April/ May Activities

Prevailing Wage Issue—We continue to work on the prevailing wage issue on behalf of our Industry. The Dept. of Labor has everything they need from MaCAPA and we are waiting to hear back after they discuss the plan moving forward with the union representatives and the construction industry. I’m hopeful these meetings will go well and some positive changes will start to take place to help our Industry in this matter.

Guy Glodis and I have been busy educating and promoting our legislation (Bill 1966) with the people who are critical to it’s success. We’ve had meeting with both the Senator Thomas McGee and Representative Bill Straus. These two men chair the Transportation Committees on each side. The meetings went extremely well and I think we laid the groundwork necessary to generate support for the bill.

The Baystate Roads Program—The Concrete Training Class is up and running for the 2nd season! We have already had training and installation classes in Andover and Dalton Mass. Both classes were a great success. We have 90 minutes of classroom time where we go through the fundamentals of concrete. Then we go out to a prepared section of concrete sidewalk and we install the concrete with the help of 2 professional concrete finishers. The 15-20 DPW personnel learn how to place, joint, and curing the sidewalk during this segment of the training. They also learn about concrete field testing, thanks to Brian Barry of McInnis Cement, who has offered his time and talents during several of the training days. It’s always a great day and the feedback has been excellent. We have put over 100 DPW employees from 30 different towns and cities through the training class to date. We have other classes schedule for this year including the City of Boston. If your town of city in Mass or Rhode Island, would like us to schedule a concrete training class please let me know.

We have our summer social event at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket Rhode Island on July 22nd. The ticket price is $50 per person which includes a buffet dinner one hour before game time in the left field terrace are plus a box seat if you choose to leave the terrace area during the game. All family members are welcome so please include them if you

MassDOT Update

We continue to work with MassDOT on starting a concrete intersection program here in Massachusetts. We have identified several intersection candidates and are working on final selection. We are also working on pavement design and mix design parameters for these projects. I should have more information shortly.

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The MaCAPA Night at the Pawsox
McCoy Stadium
July 20th
$50 per person