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# End of the 2019 Legislative Session



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The 2019 Legislative Session adjourned on Friday, May 17, with a significant number of Republican leadership priorities garnering full legislative approval from both the House and Senate. It is widely perceived that Governor Parson emerged as a clear winner from the Session, as all of his priorities gained approval, including a bridge construction program, workforce development training, General Motors incentives, and a consolation victory on low-income housing tax credits.

The House and Senate negotiated a “compromise” deal on a bonding program for bridge infrastructure construction, not all that different from the Governor’s introduced initiative. The details of the compromise are detailed below.

In addition, the Governor effectively tied his workforce development initiative to end of Session incentives for General Motor’s expansion of its Wentzville facility. The details of these incentives are also discussed below.

Governor Parson asked legislators to restore the state match for federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Although the House and Senate were unable to reach a compromise on the rate and failed to pass SB 28; Governor Parson has the ability to unilaterally re-implement the program. He has indicated a willingness to potentially restore the program.

The General Assembly also followed Alabama and Georgia’s lead and passed one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation. Governor Parson already signed the legislation into law on the Friday before Memorial Day.

And how did SITE perform this year...?!?! Find out on page 4.

# New Members

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# Retired SITE Member Luncheon



SITE Improvement Association would not have kept going for its 53<sup>rd</sup> year of operation were it not for the many contributions of Board members and regular members who volunteered their time and efforts in keeping the association moving forward. Every now and then, a group of the "senior SITE members", some of whom are retired or closing in on retirement, get together and talk about old times and new ones.

Recently, this group had lunch and reminisced about their service to SITE and discussed how the association was doing. Look closely in the photo and see how many of these individuals you recognize.

## ***Terry's Tidbits*** **Executive Director**

Do you think it will ever stop raining? Some people are thinking of building an ark, we have had so much rain. The amount of water in the area rivers and streams nearly got to the 1993 flood level, and for those of us around then, that was a major flood.

Unfortunately, for some of SITE's seed and sod contractors, the high water has nearly wiped out their construction season. As noted in the article on page 8, several of the sod farms located in river bottoms flooded when water either overtopped the levies or broke through them. Let's hope they can recover.

For the rest of you, the weather has just delayed about everything. Owners are calling wanting to know when their project can either start or be finished. With summer starting, perhaps things can dry out and work can get started. And, there seems to be a good amount of work out there for contractors this year.

Projections for the construction season that I have seen call for modest growth, maybe in the two to three percent range, for most construction fields. Some obviously may be better, like the public infrastructure category. Except for highway work, most of the utilities—water, wastewater and other sectors—should be up this season. Missouri American Water has a fairly ambitious replacement program to try and reduce the number of breaks that occur in its system during cold weather. MSD, as documented in the article on page 9, continues to be a mainstay of public construction work in the region.

If only we could get some highway work really moving! The Missouri General Assembly passed legislation to repair or replace more than 300 deficient bridges, but only if the state also receives a grant to replace the Interstate Highway 70 bridge spanning the Missouri River at Rocheport. That is an odd way to draft and then pass a bill (to make it contingent upon the state



receiving a federal grant), but that is the only way some state senators would support a bonding package for fixing these bridges, most of which are along rural state routes.

Legislators also restored funding for a 50/50 share program, whereby the state pays half the cost of a project and the local public bodies (counties or cities) pay the other half. A lot of work was financed this way in the past and, hopefully, some SITE contractors can win some of the bids for this work in the future.

Highway supporters welcome the work, but bemoan the fact there isn't more funding allocated toward transportation. Missouri's effort pales in comparison to the proposal put forth in Illinois where the state administration there hoped to jump start a six-year, \$41.5 billion state construction program to fix and build roads, bridges, mass transit, schools and other public works. It called for doubling the gas tax to 38 cents per gallon and vehicle registration fees for the newest cars to \$199 a year among a host of other funding options. Outside of the obvious monetary differences, the other factor to consider is that Illinois legislators can enact the revenue measures needed to fund the work. Meanwhile, in Missouri, voters would have to approve it.

