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We Need Your Help!

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

As you know, on February 4, 2022, President Biden signed Executive Order (EO) 14063, which will require **every** federal prime contractor and subcontractor to engage in negotiation or agree to Project Labor Agreements (PLA) on federal construction projects valued at \$35 million or more. This EO will eventually repeal and replace President Obama's own PLA EO in 2009, which *encouraged* the use of PLAs on projects above \$25 million. The Federal Acquisition Regulatory (FAR) Council will issue a final regulation as early as June 2022.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this [survey](#) from AGC of America. Even if you are *not* a federal contractor, your input is valuable to show the impact mandatory PLAs have on our industry. According to an AGC of America [analysis](#) of data obtained via lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act, the Department of Defense (DOD) federal construction agencies **rejected PLA mandates 99.4 percent of the time** even when encouraged to do use them under the Obama Administration.

The White House estimates this EO could impact **\$262 billion in federal construction and 200,000 workers**. AGC of America CEO, Stephen Sandherr, said the Biden Administration is trying “to solve a problem that doesn’t exist” and criticized the timing of this order “at a time when firms are already struggling with labor shortages and skyrocketing materials prices. It also undermines the **bipartisan** spirit of the new infrastructure bill.” AGC of America and AGC San Diego both *supported* the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Another way you can help fight back against this misguided directive is by contributing to the **Construction Advocacy Fund (CAF)**. The CAF supports AGC of America’s legal challenges including this PLA campaign against EO 14063 and the subsequent FAR regulation. Recent CAF successes include the DOD-PLA lawsuit mentioned above and joining with other business associations to block Biden’s blanket vaccination mandate. To learn more about the CAF and to donate, please visit: [Home - Construction Advocacy Fund \(agc.org\)](#).



Inflation Threatens to Erode Impact of \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Law

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Rising prices and clogged supply chains are expected to reduce the impact of the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill passed by Congress with bipartisan support last year.

How many roads, bridges, railways, fiber optic lines, and other types of infrastructure the United States can build or repair under the law—a central achievement of President Biden's that experts say is a generational investment—will largely depend on the extent of increases in everything from diesel fuel prices to worker wages.

According to government data, rising material and labor costs are already causing contractors to charge more for construction projects, which economists and industry officials say may limit the number of infrastructure projects that can be funded with the new federal funds. State and local officials facing higher prices may prioritize easier, less ambitious projects, and some are concerned that a rush of government spending will exacerbate industry inflation.

"As the cost of materials for these projects rises, you'll be able to do fewer projects," Jim Tymon, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, said. "All of those factors will have an impact on how far this infusion of new federal funding will go toward addressing our infrastructure problems."

According to Labor Department supplier price data released last week, the cost of government construction projects increased 13% in January compared to the previous year. The producer-price index also revealed that input prices for highway and street construction were up 20% year on year, with steel mill products and plastic construction products up 113% and 35%, respectively. The cost of gasoline and diesel fuel has increased by more than 50%. These price increases have far outpaced consumer inflation, which has risen at the fastest rate in four decades.

While construction material prices are expected to level off eventually, wage gains may be more durable.

According to Labor Department data, average hourly wages in the construction industry increased by about 5% in January compared to the previous year. The construction industry is still short about 100,000 workers compared to February 2020, according to a December survey of construction contractors conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and 91 percent of respondents reported difficulty finding skilled workers. A persistent labor shortage in the construction industry may necessitate additional wage increases.

Some in the industry believe that technological advancements, as well as new job opportunities created by federal infrastructure spending, will help to alleviate the labor shortage. However, Ken Simonson, chief economist for the Associated General Contractors of America, believes that increased flexibility and rising wages in other jobs may limit the attraction of new workers to construction jobs, where workers must be on site.

"I'm concerned that the situation will worsen rather than improve," he said. According to Labor Department data, while hourly wages for construction workers continued to rise, they did so at a slightly slower rate than wages for private-sector workers overall in the previous year. *"That will make it more difficult to attract and retain employees,"* Mr. Simonson added.

There are numerous recent accounts by contractors of contractors' intentions to staff a large construction project with, for example, 400 workers but they are only able to hire 300. In these cases, the lack of workers slows the project's pace or necessitates overtime work, which obviously costs more and raises the project's cost.

The law authorizes approximately \$1 trillion in spending, of which approximately \$550 billion exceeds previously projected federal infrastructure investments. Mr. Biden signed the bill into law in November, but much of the money is still in Washington and will be spent over a five-year period.

According to economists, higher prices may influence state and local governments' decisions on how to spend the new federal funds. If prices continue to rise, officials may prefer projects with shorter timelines and, as a result, more predictable costs, or projects that rely less on volatile commodities like steel. There's this hidden effect of inflation that should push public works officials to choose projects that have less risk of delay and more certainty of cost. Those are most likely smaller projects. In other cases, infrastructure officials will most likely choose projects based on need, which means they will simply have to accept the higher costs and longer timelines for the projects.

If your bridge is failing, you must fix it, even if it takes months for your components to arrive from Thailand.

Price Escalation News for Contractors can be found under the members-only Member Portal, [click here](#) to go the login page. Don't have a Member Portal login, [click here](#) for instructions.

Help AGC Improve Highway Work Zone Safety by Completing the 2022 Highway Work Zone Safety Survey by Friday, May 13

AGC and Survey Partner HCSS Will Use Survey Results to Urge Motorists to Be Careful During the Summer Travel Season

AGC of America and our survey partner, [HCSS](#), are asking all highway and transportation members help us improve work zone safety by completing this brief [survey](#). We want to collect information on the number, severity, impacts and potential solutions to highway work zone crashes. We will use the results of this survey for a media and public education campaign we will launch the week before Memorial Day to encourage motorists to be more careful in work zones.

Please take a few minutes to complete this important highway work zone safety survey **by May 13th**:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RN3PGJD>.

And of course, please do not hesitate to contact Brian Turmail at 703-459-0238 or brian.turmail@agc.org with any questions, comments or concerns about this survey and our plans to use it to promote highway work zone safety

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From the AGC 2022 Meetings & Events Committee

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Looking Ahead...

