



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

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In Case You Missed It



Something to Build On?

A look at what the proposed federal infrastructure bill could mean for New Jersey.

by Peter Proko

In early August, the U.S. Senate approved a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan that would provide funding for projects across the country. Currently, the bill sits with the House of Representatives awaiting approval. If the bill ultimately receives House approval and is signed into law by President Joe Biden as currently constructed, it would include \$12.3 billion for the state of New Jersey. That money would not only boost several existing projects—both large and small—but also

pave the way for several others and generate millions of new jobs.

We spoke to Jack Kocsis, CEO, Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey (ACCNJ) to get a better idea of how that money could help the state both in the short and long term.

As you know, Congress passed the long-awaited bipartisan infrastructure spending bill, which was subsequently signed into law by President Biden. [Check out this article](#) to see what ACCNJ CEO Jack Kocsis had to say about the federal infrastructure plan in an interview with “South Jersey Biz.”



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COVID-19 Updates

OSHA ETS Release

In an ACCNJ Alert distributed on November 1, we informed members the White House Office of Management and Budget [concluded](#) its review of the OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (“ETS”).

On November 4, we notified members OSHA released its ETS, which establishes minimum COVID-19 vaccination, face covering, and testing requirements for employers with 100 or more employees.

In an Alert on November 17, we updated members with the information that

OSHA officially announced the agency will be suspending activities related to implementation and enforcement of the ETS pending future legal developments.

The Alerts include resources and takeaways for members to review. We will continue to keep members updated.

Labor Relations

Find the bulletins listed below under November Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Thanksgiving Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 94-2021, we distributed to Active members the holiday provisions for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25, 2021.

Operating Engineers Local 825 Temporary Layoff

In Bulletin 97-2021, we reminded Active Members Local No. 825's TEMPORARY LAYOFF provision IS SUSPENDED from December 1 through April 15 in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It is extended through April 30 for paving operations.

Tilesetters Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 98-2021, we provided Active Members with the wage & fringe benefits for Tile, Marble & Terrazzo BAC Local 7, effective December 6, 2021.

Christmas and New Year's Day Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 99-2021, we distributed to Active members the holiday provisions for Christmas Day, December 25, 2021, and New Year's Day, January 1, 2022.

Government Affairs

NJ Election Results

In Bulletin 95-2021, we provided members with information on the 2021 New Jersey Election Results. For details, access the bulletin under November Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Passes Congress – Impact on New Jersey

In Bulletin 96-2021, we informed members Congress passed the long-awaited bipartisan infrastructure bill. The \$1 trillion federal infrastructure spending plan which allocates new money for roads, bridges, ports, rail, transit, water projects, and broadband internet was subsequently signed by President Biden on November 15, 2021. For more information, access the bulletin under November Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

Trenching & Excavation Hazards in Construction

AGC of America, supported by a Susan Harwood Federal Training Grant, is pleased to offer a one-day **Trenching & Excavation Hazards in Construction** safety training based on OSHA standards and best practices. Classes will be delivered virtually via Zoom Meetings and attendees will have the opportunity to earn continuing education credits (0.8 IACET CEUs). All classes will be held between 10am and 6pm Eastern Time on December 9, 10, 13, or 14. Topics to be covered include but are not limited to:

- Injury, illness, and fatality statistics
- Frequently cited standards
- Utilities protection
- Common hazards
- Soil testing and classification
- Protective systems
- Review of the agency priority goal

Click [HERE](#) to register. You will be emailed a Zoom Meeting link closer to the training date you select.

Reminder – AGC of America Construction Safety Excellence Awards

The 2022 Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) competition is now open. 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 showcased companies that have achieved continuous improvement and maintenance of their safety and health management systems. For more information on the CSEA program and to access the application, please visit www.agc.org/csea. The deadline for submitting applications is **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**.

Education & Workforce Development

Summer Internship Program – Contractor Registration *LAST CALL!*

As a reminder, in Bulletin 85-2021, we informed members we have closed the student application process for the 2021 CIAP Internship Program and have received more than 150 student applications from various colleges and universities. Once the selections are made by the interviewers, approximately 60 students will be invited to participate in a mandatory Career Fair scheduled for January 5, 2022, which will be held virtually. Contractors will be invited to set up company displays and interview students for summer selection. For more information, access the bulletin under October Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Tuition Reimbursement Program

As a reminder, in Bulletin 05-2021, we informed Active Members the ACCNJ Industry Advancement Trust (IAT) has approved the continuation of the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. The courses selected must be aimed at providing job-related knowledge and skills for construction personnel in either office or field operations. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Programs and Events

Annual Membership Meeting and 2022 Proposed Slate of Officers & Trustees

As you know, this year's Annual Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at The Clubhouse at Galloping Hill, Kenilworth, NJ. The cocktail hour will begin at 5:30pm, with our dinner and association business at 6:30pm.

Voting by Active Members in good standing will take place at this meeting. Pursuant to Article IX, Section 4 of the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey Constitution and By-Laws, the Nominating Committee delivered a list of nominees for the 2022 Officers and Trustees to the Association Office on Monday, October 25, 2021.

The Annual Membership Meeting is open to all members. For details and registration information, access Bulletin 93-2021 in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Unpacking the Historic \$1.2T Infrastructure Bill Webinar

Join Conner Strong & Buckelew and Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies on December 8 at 11am as they discuss and simplify the opportunities for businesses across the infrastructure segments within the funding from the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill. They will share insights into planning for the legal, risk management and insurance needs of successful bidders. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.