

MACAPA UPDATE

September 2017

Summer / Fall Activities

Our Life Cycle Cost Bill # 1966—Guy Glodis and I have met with several members of the House and Senate Transportation Committees to explain Bill 1966 and educate them on the benefits on a competitive concrete/asphalt pavement program. The information was well received and well left all meetings with a good feeling about support for the Bill. I've organized a couple conference calls with the team we have assembled to speak at the hearing to be held this fall. The NRMCA and ACPA have been very supportive and will play a key role at the hearings. Anyone with ideas or input for these hearing please give me a call.

Rep. Bill Straus , Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, personally asked MaCAPA to support and attend a fundraising event for the Mass. Senate President Stan Rosenberg. The event is on Oct.3rd, I will send more details closer to the event. Please consider a contribution to the Senate President. The support of Rep. Bill Straus is critical to the success of our Bill moving forward.

The other big push this summer has focused around all the mid-rise wood structure fires here in Massachusetts. I have been reaching out to state legislators to inform and educate them on the history, current building codes and potential solutions to end this horrific type of construction. I've also met with some of the management team at the National Fire Protection Agency. It will be a challenge to get them to publically support building code changes but I will have a follow meeting with them about supporting our efforts. I have reached out to the Block, Precast and masonry associations and we will meet next week to discuss the possibility to pulling a group together to go after necessary changes through building codes or legislation together. John Loyer, Lobbyist from the NRMCA Build with Strength team, will be there to help the cause and share his experience in other states that have taken on the fight. John, Guy and I will also meet with Senator Mike Moore and the State Fire Marshall Peter Ostroskey to discuss the fire issue and understand his position with wood construction.

If you have any questions, input or would like to participate in any of our ongoing efforts please give me a call. I would appreciate the help in the efforts to improve and move our industry forward.

MassDot Update

Thanks to the great work of Ken Justice and Bill Cuerdon, we submitted our first concrete intersection design to MassDOT. I recently met with the new acting MHD Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, and he is a big believer in concrete intersection and has promised us more projects. Jonathan would like to select several more in central and western mass. to start.

MaCAPA West Golf Tournament

Please try participate in this great event!! Bring customers, clients, or co-workers

**Where: Chicopee
Country Club**

When: Sept.12th