Dear ACEC/NC members,

As we told you on Friday, ACEC/NC has developed a broad-based campaign to address the effects COVID-19 has had on NCDOT’s revenues and business practices. This campaign is focused on communication with Legislative Leadership and identifying actions to confront the revenue shortfall during travel restrictions implemented by the Governor.

**What is ACEC/NC doing?**

1. Sending a letter from the ACEC/NC leadership and Board of Directors outlining the steps necessary to appropriate cash and get our folks back to work. ([click here](#)).
2. Initiating a media campaign, both print and on-line, to get the word out as broadly as possible as to the effects on our industry and people’s jobs.
3. Developing a survey request to the membership to collect data on the effects on employees in their firm.
4. Helping develop the NC Chamber’s industry coalition to advocate for increased funding now and longer-term funding in the future, including a larger state budget for transportation infrastructure.
5. Continuing direct contact with NCDOT through virtual conferences and Industry meetings with Stakeholders such as CAGC, CAPA, etc.
6. Advocating at the Federal level for a strong cash infusion due to State DOT revenue losses and a robust infrastructure funding package in the next Stimulus program. Also, pushing for additional cash going to the SBA loan program under the PPP as part of the CARES Act.

Attached for your information is a summary of our most recent virtual conference call with NCDOT Leadership ([click here](#)), which details the planned action by the Department. Much of this is now known based on Division notifications to our member firms, particularly related to CEI, embedded, and temporary employees.

**How can you help?**

Call your legislators and have your staff call their legislators and tell them what the DOT’s cuts are doing to your business. Use the Legislative letter enclosed herein as a talking piece and forward it to them with your comments. We need to blanket the legislature with our message as they prepare for a short session to address the COVID-19 crisis on April 28th. If you do not know your legislator, ([click here](#)).

It is imperative that you give real, personal examples of the effects on you and your employees. To that end, there will be a short survey coming to you in a few days to determine the number of employees affected by last year’s cuts and suspensions and this year’s cuts as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Please take a few minutes and participate in that survey.

Thank you for your continued support as we deal with this unique situation that affects us all. As always, contact me with feedback from your calls and any questions on our efforts.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy,

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