May 7
 June 6
 June 8
 June 21
 July 11-15
 July 29
 August 5

WALK FOR ANIMALS benefiting the San Diego Humane Society
AGC/EGCC SPRING GOLF - SOLD OUT
TECH TALK
BASEBALL BASH @ Petco Park
[**AGC BLOOD DRIVE**](#)
DAY AT THE RACES @ Del Mar Racetrack
AFFILIATE DAY GOLF @ Singing Hills

EDUCATION/SAFETY TRAINING

MAY CLASSES

May 3
 May 4
 May 5
 May 5-6

Stormwater Forum
Construction Scheduling
Fall Protection 8-Hour CPT
OSHA 10-Hour for Construction - SPANISH

May 9
 May 11-12
 May 11
 May 11

Excel Beginner
CQM-C
Estimating Basics
QuickBooks Beginners

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 May 18
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Competent Person Refresher Training for Fall Protection
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Competent Person Frame Scaffold
Trenching & Excavating

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 May 25
 May 25-26
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May 4
May 12
May 18
May 18
May 20
May 24

Safety Committee - 7:00 a.m. - *Lakeside*
City of San Diego - 1:00 p.m. - *Virtual*
Build & Service Charitable Alliance 8:00 a.m. - *Lakeside*
Affiliate Members Council - 11:30 a.m. - *Lakeside*
Technology Committee - 11:00 a.m. - *Lakeside*
Specialty Council - 11:30 a.m. - *Lakeside*

AGC LOCATIONS



**AGC East County Facility &
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10140 Riverford Road
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About Monday Morning Quarterback

AGC San Diego Chapter's Monday Morning Quarterback is a "hot off the press" and to the point Monday morning briefing on the important issues facing San Diego's construction industry. It is prepared by AGC Chief Executive Officer, Eddie Sprecco, and Vice President Government & Industry Relations, Dustin Steiner.

Please contact [Eddie Sprecco](#) or [Dustin Steiner](#) with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 3,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK



The Ballot is in the Mail

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Election season is officially upon us. Ballots and voter guides likely arrived in the mail over the weekend. California's Gubernatorial Primary is June 7, 2022. As such, I wanted to let you know about who your **AGC PAC** and **Board of Directors** has endorsed for election or re-election in 2022 (* denotes incumbent):

- **Summer Stephan*** – San Diego County District Attorney (re-elected as she is running unopposed)
- **Kelly Martinez** – San Diego County Sheriff
- **Jordan Marks** – San Diego County Assessor / Recorder / County Clerk
- **Jim Desmond*** – San Diego County Supervisor, District 5
- **David Alvarez** – California State Assembly, District 80
- **Rebecca Jones*** – Mayor, City of San Marcos
- **John Franklin** – Mayor, City of Vista
- **Vivian Moreno*** – Councilmember, City of San Diego

Please note: Not every race will be on every ballot. Also, those races that only have two candidates will not be on the primary ballot as both candidates will proceed directly to the General Election in November. In the case of David Alvarez, he will be on the ballot twice – once to finish the term of retiring Assemblymember Gonzalez and once to fill a full two-year term.

To check your registration, [click here](#).

Have a candidate *you think* we should interview? Want a say in who the PAC endorses? Just want to be *better informed* about the races that impact the construction industry?

Join us by clicking [here](#)!

The County is Holding Public Outreach Meetings on Community Benefits Agreements this Week

On December 8, 2021, the County Board of Supervisors directed staff to investigate the feasibility and resources needed for the County of San Diego to establish CBA programs, policies and/or guidelines. Planning & Development Services (PDS) initiated the project in early 2022. More information can be found on the [Community Benefits Agreements](#) webpage.

We want to hear from you! PDS will be holding virtual small group meetings from **May 9, 2022, to May 19, 2022**, for different stakeholder groups. This is part of the second round of public outreach. We will share with you what we have heard from the first round of outreach, what we found in our best practice research, and draft options to present to the Board. Your input and insights are essential to inform the draft options that meet Board direction.

Each small group meeting will have the same presentation and format. The small group meetings are grouped by industry or affiliation, but all meetings are open to all. **Please let us know if you would like to schedule a meeting outside of the dates below.**

Small group meeting schedule:

- May 9, 2022, from 10:30 am to 11:00 am: Business/Industry
- May 9, 2022, from 12 pm to 12:30 PM: Labor
- May 10, 2022, from 10:30 am to 11:00 am: Developers, Building & Construction
- May 12, 2022, from 10:30 am to 11:00 am: Community Planning and Sponsor Groups & Community Based Organizations
- May 12, 2022, from 12 pm to 12:30 pm: Government & School/Youth Groups
- May 17, 2022, from 10:30 am to 11:00 am: Environmental Groups
- May 19, 2022, from 10:30 am to 11:00 am: Tribal Governments

Would you like to attend a small group meeting? Please RSVP at least one day in advance of the desired meeting with your name and email address to Bianca Lorenzana at PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 505-6677. We will provide you with a link to join the meeting on receipt of your confirmation.

California Set to Ban Gasoline Powered Cars

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering
Construction & Industry Relations

California's clean-air regulators, several weeks ago, unveiled a far-reaching proposal requiring a ramp-up in sales of zero-emission cars, culminating in a ban on new gasoline-powered cars by 2035.



If adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) this summer, the regulations will be the first of their kind in the world and could pave the way for nationwide standards. At least 15 other states pledged to follow California's lead on car standards on previous clean-car rules, and the federal government usually follows.

Carrying out [Gov. Gavin Newsom 2020 executive order](#) ordering the board to end the sale of gas-powered cars in California by 2035, the new proposal sets in motion the public regulatory process. Public comments will be collected for 45 days, a hearing will be held on June 9 and the board is expected to vote in August.

The proposed rules to force Californians to end their dependence on conventional cars are a critical component of California's effort to tackle climate change and poor air quality.