SITE's annual golf tournament, our 39<sup>th</sup>, is coming up soon. I hope everyone can participate, whether as a player or just coming by for dinner. It is always a good time and a nice chance to catch up with people you don't always see.

Have a safe and prosperous summer!



# Legislative Report

By Chris Davis  
Director of Government Affairs



## How do you spell \$UCCE\$\$

If you spell it with dollar signs, in the form of increased transportation and infrastructure funding, then this spring's legislative session can only be viewed as a complete success for SITE. The 2019 Missouri Legislative Session adjourned on Friday, May 17, and many of SITE's priority issues, including the Governor's bridge initiative, were passed by both the House and Senate and on to the Governor.

It helps when your priorities are identical to the Governor's priorities. This year, SITE was truly blessed.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

The General Assembly passed a slightly modified version of the Governor's introduced bridge construction proposal. The legislation included in HB 4:

- \$100 million included in MODOT's budget
  - ◊ \$50 million for immediate repair in FY20 of 35 bridges
  - ◊ \$50 million general revenue for local 50/50 matching funds
- \$49.5 million in general funds for debt service on \$301 million in transportation bonds to be financed over seven years
- \$301 million for construction of 215 bridges

In addition, the Generally Assembly, on Friday, the

last day of session, passed SCR 14 (Schatz), a resolution authorizing MODOT to issue transportation bonds, not to exceed \$301 million for the construction of 215 bridges.

HOWEVER ... SCR 14 contains a provision that the issuance of the \$301 million in transportation bonds is contingent upon Missouri being granted a federal USDOT INFRA Grant for road and bridge construction (specifically for the construction of the Rocheport Bridge on I-70, west of Columbia). This contingency significantly affects the bridge program.

## GENERAL MOTORS EXPANSION

SITE supported the late session financial incentives for expansion of the General Motors factory in Wentzville. SB 68, sponsored by Senator Hough (R-Springfield), initially contained a \$10 million fast track program to enable adults to go back to college and retrain for high-demand technical jobs. Late in April, General Motors approached Governor Parson about investing more than \$1 billion in expanding the assembly plant in Wentzville and asking for incentives. Governor Parson structured a plan that could apply not only to the GM facility, but anywhere in the state of Missouri. Governor Parson included in SB 68 incentives of up to \$5 million per year for 10 years if General Motors invests \$750 million in the expansion. The \$50 million total incentives are split into two \$25 million triggers. The first \$25 million would be recognized by General Motors upon investing the first \$500 million in expansion. The second \$25 million in incentives would be activated upon the next \$250 million in expansion. Ultimately, SB 68 would be truly agreed to and finally passed after a 27-hour Senate filibuster, led by Senators Eigel and Onder, who actually represent the Wentzville facility.

This expansion proposal contains several road and bridge enhancements in the vicinity of the facility.



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## **SURETY BONDS**

SITE's primary legislative initiative also was successful. SB 167, sponsored by Senator Crawford (R-Benton) was finally agreed to and truly passed to the Governor. The legislation requires that a general contractor obtain a surety bond when performing privately financed construction on publicly owned land. This requirement provides a guaranty of payment to subcontractors performing work on the project. In these rare occurrences, the subcontractor does not have lien rights because the land is publicly owned, even though the improvements are privately developed. Therefore, passage of SB 167 was a significant victory for SITE, and our Construction Employers Coalition.

## **WORKSITE SAFETY**



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SITE supported Representative Aaron Griesheimer's (R-Washington) initiative to protect first responders, emergency personnel, and workers on a road construction site. HB 499 requires the Director of the Department of Revenue (DOR) to revoke a driver's license upon notification by a law enforcement officer that an individual was involved in a physical accident where his or her negligence contributed to his or her vehicle striking a worker in a construction zone. This legislation is a significant public safety measure for the employees of SITE members and was truly agreed to and finally passed to the Governor.

