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### A Note from ACEC-KY President Shawn Washer

Dear Members:

The year is off to a fast start. The 2018 full session of the General Assembly is past the half-way point and the staff at the Engineering Center is busy monitoring the activities. The biennial Legislative

Reception hosted by ACEC-KY, the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors (KAHC) was held on February 27th at the KAHC Office in Frankfort's historic Union Station. Thanks to Chad LaRue and his staff for hosting the event. We had 22 members from the House of Representatives and 9 from the Senate join with more than 110 members from the engineering and contracting communities to discuss the transportation issues that are affecting the state.

On Tuesday, Representatives Sal Santoro and John Sims, Jr. introduced HB 609 that would increase the "floor" of the average wholesale price of gas to \$2.90/gallon resulting in an increase in the tax rate of 6.5 cents per gallon. Additionally, the bill sets the supplemental highway user tax for both gasoline and diesel at a minimum of 8.5 cents per gallon. In total, the gas tax would increase 10 cents per gallon, effective July 1, 2018, if HB 609 becomes law. The gas tax increase, along with additional revenue generated through various motor vehicle related fee increases, would grow Road Fund revenues by an estimated \$392M in FY 2019 and \$434M in FY 2020.

We continue to monitor the legislation that would reorganize the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Russ is working closely with our advocates at the Rotunda Group to ensure that we get the best possible outcome from any changes that might be made to the Board of Licensure. Look for updates on this issue in the next legislative update email.

As the General Assembly tackles the issues relating to pension reform, the budget, and tax reform, legislators will be required to take some very tough votes. ACEC-KY has submitted an op-ed to newspapers across the state detailing the need for improved, long-term funding for the infrastructure needs facing our state. We strongly encourage you to reach out to your local Senators and Representatives and let them know that we will stand with them as they enact the necessary legislation to move Kentucky forward.

Our next ACEC-KY Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Business Meeting will take place on March 22nd at the Space Science Center on the campus of Morehead State University. The Membership Business Meeting will begin at 10:30 am. The day will include lunch, a presentation on Space Systems Development and Space Missions at Morehead State, a show in the Star Theater and a tour of the Space Science Center. Plan to attend and register on the KEC website ([www.kyengcenter.org](http://www.kyengcenter.org)).

The 2018 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards will be presented on March 29th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Copper & Kings Distillery in downtown Louisville. Join us as we celebrate these outstanding projects that improve the lifestyle for the citizens of the Commonwealth. Registration for this event can also be made on the KEC website.

March Madness and spring are just around the corner. ACEC-KY continues to be the face and voice for engineering businesses in Kentucky for advocacy, access, and education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shawn P. Washer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shawn

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## ACEC-KY Quarterly Meeting - March 22

Be sure to get signed up for the March Quarterly meeting being held at the MSU Space Science Center in Morehead from 10:30 am to 2:15 pm. The agenda includes a business meeting, lunch, a presentation on the Space Systems Development and Space Missions at Morehead, a show in the Star Theater and a tour of the Space Science Center. Cost is \$35 per person. You can register online at <http://www.kyengcenter.org/>



## 2018 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards - March 29

The 2018 ACEC-KY Engineering Excellence Awards event is coming up at the end of March and will be hosted at Copper & Kings Distillery in Louisville. The event will run from 5:30 to 7:30 pm! The cost is \$25 per person. We look forward to a great event at an outstanding venue, featuring some great projects by ACEC-KY Member Firms! Register online at <http://www.kyengcenter.org/>.



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[InRoads I V8i SS4](#)  
 Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
 March 20 - 23, 2018

[Design of ADA Sidewalk Facilities for Roadways in the Public Right-of-Way](#)  
 Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
 March 28, 2018

[Design of ADA Sidewalk Facilities for Roadways in the Public Right-of-Way](#)  
 Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
 March 29, 2018

[2018 KSPE Annual Convention](#)  
 Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY  
 April 18 - 20, 2018

[InRoads II SS4](#)  
 Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
 April 24 - 26, 2018

[InRoads III SS4](#)  
 Kentucky Engineering Center - Frankfort, KY  
 May 21 - 24, 2018

[Spring Dendrology & Native Tree Identification](#)  
 Bernheim Arboretum & Reserach Forest - Clermont, KY  
 June 8, 2018

[2018 ACEC-KY/FHWA/KYTC Partnering Conference](#)  
 Galt House Hotel - Louisville, KY  
 September 4 - 6, 2018

Check <http://www.kyengcenter.org/events/> to see what other classes we have scheduled for the coming months!

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