Under the new proposed mandate, 35% of new cars, SUVs, and small pickups sold in the state will need to be zero-emission starting in 2026, increasing to 68% in 2030 and 100% in 2035. Of those, 20% could be plug-in hybrids. The rule does not apply to sales of pre-owned cars, and it wouldn't do anything to force the millions of existing gasoline-powered cars off roads. Only about 2% of cars on California's roads were zero emissions in 2020.

California has already enacted standards that will require roughly 8% of new cars sold in the state to be zero emission in 2025, according to CARB staff. That goal already has been exceeded: About 12% of California's 2021 new vehicle sales were clean cars, according to state data. But the pace would have to triple in just five years to reach the new target.

One of the biggest roadblocks could be the lack of charging stations for electric cars. Nearly 1.2 million chargers will be needed for the 8 million zero-emission vehicles expected in California by 2030, [according to a state report](#). Right now, there are only about 70,000 with another 123,000 on the way, falling far short.

Another obstacle is the cost of the vehicles. *"The cost to manufacturers will be high per vehicle in the early years, but significantly decrease over time by 2035,"* the air board's staff report says.

Electric cars now cost more to purchase, but price drops plus savings on gas and maintenance would add up, saving consumers an estimated \$3,200 over ten years for a 2026 car and \$7,500 for a 2035 car, the air board calculated.

In an effort to address consumer reluctance, manufacturers would be required to meet minimum performance, durability, and warranty requirements for zero-emission vehicles. Cars would have to be able to drive at least 150 miles on a single charge, up from the current 50-mile mandate, and batteries would need to last longer and carry a manufacturer's warranty.

Last year, Newsom approved a \$3.9 billion zero-emission vehicle budget that included about \$1.2 billion to bolster rebates and other clean-car incentives, particularly for low-income and disadvantaged communities. Another \$300 million will go toward building charging and fueling infrastructure. This year, Newsom proposed another \$10 billion zero-emission funding package in his January budget blueprint.

The [state auditor has warned](#) the Air Resources Board, however, that it *"has generally not determined the effects its incentive programs have on consumers' behavior and thus, has overstated (greenhouse gas) emissions reductions its incentive programs achieve."*

While battery-powered cars emit no pollutants, the generation of the power that runs them does. However, air-quality regulators say emissions from electricity generation are far lower than from vehicles. Much of California's electricity comes from natural gas, solar, wind, and hydropower.

Other nations are on similar paths toward phasing out fossil fuel-powered vehicles, but no state or nation has adopted a rule that bans them. However, the European Union is considering a large package of climate change laws that would, in effect, prohibit fossil fuel cars by requiring a 100% cut in all carbon dioxide emissions by 2035.

California's proposal comes as gas prices soar to an average of more than \$5 per gallon in the state. Critics say the Newsom administration is sending mixed messages about gasoline-powered cars by proposing rebates for car owners.

The zero-emission vehicle proposal will require approval of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for implementation. Since the 1960s, the state has led the country in cleaning up the exhaust that creates California's choking smog. The federal Clean Air Act gave California authority to set its own tailpipe emissions standards.

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AGC's Build & Serve Committee Raises \$3,126 for the San Diego Humane Society

By Marcy Knopman, AGC Build & Serve Committee Staff Liaison

AGC supported the San Diego Humane Society's Walk for Animals this past Saturday, May 7 at Liberty Station. AGC members, family/friends and their fur babies joined in this fundraiser to help the Humane Society provide animals with shelter and lifesaving medical care, help families adopt new pets, rescue animals from cruelty and neglect, and create a more humane San Diego. By participating in the Walk for Animals, AGC helped give animals the second chance they deserve.

We would like to thank the **65 participants** who registered from the following AGC member firms:

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Simpson Strong-Tie
The Lighting Element
Total Package Professional Services
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We would also like to thank the following volunteers: **Andy Roberts**, *Rancho Mesa Insurance Services* who helped set up the day before the event, and **Lynne Murtha** (and daughter Amanda) from *D.A. Whitacre Construction, Inc.* who were course marshals.

TEAM AGC was the **3rd highest fundraising team** on the leaderboard, and this was primarily due to the generous donation from **Peter Vander Werff Construction, Inc.** for pledging **\$2,500** to the cause and helping any AGC member and family to join our team at no charge. Thank you **Chuck Gossage**, who is an animal lover himself, and more than happy to support the San Diego Humane Society and TEAM AGC.

It was a "pawfect" day celebrating the love and care for animals! Giving back never felt so good!



[WALK FOR ANIMALS PHOTO GALLERY](#)

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There's still time to "Spring" for sponsorships in support of the AGC EGCC Spring Golf Tournament, benefiting the EGCA Scholarship Foundation.

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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

May Revision

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

On Friday, Governor Newsom released his annual “May Revision” to his proposed budget in January. Due in large part to increases in income tax revenues from the state’s top earners, California, again, finds itself with a surplus. With General Fund revenues estimated to be \$55 billion higher than projected in January, the Governor made several adjustments before he sends his budget to the Legislature. The Governor did note new challenges following COVID-19 including “elevated global inflation spurred by supply-chain disruption” and blamed “Russia’s war in Ukraine” for “fuel prices soaring.” This May Revision includes “\$18.1 billion in direct relief” and projects the state’s minimum wage will increase to \$15.50/hour as early as January 1, 2023 as a result of high inflation. Other highlights include:

Transportation / Transit

The Governor appears to have abandoned earlier plans for a “gas tax holiday” and instead favors a rebate to registered vehicle owners. The Revise contains a provision that would provide a \$400 check to each registered owner excluding fleet and corporate-owned vehicles. Leaders in the Legislature have been favoring a \$200 rebate, so time will tell where this ends up. There is also a proposed 12-month pause (effective October 1, 2022) on the General Fund portion of the sales tax rate on diesel fuel. There is \$750 million to provide “free” transit for three months, which coincides with a recent [MTS pilot program](#) providing free transit to kids aged 6-18 years. This Revise adds an additional \$17 billion in state funds to the \$20 billion already proposed in January to accelerate the transition to zero-emission vehicles following CARB’s announcement as mentioned in last week’s [MMQB](#) that gas-powered cars will be banned by 2035. The May Revision reflects the Administration’s proposal to allocate an additional \$500 million for the Active Transportation Program and increases the proposed investments in the transportation infrastructure package to \$9.6 billion.

