

# MACAPA UPDATE

Summer 2020

## 2020 Activities

**MassDOT Sidewalk Spec** – Brain Barry and I have been working with UCANE, CIM, and the MassDOT Research & Materials group on the concrete sidewalk scaling issue over the past 18 months. We conducted a study last fall at the R&M facility in Hopkinton. The results played a valuable part in the development of a new MassDOT concrete sidewalk specification. The spec has been vetted by our Tech & Spec committee and Rich Mulcahy from MassDOT walked through the spec with our members earlier this summer. A copy has recently been forwarded to all members. This new spec will have a significant impact to correct scaling issue on future projects. Part of the new spec requires contractors personnel to go through the NRMCA Exterior Concrete Flatwork certification program. The certification will teach installers best practices for prep work, placement, finishing and protection as well as some material knowledge. The course would be valuable to anyone who is installing exterior flatwork. MaCAPA will conduct and administer the course for those who are interested. We will be planning classes for this fall in different areas of the state.

**Concrete intersections**—With the help of Luke McHugh and Bill Cuerdon, we submitted a concrete intersection design for a MassDOT project on rte.1 in Newburyport, MA. This looks to be a 2021 projects. The North Oxford and West Springfield/Holyoke projects are still going though permitting and final design.

**Advocacy** - The Mass legislation session is coming to an end for 2020. The legislative team (MaCAPA, NRMCA, Glodis Group and Tenax Strategies) did an enormous amount of work over the past 12 months on our Safe Building Materials legislation. With the budget, police reform and covid-19 discussion taking top priority to took our efforts as far as we could go for this session, given the climate. Thanks to all MaCAPA members who reached out to their legislators to make them aware of this important legislation and gain their support. Our bill is looked on positively with both senate and house leadership. This fall we will focus on strengthening our effort by continuing to increase the coalition and educating legislators. We will be ready to drop this bill again come January! The past years work will play a key role in moving the bill in 2021. Also our Life Cycle Cost bill for concrete pavement made it out of the transportation committee successfully again this session!

**MaCAPA 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament** – The deep sea fishing tournament was a great success for the 2nd straight year. We had a total of 7 boats and 35 participants. Everyone caught lots of fish! I was a great afternoon on the water! Thanks to all who took the time to participate!

### Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!!

**MaCAPA West Golf  
Tournament**

**September 22nd**

**Chicopee Country Club**

**More information to  
follow!!**

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***NRMCA Exterior  
Concrete Flatwork  
Certification Class***

**Location and Dates TBD**

**More information soon!**