## **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

SITE was closely monitoring legislation that would provide protections for our members. Although it wasn't expected to pass, it was ultimately included in HB 355, sponsored by Representative

Plocher (R-Town and Country), and provides for enhanced criminal penalties for trespassing or damaging critical infrastructure in Missouri. A person commits the offense of willful trespass on a critical infrastructure facility if he or she willfully trespasses or enters property containing a critical infrastructure facility without permission. The offense of willful trespass on a critical infrastructure facility is a class B misdemeanor. If it is determined that the intent of the trespasser is to willfully damage, destroy, vandalize, deface, tamper with equipment, or impede or inhibit operations of the facility, the person shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

A person commits the offense of willful damage of a critical infrastructure facility if he or she willfully damages, destroys, vandalizes, defaces, or tampers with equipment in a critical infrastructure facility. The offense of damage of a critical infrastructure facility is a class D felony.

HB 355 includes "construction of" under the definition of a critical infrastructure facility, thereby protecting equipment and materials of SITE members on a jobsite.

## **COMPETITIVE BIDDING & REVERSE AUCTIONS**

There were several legislative measures introduced this year dealing with competitive bidding by various public entities. SITE was particularly monitoring HB 214, authorizing the Department of Administration to conduct reverse auctions on the purchase of merchandise, supplies, raw materials, or finished goods. Although the legislation did not specifically mention MODOT or "construction services" specifically, many SITE members were wary of the legislation. However, concerns expressed by SITE were not well received by legislators. Ultimately, substantially similar provisions were included in HB 1088, sponsored by Representative Houx (R-Warrensburg).

In HB 1088, the Office of Administration is authorized to hold reverse auctions for the purchase of merchandise, supplies, raw materials, or finished goods if price is the primary factor evaluating bids. Currently, when the commissioner determines that the use of competitive bidding is either not practicable or not advantageous to the



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state, he or she is not required to advertise or solicit a proposal on any purchase where the estimated expenditure is \$25,000 or more. The bill changes this to an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 or more.

Ultimately, it was a good year, all things considered.

Be well and do good!

## SITE Hosts Governor

SITE recently co-hosted a meeting with Missouri Governor Mike Parson in St. Louis. The meeting served as a "Thank You" to the governor for his unwavering support of public infrastructure funding during his first months in office.



Governor Parson, last year, led efforts to convince Missouri voters to gradually increase the state's fuel tax rate by 2.5 cents per gallon per year for four years, a total of 10 cents per gallon when fully implemented. Parson did this just after taking the top office in the state when previous governor, Eric Grietens, resigned.

Even though voters rejected the fuel tax increase, Parson still made infrastructure funding part of his 2019 legislative package. As noted earlier in this newsletter, the governor successfully steered a bridge bonding resolution through the legislature on the last day of session, despite some opposition from within his own party.

## May General Membership Meeting



Different perspectives on the recently concluded Missouri legislative session were presented at the recent SITE General Membership meeting. Senator Gina Walsh, Democrat from north St. Louis County and the Minority Caucus chairwoman, gave her viewpoints on how Democrats felt the session went. Meanwhile, freshman Republican State Representative Aaron Griesheimer from Washington, Mo, offered his viewpoints on the legislative session, both from a member of the majority party and as a freshman state representative.

Attendees enjoyed the frank discussion among the elected officials and found it nice to see how two legislators from opposing parties can get along and achieve some meaningful changes to state laws.





# SITE's 39th Annual Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars and arrange your foursome to tee off **Monday, August 19**, at one of the largest golfing events in the St. Louis area construction industry. Don't miss the opportunity to compete for the championships of Flight A, B or C, Closest to the Hole, Longest Drive, or Hole-in-One and enjoy SITE's "delicious" filet dinner and many excellent networking opportunities!

Reserve your foursome or sponsorship today by contacting SITE's office at (314) 966-2950, or email [leah@sitestl.org](mailto:leah@sitestl.org) for more information.



## Reservations:

### **LIMITED TO THE FIRST THREE HUNDRED GOFLERS.**

The tournament will be held on both courses of Norwood Hills Country Club. Early reservations are appreciated to ensure an adequate supply of gifts in the appropriate sizes. We ask that your reservation be made no later than **Friday, August 9**.

Special Offer - There will be no cost to your company for a non-state public official to participate. Public officials shall include elected, appointed or key decision makers. Such public officials shall be noted on the registration form.