Infrastructure

With the expected revenues from the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), this Revise includes 295 positions and \$50 million annually for Caltrans to administer and implement the state and local transportation funding provided by the IIJA. Additionally, 626 positions and \$144 million has been budgeted to provide engineering and

design support associated with the increased project workload. The IJA authorized over \$500 billion for transportation over five years and \$200 billion augmentation to existing and new highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail programs. It is estimated California will receive over \$38 billion in formula-based funding over the next five years. According to the Governor's Revise, "every \$1 billion invested in infrastructure is expected to create approximately 13,000 good-paying jobs. Combined, the state and federal infrastructure investments are projected to add 700,000 jobs."

The May Revision also includes specific investments for broadband (\$1.1 billion), housing (\$500 million), and expanding efforts to build more housing for homeless individuals (\$650 million).

Supplemental Paid Sick Leave

While there was discussion earlier in the year about state relief for the extension of Supplemental Paid Sick Leave for COVID-19, this Revise does not mention it specifically. However, since such relief was discussed by Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting and not the Governor, it is likely still on the table.

Next Steps

Now, the budget subcommittees in both the Assembly and State Senate will discuss and amend the proposed budget with the May Revision and send final versions to the floors of both chambers for a vote. The two chambers will then create a conference committee to iron out any differences before sending a final budget back to the Governor for his signature. This process is supposed to be completed by June 15, so the Governor has time to amend, send back, or sign the budget by the start of the State's fiscal year on July 1. With the passage of Proposition 25 in 2010, California has a "no budget, no pay" law in the Legislature, so there is certainly plenty of incentive to get it done.



Transportation Infrastructure Highlighted by New Report

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering
Construction & Industry Relations

Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives (TRIP), a national transportation non-profit has recently issued a report entitled **FUNDING AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM** and made some findings that are of great interest to highway contractors around the country. The demand for more construction remains strong.

As stated in this new report, *"The safety, condition, and efficiency of the U.S. transportation system serves as the backbone of our economy and social networks and is pivotal to quality of life, allowing for access to jobs, education, recreation, healthcare, and social functions."* As the nation continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the reliability, safety, and condition of its roads, highways, bridges, and transit systems will play a critical role in Americans' quality of life. Ensuring that Americans benefit from a full economic and social recovery from the pandemic will require that the nation is served by a transportation system that is efficient, safe, and well-maintained.

Signed into law in November 2021, the bipartisan **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act** (IIJA) will provide a significant boost in federal investment in roads, bridges and transit

and offers an opportunity for the nation to make progress in improving the safety, reliability, and condition of America's transportation system. The IIJA will provide \$454 billion over the five-year period from 2022 to 2026 for investment in highways and transit, resulting in a 38% increase in federal investment in 2022.

The five-year IIJA provides the greatest increase in federal highway, bridge, and transit investment in more than six decades and offers the opportunity to modernize the nation's transportation system and deliver economic benefits.

Additional spending provided by the IIJA for highway, bridges and transit improvements are anticipated to have a significant benefit to the economy by stimulating additional output. A 2021 macroeconomic analysis by IHS Markit of the IIJA found that the additional spending provided by the IIJA will result in an additional \$488 billion of cumulative GDP by 2027 and an increase in annual employment through 2027 of approximately 200,000 per year. The IHS Markit analysis also found that each \$1 million in highway, bridge and transit investment supports, on average, 21 jobs per year and that investment in highways and transit results in a multiplier of 3.6 and 3.4, respectively, in combined direct, indirect, and induced economic output.

Despite the increase in transportation funding provided by the IIJA, the nation's roads, bridges and transit systems remain significantly underfunded and will require increased investment for needed improvements and repairs.

Nationwide, 40% of major roads are in poor or mediocre condition. 19% of U.S. major locally and state-maintained roads are in poor condition and 21% are in mediocre condition. 17% of the nation's major roads are in fair condition and the remaining 44% are in good condition.

The nation's urban roads, which carry 69% of all vehicle travel, are even more deteriorated. 32% of U.S. major locally and state-maintained urban roads and highways have pavements rated in poor condition and 24% are in mediocre condition. Fifteen percent of U.S. major urban roads are rated in fair condition and the remaining 29% are rated in good condition.

The nation's bridges form key links in our highway system, providing communities and individuals access to employment, schools, shopping, and medical facilities, and facilitating commerce and access for emergency vehicles. 7% percent (43,586 of 619,622) of the nation's locally and state-maintained bridges are rated in poor/structurally deficient condition. This includes all bridges that are 20 feet or more in length. A bridge is deemed structurally deficient if there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports, or other major components.

Most bridges are designed to last 50 years before major overhaul or replacement, although many newer bridges are being designed to last 75 years or longer. 40% of the nation's bridges are more than 50 years old. The service life of bridges can be extended by performing routine maintenance such as resurfacing decks, painting surfaces, ensuring that a facility has good drainage and replacing deteriorating components. But most bridges will eventually require more costly reconstruction or major rehabilitation to remain operable.

Today's culture of business demands that an area has well-maintained and efficient roads, highways, and bridges if it is to remain economically competitive. Global communications and the impact of free trade in North America and elsewhere have resulted in a significant increase in freight movement, making the quality of a region's transportation system a key component in a business's ability to compete locally, nationally, and internationally.

Improving the condition and performance of the nation's network of roads, highways, bridges, and transit systems will require a significant increase in investment. According to the *Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges and Transit: Conditions and Performance Report* to Congress released by the United States Department of Transportation in 2021, the U.S. would need to increase annual road, highway, and bridge investment by 55% to make significant improvements in road and bridge conditions, reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic safety. The report also found that the U.S. would need to increase annual transit investment by 31% to make significant improvements in the condition of transit vehicles and facilities and to increase ridership.

**Join us for the Annual AGC
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Park on the Roof of Western Metal
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From the AGC 2022 Meetings & Events
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The AGC Meetings & Events Committee is excited to announce our Annual Baseball Bash at **Petco Park** on the roof of the **Western Metal Supply Co. Building**! This is an amazing venue, with views of downtown San Diego and Petco Park, and offering plenty of space to mix/mingle and party.

