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President Biden to Unveil Infrastructure Proposal



President Biden is expected to put forth his proposal for a multi-trillion investment in infrastructure on March 31. The proposal is expected to include significant investments in a broad range of construction projects including roads, bridges, public transit, airports, drinking water and wastewater, schools, renewable energy, broadband and more. In addition to physical infrastructure, the proposal is anticipated to include significant investments in "human infrastructure," including but not limited to free community colleges, universal pre-kindergarten and paid family leave. AGC welcomes sorely-needed public and private construction investment that can generate long-term benefits for our economy, communities and national security. However, AGC remains concerned about the possibility of unpredictable and impracticable federal requirements being attached to those investments that, in turn, could significantly diminish its buying power and cre ate barriers to full and open competition.

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Industry Research Consortium Requesting Information



Recently, CAWP partnered with the <u>Pitt IRISE program</u>, a research consortium housed in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department in Swanson School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh, in an effort to work on solutions covering worker safety, Virtual Reality training, and other industry topics.

The IRISE Research Center is currently conducting an evaluation of how to improve worker safety during pavement inspection operations under traffic conditions. They are requesting that respondents identify any known accidents or near misses that occurred in the last five years during pavement testing under traffic conditions. The accidents may involve a vehicle entering the work zone, a construction vehicle within the work zone conflicting with a person operating testing equipment, or from other causes.

Please respond to Dr. Mark Magalotti at mjm25@pitt.edu and cc: jasonk@cawp.org with a description of where and when the accident occurred. If you have any documentation such as a police or accident report, please also include that. Your participation in the study will help lead to safer working conditions during paving operations.

Work Zone Awareness Week - April 26-30



Our industry actively supports the National Work Zone Awareness Week and participates in outreach efforts to educate the traveling public about dangers of driving through work zones.

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), in its 21st year, is a national public awareness campaign that spreads the message that we are all responsible for work zone safety.

This year's NWZAW is April 26-30, 2021 with the theme of "Drive Safe. Work Safe. Save Lives."

How can you participate in work zone awareness week?

- 1. Hold a safety stand-down on Preventing Struck-By Incidents visit our <u>resource page</u> and stand-down <u>planning tools</u>.
- 2. Support "Go Orange Day" on Wednesday, April 28 by wearing orange. Spread the message of work zone safety with your friends, family and community and by liking, commenting and sharing on social media using the hashtags #CAWPWZSAFETY, #NWZAW and #GoOrange4Safety.
- 3. Display the 2021 NWZAW poster
- 4. Distribute the CAWP NWZAW flyer

Featured Professional Construction Leader Video -Having the Tough Conversation



Having the Tough Conversation gives field leaders the tools to have those important, necessary and uncomfortable discussions in the workplace. Being an effective leader requires having difficult conversations under difficult circumstances. For field leaders who are often working with friends or colleagues, this can be a big challenge. Performance problems, issues that are getting in the way of the job, personality conflicts, and the like all need to be addressed through having direct, frank and productive discussions. Having the tough conversations comes with the territory, and by doing so, it clears any obstacles out of the system that are standing in the way of getting the job done.

Take advantage of this and other videos in the Professional Construction Leader series, presented by Mark Breslin of Breslin Strategies – online at the CAWP Member Portal.

Professional Construction Leader Series

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