Make checks payable to:

SITE Improvement Association  
2071 Exchange Dr.  
St. Charles, MO 63303

## Schedule:

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Registration & Lunch

11:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start ~ Scramble Format

4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Cocktails Open Bar

5:45 p.m.

Dinner & Awards Presentation

## \$245 Entry Fee for SITE Members Includes:

- Tournament Greens Fee, Cart, Practice Range & Locker Room Facilities
- All Contests & Skins
- Buffet Lunch
- Drink Stations at Various Places on the Course
- Cocktails & Awards Dinner featuring "delicious filets"
- Your payment for a foursome will be \$980 if registration with payment is received by Monday, July 29. After July, 29, cost is \$1,200 per foursome.
- **Non-SITE member entry fee is \$300 per golfer or \$1,200 per foursome**

## \$75 Fee for Non-Golfers Includes:

- Cocktails & Awards Dinner featuring "delicious filets"



# Register Today!

# 2019 Flooding Impacts SITE Members

SITE's Contractor Members, particularly in the Landscaping Division, have been hit hard with the recent flooding. A number of SITE's landscaping members who own sod farms near the Mississippi River have been under water for the last few weeks, losing most of their product. The pictures below were submitted by Greg Meyer with Shaefer Meyer Seed Sod Division 1. The pressure from the floodwaters broke a levee near the Highway 370 soccer fields and poured into Meyers' sod field nearby. The time lapse is roughly 3 hours. Greg Meyer mentioned the water barely breached the levee system around his sod farm but never broke the levees, noting that if the levee near his farm hadn't of failed, he would still have sod.



So what happens when a contractor has to fulfill contracts agreed to before the flood? You improvise. Meyer mentioned several options including trucking in sod, planting seed, or waiting till next year's sod harvest. With sod in such high demand, the price per yard has skyrocketed, leaving the flooded sod farmers in a bind.

The rain in general has left many site development jobs at a stand still. Contractors are concerned with how far behind they are on their projects and unsure how they will make it up with other jobs in the queue. The issue is only compounded with contractors experiencing issues with the Missouri One Call system and the lack of timely and accurate locates. SITE's office has been working with local utility companies to get these issues resolved with the locating companies, but with the contractor rush to complete projects, re-locate those sites, and to locate new job sites, there appear to be more issues with locates on the horizon.

## Networking Event



Wednesday, June 12  
4 P.M. - 7 P.M.



Harpo's Bar & Grill  
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# MSD CONTINUES AGGRESSIVE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN NEXT FISCAL YEAR

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Board of Trustees adopted a budget calling for expenses of more than \$684 million dollars in fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020). The spending plan continues MSD's aggressive capital spending program with more than 51 percent of proposed expenditures, \$351 million, going for engineering and construction of new improvements throughout the sewer district's service area.

"MSD has and continues to be a good source of work for the construction industry in metro St. Louis," said SITE Executive Director Terry Briggs. "From reviewing the district's plan of expenditures, it appears MSD's construction program will remain very strong for the next several years."

MSD plans on starting construction of 153 new projects in fiscal year 2020 and continuing work on another 18 projects started in previous fiscal years. The projects include both wastewater and stormwater construction as well as engineering work. The bulk of MSD work, however, is in the wastewater system where MSD agreed in 2011 to

a consent decree with the EPA to build more than \$4.7 billion worth of improvements during a 23-year period to minimize wastewater overflows to rivers and streams in the area.



To pay for future construction and continue to operate and maintain the existing wastewater system, MSD is proposing an adjustment to its revenues in fiscal year 2021 by a combination that includes issuing additional revenue bonds and increasing wastewater user charges to fund its operating and maintenance costs and pay for projects required under a consent decree with the federal Environmental Protection Agency and other regulatory mandates.

The rate increase would be implemented over four years beginning with the start of the 2021 fiscal year on July 1, 2020. The average single-family monthly bill is projected to increase \$7.79 from the end of fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2024. That's an average of about 3.3 percent each year. Average single-family monthly bills right now are in the mid-\$50 range and would go to the mid-\$60 range by 2024.