On June 21, the Padres will take on the Arizona Diamondbacks

Registration includes your ticket to the game and food, including ballpark snacks, and plenty of beer, soda, and water.

- Registration begins at 5:10 p.m.
- Game time is 6:40 p.m.
- Food served 5:10 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.
- Ballpark snacks served in the 3rd Inning.
- Drinks served from 4:40 p.m. until the bottom of the 7th inning.
- Cash bar in our area for those that want to order wine or cocktails.

[Click here](#) to register.

The "Baseball Bash" committee is looking for some fun raffle prize donations.

[Click here](#) for the raffle prize sponsor form.

Contact Rae Krushensky at raek@agcsd.org with any questions.

AGC Day at the Races, July 29 at the Del Mar Racetrack!

By Rae Krushensky, Director of Membership Services/
Meetings & Events)

Announcing the Annual AGC Day at the Races event
scheduled for **Friday, July 29**, at the Del Mar Racetrack.

*Did you know that in 1937, the Del Mar racetrack opened
its field to the public? Bing Crosby, one of the founders, personally greeted the fans as
they entered the gates.*



From the start, the racetrack created a reputation among top rivals in the field for exciting
races.

In the year 1938, Del Mar organized a highly publicized sport race among famous horses
Seabiscuit and Ligaroti.

The event placed Del Mar on the map, and continues to draw thousands of fans to the
track each year.

We are back in the **II Palio Skyroom**, and although this is a large room, we are serious
when we say that **this event will sell out quickly**. We can accommodate the first 200
registrations.

Reserved tables are available for those who register for **8 guests or more**, otherwise this
event is **“Open Seating.”**

The first post (race) is at 4:00 p.m., so the skybox will open at 3:00 p.m.

To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Special thanks to our “Title Sponsors” below whose support offers 2 drink tickets
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*Click on the sponsors' logo links to visit their websites!
We are pleased to recognize **Trimble** as a new sponsor this year.*

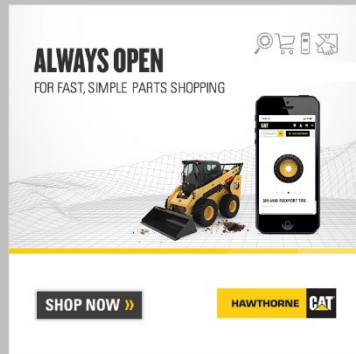


In addition, for 17 years Bill Haithcock, President of Casper
Company, has provided a unique gift to each attendee.



It is always something special and we're looking forward to seeing what it is this year!

Contact Rae Krushensky at raek@agcsd.org with any questions.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The AGC Board of Directors and AGC Staff welcome the following new members to AGC San Diego Chapter.

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Join us June 8 for Tech Table Talk

The AGC Technology Committee invites AGC Members to a **TECH TABLE TALK - Cybersecurity Strategies & Best Practices** June 8, 2022, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Lakeside office, with check-in at 11:30 AM, presentation and lunch at Noon.

The presentation will be moderated by Mandy Irvine, CEO, **Hoop5 Networks** and the panelists include:

Elanie Harwell - Senior Counsel & Privacy Officer, *Procopio*

Natalie Sherod - CIC - Risk Advisor, *Cavignac*

Russell Emig - Director of Security, *Hoop5 Networks*

Each of the panelists will bring their own expertise and provide information on the following topics:

- Identify the legal and regulatory framework around privacy and data security laws

- Understand the impact and importance of privacy, data security and cyber laws
- Identify common types of cyber-attacks and how they impact systems
- Understand cybersecurity best practices and prevention strategies
- Learn the importance of how cyber insurance is viewed and implemented

This is a **FREE** member event sponsored by [Hoop5 Networks](#).

AGC Members online registration is available, at link below, members will need to login to the AGC Member Portal to register for this event. *(If you registered for the postponed event in 2021, your registration as been moved to the new date.)*

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If you would like to register by email, please use the [REGISTRATION FORM](#).

For event or registration questions, please contact AGC Staff Member Kellie Korhonen at 858-558-7444 or by email at kellie@agcsd.org.

GIVING BACK



Foundation for Women Warriors - Military Moms / Baby Shower Drive - through Wednesday, May 18

From AGC's Build & Serve Charitable Alliance

The Build & Serve Charitable Alliance's next ***giving back to the community*** project is to support our Women Warriors for a **Military**

Mom's Baby Shower Drive. [Foundation for Women Warriors](#) (FWW) is a 100-year old nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and empowering the women veteran community.

AGC is hosting a Military Mom/Baby Shower Drive through May 18 and we could use your help ensuring our veteran moms have everything they need.

FWW's Bright Beginnings Baby Shower waitlist has grown to over 100 veterans and is increasing each day. **AGC is helping to ensure our veteran moms and their babies have everything they need for a bright beginning, and self care items to pamper these deserving moms.**

Here are a few ways you can pitch in:

- You may order items directly through their [Amazon Wishlist](#).
- We will be collecting items that may be dropped off at four AGC Member locations throughout the County:

1. **Atlas Technical Consultants** - Mission Valley
2. **Erickson-Hall Construction Co.** - Escondido
3. **Trench Shoring Company** - Miramar
4. **AGC office** - Lakeside

[FLYER](#)

AGC BLOOD DRIVE - July 12-15



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AGC Blood Drive - July 12-15

The AGC Blood Drive is coming up in July and we encourage everyone to schedule their appointments to donate at one of our AGC member locations.

[CLICK HERE](#) for AGC Blood Drive website page.

Post [FLYER](#) at your offices and DONATE TO SAVE LIVES!

We have **AVAILABLE HOST SPOTS** for Monday, July 11 if your company is interested in hosting the Blood Drive at your office/parking lot. Contact [Marcy Knopman](#) (619) 592-4527

AGC/EGCC Golf Classic Sponsor Opportunities Still Available - (Golf & Exhibitor Spots Sold Out) June 6 at Bernardo Heights Country Club

There's still time to "Spring" for sponsorships in support of the AGC EGCC Spring Golf Tournament, benefiting the EGCA Scholarship Foundation.

