



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Illinois*

## 2020 November NEWSLETTER: **THE CONNECTOR**



### **LEADERSHIP & POLICY BRIEFING**

**ACEC Illinois President & CEO – Kevin Artl**

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#### **Executive Update**

##### **Election Day/Week/Month**

First and foremost, if you haven't voted yet, please make a plan to do so. There are so many critical issues and races on the ballot and your participation is critical.

Second, when considering the election—be patient. With the substantial amount of mail in ballots in Illinois and across the nation, it's more than likely that many results may not be known for a few days—maybe even a few weeks. In Illinois, the deadline for counting mail-in ballots is November 17th and the state officially certifies elections results on December 4th.

ACEC IL will be providing analyses of state and national results at the end of the week so you know how the election may impact infrastructure.

##### **Congratulations to John Yonan and Sis Kellen**

Last week Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle tapped John Yonan to serve as Bureau Chief of Cook County's Bureau of Asset Management. As Superintendent of the County's Department of Transportation and Highway since 2012, John helped plan and develop key projects across the county while interfacing with IDOT and Tollway on critical regional projects. A great friend to ACEC Illinois, John was always accessible to our association and members.

In the same announcement, President Preckwinkle introduced Assistant Superintendent Jennifer (Sis) Killen who will be increasing her leadership role within the Department of Transportation and Highways as the acting Superintendent—the first woman to hold the position.

Congratulations to both!

## **Hope for Action in Lame Duck**

ACEC IL Board members met with Cong. Adam Kinzinger to discuss a variety of topics, including PPP issues and additional COVID relief to state and local governments. On both topics, Cong. Kinzinger was optimistic an agreement could be reached before this Congress adjourns, but reiterated that it would be after the election—considered the “Lame Duck” period. ACEC IL has been working with the IL Delegation to address the PPP/Overhead rate issues and Cong. Kinzinger’s staff has been very engaged in the conversations and active on our behalf.

## **Governor Pritzker Highlights Completion of IDOT Projects**

Criss-crossing the state this week, Governor Pritzker joined with Acting IDOT Secretary Omer Osman to highlight the completion of some key projects, including the opening of I-255 in the Metro East, the completion of the Murray Baker Bridge in Peoria and the US 20-IL 2 interchange in Rockford.

I-255 is one of the first jobs completed under the Rebuild Illinois capital program and the Governor highlighted the ability of IDOT and the consulting and contractor teams on the corridor to deliver the project months ahead of schedule. Like I-255, the \$42 million Murray Baker Bridge is also one of the first Rebuild Illinois projects and it was completed on time.

## **Pace Receives 2020 APTA Innovation Award**

Pace Suburban Bus was honored as one of only two innovation award recipients throughout the country in 2020. Given to a public transportation leader whose accomplishments and innovations have greatly advanced public transportation, the American Public Transportation Association’s (APTA) 2020 Innovation Award was given to Pace this year for their collaborative I-90 Market Expansion Project, the largest service expansion in the agency’s history. The APTA Innovation Award acknowledges public transportation systems that demonstrate innovative concepts or effective problem-solving techniques not previously applied in the public transportation industry.

## **EPA Announces \$116 million in Water Grants for Illinois**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 Administrator Kurt Thiede announced a total of \$116 million to modernize water infrastructure in Illinois. This funding will support projects across the state to keep drinking water safe; improve water quality of Illinois’ lakes, streams, and wetlands; and improve children’s health by reducing exposure to lead.

EPA announced more than \$113 million to the state of Illinois through the clean water and drinking water state revolving loan funds (SRFs). Illinois uses these funds to provide low-interest financing to communities across the state to support planning, designing, and constructing eligible wastewater or drinking water infrastructure projects and activities to protect human health, such as replacing lead service lines. EPA is also announcing more than \$1 million for the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) under EPA’s Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act Lead Testing in School and Child Care grant program. The IDPH will use this funding to specifically sample for lead in drinking water at Illinois’ daycare facilities and schools.

Thanks and if you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,  
Kevin Artl  
President and CEO  
American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



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**Virtual: Work Force Technology Budget & Spending in 2021**  
\*Complimentary to ACEC Illinois members

DATE: November 17, 2020  
TIME: 12pm-1pm

REGISTER [HERE](#)



**Webinar: IDOT District 1 and District 2 Update and Lookahead**

DATE: November 20  
TIME: 11am-Noon

COST: Member: \$45  
Non-Member: \$90  
Sponsorships available!  
\*1 PDH to attendees

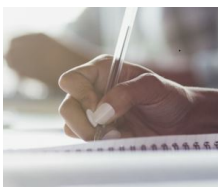
Details & Registration: [Here](#)



**Innovations in Electrification: A Panel Discussion on the Technology & Public Policy of Electric Vehicle Charging**  
\*Complimentary to ACEC Illinois Members

DATE: November 20, 2020  
TIME: 2:00-3:00pm

\*1 PDH will be sent out after webinar to attendees  
Register [Here](#)



**2021 Leadership Series**

January 2021 - June 2021

-One Session a Month

-PDH's

-Limited Availability

\*more information coming NEXT WEEK!

# MEMBER UPDATES:

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Paul Wojciechowski, AICP, PE, LCI has joined Horner & Shifrin as Complete Streets Manager. Paul has more than 37 years of experience in transportation planning and design with an emphasis in multimodal planning and operations.

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Video: [HERE](#)



M Squared Engineering, LLC Celebrates 17 Years in Business and expanding into a new location.

*M Squared Engineering milestones include their 17th anniversary and relocation of Cedarburg, WI office.*

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER:



Engineering Design Source, Inc.  
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City: Chesterfield  
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## WELCOME NEW AFFILIATE MEMBER:

Stalworth  
Address: 5515 N. East River Road  
Chicago, IL  
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