



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF GEORGIA

AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION FORUM

September 2, 2015 @ 12:00 pm

GDOT Room 402 & 403

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mario Macrina – Wolverton & Associates

2. **ACEC Update:** Michael “Sully” Sullivan, President & CEO, ACEC/G

Federal Funding

- ACEC GA is currently focused on Federal Transportation funding. Although HB 170 helped tremendously, we will still need federal funding as well.
- Highway Trust Fund: the Senate passed a 6-year bill that would only be funded for 3 years. The House was not in favor of that approach. They felt a 4-6 year funding bill needed to be developed. Paul Ryan is leading the effort to generate a comprehensive tax reform bill that could generate the required funding or at a minimum a standalone measure that could develop a 4-6 year bill.
- ACEC GA will be meeting with a Congressional Delegation over the next few months to discuss funding
- A comprehensive bill would need to include \$90 billion in funding
- Potential re-Repatriation could be included, but the Senate does not approve of that measure
- Congress is aware short term bills do not work. The challenge is paying for a long term bill.

State Funding

- There may be possible changes to HB 170
- The hotel industry is fighting the \$5/night fee. They have hired lobbyists to address.
- The Governor is backing legislation to keep the hotel bill
- The CAFÉ (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards go away in 2018 and there is an effort to remove the sunset on the requirements.
- ACEC GA is currently working on the Transportation Summit
 - If you have any ideas, please contact Sully or ACEC GA.
- The P3 Summit will be held on September 24th at the Georgia International Convention Center. The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia will host a one-day event for public and private sector representatives who are interested in P3s projects.
 - The target market is people who hire consultants
 - There will be a transportation panel at the summit to discuss the status reports of current P3 projects, lessons from P3 experiences and a look ahead at projects on the drawing board and in the pipeline.
- The Georgia Engineering Conference will be at Disney in 2016.
- PAC update
 - The state PAC is paid for on an annual basis and can be contributed to by corporations.
 - The Federal PAC can only come from individuals and cannot come from corporations.
 - ACEC GA is typically in the top 4% of all national PAC's

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- A PAC Leadership Circle will be created this year recognizing companies in various ways to acknowledge participation
- Sully is moderating a webinar next Wednesday, September 9th to discuss HB 170 at 10:30 am.

3. Consultant Relations Subcommittees – see attached

- Bridge & Structures: Tom Tran – Gresham Smith & Partners
- Engineering Services: Michael Moseley – ATKINS
- Environmental: Wendy Dyson – ATKINS
- Materials: Tom Scruggs – Wilmer Engineering
- Preconstruction Awards: Jack Seibert – Retired
- Procurement: Davietta Jenkins – CH2M Hill
 - TIA Status update
- Program Delivery: Jeff Church – STV
- Roadway Design Policy: Chris Marsengill – Moffatt & Nichol
- Traffic: Todd DeVos – Wolverton & Associates
- Utilities - Jeff VanDyke – RS&H
- CRC Traffic Forecasting Task Force – Jamie Cochran

4. New business

- Proposed CEI Subcommittee – John Heath
 - The CRC will be forming a new CEI sub-committee



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