Although the golf and exhibitor spots are sold out, we have other sponsorship opportunities available, including the **putting contest**, **beverage sponsors**, and a couple of **contest sponsors**.

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Thank you **Ferguson Waterworks**, also returning as the Cart Sponsor, and thank you to **Milwaukee Tool** coming in as the Hodads Lunch Sponsor.

Please contact Rae Krushensky at the AGC with any questions: raek@agcsd.org



June 6 **AGC/EGCC SPRING GOLF - SOLD OUT**
June 8 - **TECH TABLE TALK - CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIES**
June 21 - **BASEBALL BASH @** Petco Park
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July 29 - **DAY AT THE RACES @** Del Mar Racetrack
August 5 - **AFFILIATE DAY GOLF @** Singing Hills

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The AGC offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day, which is a recognized holiday on prevailing wage projects in San Diego County.



AGC Weighs-in on Proposed Davis Bacon Update

Update from Clairborne Guy, AGC of America Employment Policy & Practices

AGC questions: (1) how the proposal's use of less data to determine prevailing wage rates improves the wage rate determination process; and (2) the legality of the proposal's expansion of "site of work" provisions that would include more off-the-jobsite workers under Davis-Bacon requirements.

On May 17, AGC of America weighed in on the Department of Labor's (DOL) Wage and Hour Division (WHD) proposal to significantly revise the regulations implementing the Davis-Bacon Act and Related Acts (DBRA). AGC recognizes the need for update and reform of the DBRA but views this proposal as a critically missed opportunity to improve the wage determination process and seriously questions the legal authority to expand coverage of the DBRA.

Changes to Prevailing Wage Determination Process

The 40-year awaited proposal reverts to the pre-1983 methodology for determining whether a wage rate is prevailing, also referred to as the "30 percent rule." The proposal appears to just make it easier on the WHD itself to set prevailing wages with less of the data it already collects, or lack thereof.

AGC holds that WHD's almost exclusive reliance on voluntary wage surveys to produce and update wage determinations has created a compensation system for DBRA covered construction that poorly reflects the construction labor market in many parts of the country. AGC recommended WHD should instead focus on how to collect more accurate data, instead of being able to rely on less, or even at times inappropriate data, to determine wages that are truly prevailing.

Expansion of DBRA Coverage

The rule also significantly revises its “site of work” provisions along with its survey data and wage determination collection and processes that would allow WHD to use a broader data set (geographically) than they currently utilize. AGC strongly questions the legality of the proposal’s expansions of coverage of DBRA requirements, as the association believes such an expansion requires a legislative change.

The site of work provisions have been settled through litigation for decades. And regulatory changes made in response to litigation have made application of the “site of work” and “adjacent or virtually adjacent” more consistent and predictable. Contractors understand the current site of work regulations and it appears to AGC that the DOL is trying to get around the litigation and excessively expand the definitions.

Additionally, AGC believes the current limitation of Davis-Bacon coverage to adjacent or virtually adjacent facilities imposed by previous court decisions does not need further elaboration and does not apply to “nearby” facilities.

AGC participated in several stakeholder and private meetings with the WHD prior to the NPRM’s release, provided extensive ideas of regulatory and statutory reforms of the DBRA, and will continue to work with the DOL as it moves to finalize the proposed changes.

For more information, contact AGCSD Staff [Dustin Steiner](#), Vice President Government & Industry Relations.

U.S. Department of Transportation Delays New Buy America Requirements for Construction Materials

The U.S. DOT has officially delayed expanded Buy America requirements to construction materials, but confusion remains as the Administration pushes to implement requirements without fully establishing the rules first.

On May 19, the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) announced a 180-day delay of the new Buy America requirements for construction materials included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The delay is effective May 14 through November 10. During this time period, U.S. DOT expects states, industry, and other partners to begin developing procedures to document compliance.

However, it is AGC’s understanding that the requirement for manufactured products to be made in the United States (of which the cost of the components of the manufactured product are mined, produced or manufactured in the U.S. is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of the manufactured product) will move forward and could be waived on a case-by-case, or through a general applicability waiver basis.

For example, Buy America requirements did not previously apply to manufactured products under federal funding through the Federal Highway Administration (unless there was iron or steel within any manufactured product components which would then have to meet Buy America requirements for iron and steel).

How exactly this works and its impacts on other modes (e.g., Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Rail Administration) is something the association is still working to determine. What makes this even more confusing is that there is little clarity as to what the difference between a manufactured product and a construction material is under the new requirements. This is something,

among many unclear items within these new requirements, the White House Office of Management and Budget is seeking information from the public on via RFI, on which AGC will provide comment.

AGC previously reported that U.S. DOT was considering this move and AGC of America voiced support of such move. When transportation contractors are still facing historic disruptions to the material supply chain, it is self-evident that more time and collaboration among industry partners is needed to meet these new requirements.

Here's what to know:

- On April 22, the White House Office of Management and Budget issued a memo directing all federal agencies to ensure that all “funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure” are covered by the new infrastructure law’s “Build America, Buy America” provisions by no later than May 14, 2022.
- In order to comply with this requirement, U.S. DOT has announced a transitional waiver which gives the department up to 180 days after May 14 to develop enforcement and compliance guidance on the new provisions.
- The Department states this waiver is “intended to... provide for strengthened enforcement over time” and “expect[s] states, industry, and other partners to begin the compliance process.”
- This new measure will expand the domestic preference law to include materials such as non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass), lumber, and more.
- During negotiations of the infrastructure legislation, AGC of America secured exemptions for concrete, asphalt, and aggregates from the definition of “construction materials.”

For more information, contact AGCSD staff [Mike McManus](#), Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations.



City of San Diego Revisits SLBE Program

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Last week, a City Council committee heard an update from city staff on the Small and Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program. The purpose of the update was to report on staff recommendations that address some of the findings from the 2020 City of San Diego Disparity Study. The recommendations

included 31 amendments to the San Diego Municipal Code.

