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## A Note from Your ACEC-KY Executive Director Russ Romine

As you receive this edition of The Kentucky Times-Engineering Edition, several of your ACEC-KY colleagues are participating in this year's membership retreat in Nashville. We were excited to deliver a strong program this year, so please look for a full report from Brad Montgomery in his column next month.

As the leading voice for engineering businesses in Kentucky, ACEC-KY was happy to lend our support and join with a broad group of stakeholder organizations to send a letter to President Trump. The letter was in keeping with ACEC-National's strong role advocating for a robust infrastructure plan with the new Congress and new Administration in 2017. ACEC provided the opportunity for all its member organizations across the country to sign on, along with other groups like the US Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Associated General Contractors.

The letter urges President Trump to strengthen our nation's economy and improve America's competitiveness through significant investment in our nation's infrastructure. It's vital that our new president knows that our nation's infrastructure is insufficient to support American competitiveness and we can no longer afford to underinvest in the infrastructure that Kentuckians and Americans rely on in our daily lives. The letter also says that private investment, while important and needed, cannot replace the role of public funding and federal leadership.

Closer to home, ACEC-KY is lending its support to the newly formed Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition (KIC) to advocate for increased funding to support transportation investment across the Commonwealth. The coalition is being led by the Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT), with financial support initially provided from KBT, the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors, the Kentucky Crushed Stone Association, and PAIKY.

Numerous other organization and associations have signed on to support the effort.

The KIC will be working over the next several months to quantify the investment needs for transportation in Kentucky (roads, rail, aviation, waterways, transit) and will develop information that can be used to educate the public, but with a focus of developing the knowledge of need with legislators and the administration. To aid in this effort, the coalition has hired a strategist and a communications firm to help craft a strategy and a message. The consultant team and the steering committee – made up of the financial backers – will begin developing presentations and talking points that can be used by coalition members to consistently deliver the message of needs when talking with the public, community groups, and legislators.

The Board of Directors for ACEC-KY will soon consider lending our financial support to the effort. As an organization, there may be no issue more pressing than advocating for increased state funding to meet the infrastructure needs across the Commonwealth. We want a seat at the table as the steering committee begins laying the foundation for this need. Please stay tuned for additional information and progress updates as we move forward.

## KYTC Traffic Management Plan Development Class

We have hosted one Traffic Management Plan Development Class so far and are looking forward to hosting the others around the state this year. Registration is open for the remainder of the dates and locations for TMP. See those dates and locations at the end of this section for more information.

KYTC has clarified the following information on those who will need to attend this training below:

***For clarification, any consultant who develops at***

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*minimum a Temporary Traffic Control Plan, TTCP, must be current with this specific training within the last 5 years. A TTCP is required for almost every project that the cabinet puts out for letting. Consultants wanting to be considered for selection would need to send those individuals on their staff who develop TTCPs to the training. While the Cabinet at this time will not formally require the training for prequalification status, it will be a determining factor for selection.*

Dates/Locations for TMP Training:

- Feb. 15 – Rough River
- April 11 – Frankfort
- Mar 2 – General Butler
- Mar 15 – Somerset
- May 4 – Jenny Wiley
- May 24 – Frankfort
- May 31 – Frankfort

Registration is open online for all of the above classes - visit [http://www.kyengcenter.org/events/event\\_list.asp](http://www.kyengcenter.org/events/event_list.asp)

## ACEC-KY Legislative Updates

Although it is a short session this year, we expect lots of happenings during this legislative session. We have sent out one update so far but want to make sure that those who want to receive them are getting those. If you want to receive those updates and did not receive the one on January 11th, please contact Jennifer ([jennifer@kyengcenter.org](mailto:jennifer@kyengcenter.org)) to get added to that list.

## Some Pictures From the Retreat So Far...



*Executive Director Russ Romine with Congressman Comer, President Brad Montgomery and Congressman Guthrie*

*Congressman Comer and Congressman Guthrie talk federal issues during Sunday Night's Reception in Nashville*



*A picture of a group as Monday morning's agenda kicked off in Nashville*

*A photo of our P3 panel that kicked off the afternoon on Monday*



## ACEC-KY DATES TO NOTE

**March 22, 2017**

ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting  
ACEC-KY Quarterly Membership Meeting  
TBD

**April 23 – 26, 2017**

ACEC Annual Conference  
Washington, DC

**June 21, 2017**

ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting  
ACEC-KY Quarterly Membership Meeting  
TBD

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Highway Capacity Analysis using HCM 2010/ HCM 6th Edition with HCS2010/HCS7**

Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY

February 28-March 2, 2017

**2017 KSPE Annual Convention**

Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter - Covington, KY

April 19 - 21, 2017

**Spring Dendrology & Native Tree Identification**

Bernheim Arboretum - Clermont, KY

June 1, 2017