Most of MSD's proposed capital improvements will be to the wastewater sewer system since voters last April rejected a ballot issue to increase stormwater funding. That funding proposal, based on the amount impervious surface area on a parcel of ground, would have generated an estimated \$20 million per year for stormwater capital improvements. Sewer district officials have scheduled a series of public meetings during the next several months to solicit input from customers about how to fund stormwater services.





# Labor Update

By Jeremy Bennett  
Director of Labor Relations & Safety

## Upcoming Labor Management Meetings



SITE has scheduled Labor management meetings for late spring and summer with the Cement Masons, Operating Engineers, and Laborers unions. The purpose behind these labor management meetings is to continue discussion about market share, manpower, and competitiveness outside of collective bargaining.

Many SITE contractor members participate in the collective bargaining process by attending man-

agement-only meetings to discuss the upcoming contract expirations, usually to voice concerns about work rules, economics, liabilities, apprenticeship programs, and other issues impacting their business. If contractors cannot make those meetings, there are other opportunities to make an impact, such as these Labor management meetings. Contractors can meet the unions' business manager and agents in these forums, listen to conversations regarding manpower, upcoming projects, current issues, legislative matters and concerns with competitiveness.

Between contract expirations, there is plenty of groundwork laid to help the contract negotiations go smoothly for the next contract expiration. This comes in the form of working with SITE's union counterparts on almost anything you can think of, including handling grievances, working on joint initiatives, contract interpretation, manpower reports, improving health/welfare and pension funds, sharing industry data to prepare for workloads, navigating legislative matters, and so on. These are the avenues in which SITE and its contractor members are able to build a working rapport with the local unions.

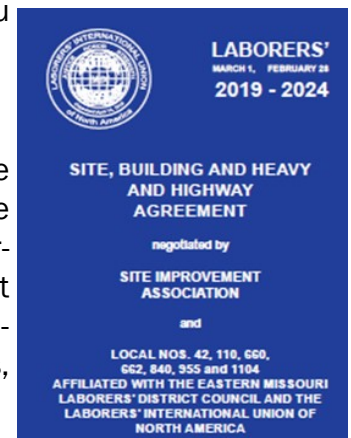
SITE met with the Cement Masons in late May, and next up is a meeting with the Operating Engineers on Monday, June 24. A meeting with the Laborers will be held in July. If any contractor members have an interest in attending these meetings, please contact me at the SITE office.

## Manpower Report

Currently the Cement Masons membership is 95 percent employed, Operators are 93 percent employed and Laborers are 90 percent employed. This means that when the rain FINALLY stops and jobs ramp up, there could be a slight labor shortage. I highly suggest taking on an apprentice. A good option is to call the apprenticeship training school for the various trades and let them know you are actively looking for one.

## Contract Booklets

SITE's contract booklets with the Eastern Missouri Laborers District Council are being reviewed currently before being sent to the printer, but are expected to be sent out to contractors in June. There have been changes with wages in Jefferson and Washington counties, which are reflected in the wage sheets sent out with a 5/7/19 revision printed at the top. There are also changes to the apprenticeship rates in those two counties. If you have any questions regarding wages, please contact me at the SITE office.







## *From the Safety Side*



June is National Safety Month

SITE is a true advocate of safety. We've expanded our services to include numerous training opportunities, raising awareness of the potential hazards in construction and at home. We encourage companies to take time this month to talk about your safety policies, share tip sheets with your employees, and make safety a priority. Below is an outline of National Safety Month. SITE will be sending out materials that correspond to each week.

As always, SITE has an Accident Prevention Manual for members that can be customized to fit your company's safety program. This manual is reviewed by SITE's safety committee and updated every three years or as needed.

### Week 1: Hazard Recognition

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>



### Week 2: Slips, Trips and Falls

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>



### Week 3: Fatigue

June 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>



### Week 4: Impairment

June 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>



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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed., June 12      **NETWORKING EVENT**

Harpo's Bar and Grill

Mon., August 19      **38TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER**

Norwood Hills Country Club

Wed., Sept. 11      **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - LUNCH**

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