The 2020 Disparity Study found that 31% of women and minority businesses in the city are “available” to participate in city contracts or procurements. AGC has disputed the study’s basis for determining availability in the past as overstated versus the reality we observe in the industry.

The study’s finding on availability is based on the notion that, relative to construction contracts, if a firm is a licensed contractor, then that firm is available to do city public works projects. Many of the firms the study counts as available do not have the technical ability,

financial standing, or bonding capacity to successfully participate in public works contracts for the City of San Diego or any other public works agency, so therefore they are not “available”, which is evidenced by the fact that they do not bid on or provide quotes for city construction projects.

However, the city staff have made some recommendations to amend the SLBE Program that we think will result in some forward progress in this area, over time. A few recommendations offered by city staff were:

- Develop a bonding assistance program. A substantial barrier to entering the public works project arena. This idea has been successfully implemented in agencies across the state. The city is benchmarking against those agencies’ programs
- Technical assistance program for small businesses. For example, not having the expertise to understand prevailing wage compliance is a common barrier to bidding on city work in construction.
- Growth monitoring-collecting data on the growth of women and minority owned businesses such as revenue, number of employees, number of projects so the city can evaluate the impact of the SLBE and related programs on the success of businesses in the programs.

The city staff is also recommending that projects less than \$1 million be set aside for SLBE’s or ELBE’s which is double the amount of the present set aside limits. They are also proposing that the CIP program consider “unbundling” of some projects to create an expanded minor program to help new contractors enter the public works arena at a reduced risk and resource level.

Part of the staff presentation also included expanding the resources for the Equal Opportunity Contracting Department which has been understaffed in providing monitoring and support services for helping to improve outcomes for minority and women contractors. Also, they estimated that the bonding and technical assistance programs would cost about \$800,000 per year. Likely, those financial requests will be made in the next budget proposal following council approval of these program amendments, which is expected next month.

Despite the Disparity Study’s recommendation to have a 31% “aspirational goal” for women and minority contractors participating in city contracts, the staff recommendation is to shoot for a much lower, and frankly doable “aspirational goal” of 20%. That in combination with organizing a stakeholder committee to advise the city on setting goal levels over time.

Two City Council members have stated that they want the staff to develop a race and gender conscious program despite prohibitions in state law and the city staff recommendation that such a program would be inappropriate at this time. This recommendation is based on Proposition 209.

Proposition 209 which was passed by California voters twenty years ago prohibits the use of race and gender-based goals in public contracting and education. The measure was affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in the City of Richmond v. J.A. Croson Co. case which effectively shut down the City of Richmond’s race based contracting program but provided some standards to base such a program on, under narrow circumstances. No agency in California has since successfully defended a race and gender based contracting program since the City of Richmond case.

Learn Steps to Protect Your Business from Cyberattacks - Join us June 8 for Tech Table Talk

Is your business safe from a cyberattack?

Cyberattacks are not only on the rise, but they also hit businesses every day. The broadness of the scope of illegal access and the sophistication and diversity of threats aimed at unauthorized information access have skyrocketed. Phishing, Malware, Ransomware, Password Breaches, Denial of Service Attacks – while around for some time, are now changing in design and growing in complexity. Methods for attacks have become more sophisticated and elusive, putting virtually every business at risk.

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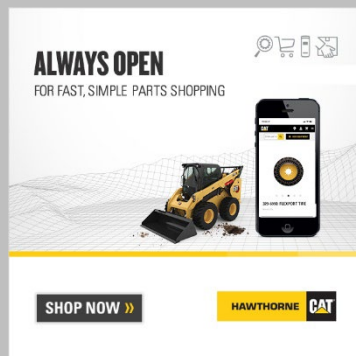
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Safety Huddle

Safety Week 2022 is in the books and was quite a busy week for most of our safety professionals. Between the safety summits, trainings and demonstrations, our focus remains on sending employees home at the end of their workday in the same or better condition than they were when they arrived to work. The May Safety Committee meeting was included during Safety Week and was beneficial to all in attendance!

May was also Mental Health Month. According to industry research, 1 in 5 construction workers struggle with anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. The statistics are staggering when looking at males up to 44 years of age. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in this age group. The AGC highlighted these issues and encouraged open conversations about mental health, addiction, and suicide, sharing resources for treatment and crisis intervention. Please note that the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline added a

way to text, chat, or call using a three-digit number – **988** – to make it easy to remember when needed. You can find a [comprehensive list](#) of resources for mental health, addiction recovery, and suicide prevention.

Our meeting this month included Guest Speaker **Jason Geifer** from *3M Fall Protection* who went over the ANSI standards update for the safety requirements for self-retracting devices and personal fall arrest and rescue systems. The standard was revised in 2021 and becomes effective on August 1, 2022. One of the notable changes is the SRL category designations with a focus on a separate classification for tying off below the dorsal D-ring, i.e. foot level. These devices will be labeled Class 2 and have an increased minimum tensile breaking strength an energy absorber and will include labels that illustrate a fall clearance table and diagram of axes.

These meetings continue to be one of the best forums for sharing safety practices, concerns, and solutions. Make sure to carve out time for next month's meeting on Wednesday, June 1. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Robin Scott at robin@agcsd.org. It's a great way to start the summer months that can sometimes be the most challenging in the safety arena.



30 Spots Left - AGC Day at the Races, July 29 at the Del Mar Racetrack

The Annual AGC Day at the Races event is scheduled for **Friday, July 29** at the Del Mar Racetrack.

We are back in the **II Palio Skyroom**, and although this is a large room, **this event will sell out quickly**. There are only **30 spots left so register today!**

Reserved tables are available for those who register for **8 guests or more**, otherwise this event is **“Open Seating.”**

The first post (race) is at 4:00 p.m., so the skybox will open at 3:00 p.m.

To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Special thanks to our “Title Sponsors” below whose support offers 2 drink tickets to each attendee:

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In addition, for 17 years Bill Haithcock, President of Casper Company, has provided a unique gift to each attendee. It is always something special and we're looking forward to seeing what it is this year!



