IN FOCUS

The first weekend in December typically marks the weekend for the Pennsylvania Society. The Pennsylvania Society is an annual weekend retreat for Pennsylvania's politicians and business leaders held in New York City. It began during the late 19th century as a meeting of Pennsylvanians living in New York City who gathered annually beginning in 1899 to discuss events in their home state. As the first few meetings developed into an annual event, it morphed into weekend-long retreat where political networking and fundraising took place. In recent years the receptions hosted by lobbyists, political committees, and corporations have taken on increased importance.

ACEC/PA is no exception. On Saturday, we co-hosted a Construction Industry event along with American Institute of Architects (AIA), Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) and Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA). Collectively, we were able to continue our advocacy for sustainable and dedicated funding for transportation. Over 140 federal and state elected officials, policy makers, legislative staff, partners, coalition members, industry friends and colleagues were in attendance including the PA House Transportation Committee Chair Tim Hennessey and PA Senate Transportation Committee Chair Kim Ward.

Thank you to our ACECPA colleagues for making the trip to NYC in support of our common objectives.

Thanks, Eric

Eric Frary
President, ACEC/PA
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**House Transportation Infrastructure Task Force**
The task force, headed by Rep. Martina White, was formed to give a comprehensive overview of the status of Pennsylvania’s transportation system and its funding mechanisms… Read more

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**Gov. Tom Wolf nominates Yassmin Gramian to serve as PennDOT secretary**
Gov. Tom Wolf announced on Wednesday he is nominating the chief operating officer of Pennsylvania’s Department of Transportation to serve as the head of that department... Read more

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**Route 22 widening cut as PennDOT shifts funding to Interstate 78, with $395 million in improvement**
PennDOT plans to make $395 million of improvements to Interstate 78 in the next 12 years but at the cost of significantly delaying several major transportation projects in the Lehigh Valley… Read more

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**Rep. Sheryl Delozier among 8 people, businesses honored by Harrisburg Regional Chamber**
The Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC recognized Rep. Sheryl Delozier (R-Cumberland) with a Catalyst Award recently for creating positive change in the Harrisburg region… Read more

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**Plans to widen I-81 in county move forward**
A plan to widen Interstate 81 to three lanes in one part of Luzerne County got one step closer to reality on Wednesday after the project was greenlighted by a board comprised
Ferrence announces Democratic candidacy for state House 6th District seat
Matt Ferrence of Meadville formally has announced his candidacy for the Democratic Party's nomination for Pennsylvania's House of Representatives 6th District in 2020...Read more

House T&I Committee Pushes for More Multi-Modal Freight Funding
The House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Dec. 5 explored U.S. goods movement, with many members and witnesses calling for greater investment in all modes that transport freight...Read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diamond Awards
February 27, 2020 ● Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
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ACEC/PA Legislative Day
March 17-18, 2020 ● Harrisburg
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ACEC/PA Spring Conference
May 11-13, 2020 ● Hilton Harrisburg
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ACEC/PA Annual Leadership Meeting
June 7-9, 2020 ● Park City, Utah
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ACEC/PA committees are working to provide topics and speakers for consideration for the 2020 Spring Conference. If you serve on a committee, please contribute topic and speaker ideas by emailing ACEC/PA executive director or speak up at your next committee meeting. We want to hear your thoughts.

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We have 22 different committees looking for your leadership and expertise. Check out the committee page to see which one is for you. Those interested in learning more should contact the ACEC/PA office at (800) 651-1946 or ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman.

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TCC Urges Congressional Leaders to Pass 2020 Transportation Appropriations Bill
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**RESOURCES**

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2020 Engineering Industry Outlook – Important Trends and Market Dynamics that Will Influence the Industry in the Year to Come (Live Online Class)
Navigating Cyber Security in Engineering (Live Online Class)
Thursday, January 16, 2020
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Learn more

Real Growth Forecast for 2020 Transportation Construction Market
Learn more

SHARE-INSPIRE-HIGHLIGHT

Congratulations
Congratulations to Jamie North and his wife on the birth of their daughter Clara Jean North born on November 21, 2019 at 4:19 a.m. She was 19.5” long and weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz.

ACEC/PA Needs Your Help

- Do you have committee news to share or know of a colleague/firm making a difference? We’d want to share that news! Please send ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman the information for inclusion in an upcoming edition of forward.

- We want to communicate with you. Please take a moment to update your profile with us so you don’t miss any important news or events.

Did You Know?
It was in December 1989 that the classic holiday movie, Christmas Vacation was released in theaters.
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