



## **Legislative Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

11:30am – 1:00pm

ACEC Office, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Wells Fargo Building + Virtual Meeting

### **Purpose**

ACEC/NC is the sole organization in North Carolina that represents the business interests of the engineering industry in our state. A key component of ACEC/NC's mission is to "promote the business interests of engineering companies by providing legislative advocacy". We work on behalf our member organizations to support and promote issues that are of importance to them and the engineering industry, both on the state and federal level.

### **Meeting Notes**

- 1. Welcome/Review/Approve Agenda and Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Joe Milazzo II, PE – User Access Fee**
  - Joe provided an overview of a transition from the gas tax to a user access fee similar to a cell phone provider. His estimate is that the state could generate \$1.4B to \$2.1B more in revenue vs. gas tax. His plan considered the most simplistic plan, but other plans could be more complex. Access user fee does not capture out-of-state usage. Revenue stability is the major benefit of this model.
  - This model could be collected during registration renewal.
  - Toll roads would remain user pay.
  - The presentation is available upon request and FAQs are available on [letsgetmoving.org](https://letsgetmoving.org).
- 3. Board/Administrative Updates**
  - ACEC/NC Member Voices with NCDOT Board Member Tony Lathrop – Sept 12
  - Member reception with NC Congressional Delegation – Sept 19/20
- 4. STATE Legislative/Regulatory Updates/Discussion**
  - Mike Holder provided a brief update on the activities at the General Assembly. There were small adjustments to the budget and a few vetoes occurred.
- 5. FEDERAL Legislative/Regulatory Updates/Discussion (Brock/Others-5min)**
  - a. Joe Angell sent notes regarding updates at the Federal level
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- 6. LOCAL Legislative/Regulatory Updates/Discussion**
  - Charlotte Tax Referendum is moving forward.
- 7. PAC Updates Fundraising**
  - National PAC Goal Update - \$20k needed to meet our annual goal
  - State PAC Goal Update – Our State PAC was dissolved in Spring and we supported key leaders. We are waiting to reinstate.
  - Our NC Congressional Delegation to Washington, DC will be Sept 19/20. It will be an opportunity to talk to federal lawmakers.



## **8. STRATEGIC PLAN**

- Developing a Model-Based Design Transition Plan
  - Scheduling a call to discuss the model-based design on Sept 24. Two people per firm are being asked to attend.
- Building Relationships to with DEQ and State Construction Office
  - SCO requesting topics related to “Nature Based Solutions on Storm Water Designs using DEQ’s Volume Matching Methodology – Please let Seth or Tara know if you or someone from your firm is interested

## **9. Future Meeting Dates (all virtual and in person as noted)**

- NC Congressional Delegation to Washington, DC will be Sept 19/20
- Model-Based Design: Sept 24
- Next Legislative Committee: Nov 12 (Raleigh)
- ACEC/NC 101 – Jr Board Event in the fall