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TECH CORNER - Worker Wearables Powered by Artificial Intelligence to Improve Worker Health and Safety and Construction Project Delivery

By Sanjay Pandya, P.E., Vice President

with Everguard.ai and AGC Construction Technology Committee Member

For years, the construction industry has been challenged with improving worker safety and project productivity. Furthermore, the 2020 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data indicates that the construction industry recorded the most workplace fatalities and is considered the most dangerous industry. This data also ranks the construction industry as the 6th most dangerous concerning non-fatal injuries. In addition to the dangers of injury and fatalities, it's reported that construction has experienced lagging productivity growth compared to other industries - approximately 1% over the past 20 years (*ref. 1*).

Labor shortage is a major challenge in the industry, with 41% of currently skilled laborers expected to retire by 2031 (*ref. 1*). This challenge is made greater by the younger workforce preferring less physically demanding jobs and the misconceptions of poor pay and difficult work in the industry. As a result, the pipeline of young adults ready to be molded into the next generation of skilled trade workers is quickly drying up. Given this phenomenon, it's more critical than ever to make every effort available to provide the tools and knowledge the construction industry needs to proactively protect and empower the skilled labor force from injuries or worse as they continue to deliver quality projects on time and within budget.

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Reference 1 - McKinsey & Company, June 2020 Report titled "The next normal in construction – How disruption is reshaping the world's largest ecosystem"

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Foundation for Women Warriors

By Marcy Knopman, Staff Liaison for AGC Build & Serve Committee

Thank you to our members who generously donated to **AGC's Build & Serve Charitable Alliance's Military Mom's and Baby Shower Drive**. Many companies collected and dropped off items at AGC member locations, or donated through the Foundation's Amazon Wish List link.

AGC supported our women military veterans and their babies by collecting various items such as robes, pajamas, lotions, spa items, yoga mats, etc., as well as baby items such as toys, diapers, and other essentials. AGC wanted to

ensure that these military moms received items for a bright beginning without the added financial stress and struggles of first time parents.

Thank you to the following member firms who volunteered their offices as a drop off location:

Atlas Technical Consultants
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June 6 at Bernardo Heights Country Club

There's still time to "Spring" for sponsorships in support of the AGC EGCC Spring Golf Tournament, benefiting the EGCA Scholarship Foundation.

Putting contest, beverage sponsors, and raffle prize sponsors still needed!

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Contractors Say: Highway Work Zones More Dangerous

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations



As we enter the days of summer 2022 after Memorial Day, we need to be mindful of the fact that the days and months ahead will be a busy travel season for people vacationing, and a busy time for road construction as most of the country has a summer construction season which is now in high gear. No matter where you go on our national highways you will run into a construction zone, that is guaranteed.

The important thing is to recognize when you are entering a work zone is to slow down and be alert because as we will see, many motorists are injured or killed in highway work zones, not to mention deaths and injuries of highway workers attributed to speeding motorists.

64% of highway contractors report that motor vehicles had crashed into their construction work zones during the past year, putting motorists and workers at risk, according to the results of a new highway work zone study conducted by the Associated General Contractors of America. In response, officials are urging drivers to slow down and remain alert while passing through work zones during the summer driving season.

As contractors know, the men and women of the construction industry are frequently working just a few feet, and sometimes inches, away from speeding vehicles. Drivers who are too often distracted, speeding, and/or under-the-influence crash into those work zones, putting workers and themselves at risk of serious harm and death.

According to the survey results, motorists are in even greater danger from highway work zone crashes than construction workers. 18% of contractors participating in the survey experienced crashes that resulted in injury to construction workers. But more than twice as many firms - 41% - reported experiencing a crash in which drivers or passengers were injured. That number jumps to 62% here in California.

Drivers and passengers also are twice as likely as construction workers to be killed in work zone crashes. 7% of contractors in the survey report that construction workers were killed

in work zone crashes, while 15% of survey respondents report drivers or passengers were killed in those crashes.

As we move out of the pandemic era, it should be noted that 97% of contractors report that highway work zones are either as dangerous, or more dangerous, than they were a year ago. Here in California, 100% of contractors surveyed reported work zones as dangerous, or more dangerous, versus a year ago. That figure is consistent with newly released federal data that reported motor vehicle fatalities rose to a 17-year high in 2021. Also, a phenomenon that started during the wide-open freeways of the pandemic shutdowns, has some drivers still recklessly exceeding 100 mph.

Highway construction firms are taking steps to improve work zone safety, through special training programs, new technology, and software. Public officials need to take steps to better protect highway work zones by boosting police presence and enacting tougher laws and penalties for drivers using their cell phones, for example.

DOTs across the country, like Caltrans, are taking affirmative steps to improve work zone safety. Through the Caltran's annual safety summit, things like including barrier vehicles into the contracts to protect workers, full-time safety officers on jobsites, and stand-off automated flagging devices, just to name a few initiatives, are being implemented at this time with more on the way.

AGC is urging motorists, particularly those heading out for summer vacations, to be careful when passing through highway work zones. SLOW DOWN AND PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN!

The work zone safety study was based on a nationwide survey of highway construction firms the association conducted this April and May. Over 500 contractors completed the survey. [Click here](#) to view the national survey results, and [here](#) to see the California survey results.

Learn Steps to Protect Your Business from Cyberattacks - Join us June 8 for Tech Table Talk

Is your business safe from a cyberattack?

Cyberattacks are not only on the rise, but they also hit businesses every day. The broadness of the scope of illegal access and the sophistication and diversity of threats aimed at unauthorized information access have skyrocketed. Phishing, Malware, Ransomware, Password Breaches, Denial of Service Attacks – while around for some time, are now changing in design and growing in complexity. Methods for attacks have become more sophisticated and elusive, putting virtually every business at risk.

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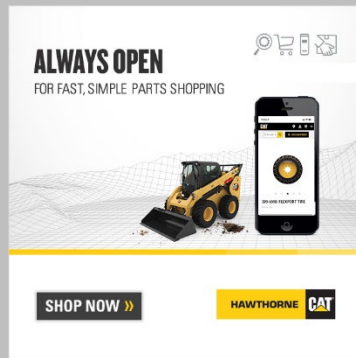
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