Payment Bonds) Actions on Federal Projects
Mar. 25   Bluebeam Advanced Courses - Administrators Session
Mar. 26   Bluebeam Advanced Courses - Takeoffs & Estimation
Mar. 27   BIM Exam

CLICK HERE FOR CLASSES

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

Meetings are held at the AGC office, unless otherwise noted.
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Email Marcy Knopman of any necessary changes.

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changes to your company’s listing (i.e. contacts, job title changes, CSI codes, certified business, etc.) Thank you!

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**FEBRUARY MEETINGS**

Feb. 26  Government Relations Committee - 10:00 a.m.
Feb. 27  City Liaison Committee Meeting - 1:00 p.m.

**MARCH MEETINGS**

Mar. 4    Safety Committee - 7:00 a.m.
Mar. 9    EGCC - 11:30 a.m.
Mar. 11   Build & Serve Committee - 7:30 a.m.
Mar. 16   Port Authority Liaison Committee - 11:45 a.m. @ Port of San Diego Office - 3165 Pacific Hwy
Mar. 17   Human Resource Practices Committee - 11:30 a.m.
Mar. 18   County Liaison Committee - 1:00 p.m. @ County Operations Center-5530 Overland Ave. Room 124
Mar. 20   Caltrans Liaison Committee - 7:30 a.m. @ Caltrans office- 4050 Taylor Street
Mar. 23   Water Authority Liaison Committee - 1:00 p.m.
Mar. 25   Public Building Liaison Committee - 7:00 a.m.
Mar. 27   Technology Trends in Construction Committee - 12:00 p.m.

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Get involved in the AGC by serving on a committee. A great way to network with other AGC members.

Click here for calendar of meeting dates

COMMITTEE PACKET

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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, Jim Ryan, and Vice President Government Relations, Brad Barnum.

Please contact Jim Ryan or Brad Barnum with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 2,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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