



## CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ON 2021 CONSTRUCTION

So, what is in store for construction in 2021, especially in light of the continued outbreak of the coronavirus? If we had the answer to that question, we could all be rich. Unfortunately, there are a lot of unknowns. And, it is those unknowns that are keeping construction company owners and employees awake at night.

The coronavirus or Covid-19 or whatever you want to call it has been plaguing our nation now for almost six months. While some industries have been hit harder than others, i.e. the restaurant and lodging businesses, construction has fared fairly well during the pandemic. Through the work of many, including SITE staff, local and state officials declared construction an “essential activity” and thus exempted construction contractors from shutting down their operations.

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So while other employers laid people off or furloughed them, and those employees filed and received unemployment benefits, construction workers kept going. But for how much longer?

The impact of COVID-19 on state and local tax revenues will definitely come into play in 2021. In this current year, we have already seen a number of capital improvement projects cancelled. The last SITE newsletter highlighted the number of jobs cancelled by municipalities in just St. Louis County--more than \$16 million. Unless municipalities throughout the state see their sales tax revenues stabilize to levels they were before the pandemic began, these cities, along with counties, will cut back even further on the capital projects they can finance.

And sales tax revenues aren't the only source of funding in jeopardy. MoDOT has seen fuel tax revenues dropping since the beginning of COVID-19. Motorists traveled less, whether on business trips or vacations, and commercial trucking miles dropped as retail businesses and some manufacturing stopped their activities and thus the need for finished products or raw materials.

Can contractors--or for that matter any businesses or individuals--rely on the federal government to pass another coronavirus relief package? There are discussions now in Congress about a fifth such relief bill with a price tag of \$1 trillion to \$3 trillion depending upon whose version you want to support.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The 2020-2021 SITE Membership Directories have been mailed to all member companies. Should you need additional copies of the membership directory, please contact Leah at SITE's office.

SITE's Membership Directory is a quick and easy way to find contact information about members, as well as other helpful information.

You can also find a digital version of the Membership Directory on SITE's website, [www.sitestl.org](http://www.sitestl.org), under the Directory tab. This version is updated as new members are added and if there are changes to contact information.



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# TERRY'S TIDBITS

BY TERRY BRIGGS

The coronavirus outbreak has claimed another event, this one near and dear to our hearts. SITE's golf and executive committees have decided to cancel this year's golf tournament. The decision came after St. Louis County Executive Sam Page issued several new restrictions to attempt to lessen the spread of the virus in the county. The specific restriction that caused the cancellation of the tournament dealt with prohibiting gatherings of 50 people or more.

Our golf tournament has become so popular, we easily surpassed that number. In fact, we had 248 registered golfers signed up to play when the decision to pull the plug on the event was made. I can't say that it was not unexpected. With the rise in the number of reported cases and who knows how many unreported infections, the decision to cancel was the proper one to make for health and safety reasons. Still, it is hard to swallow!

Association members would like to thank the SITE Operating Engineers Negotiating Committee, along with SITE staff member Jeremy Bennett, for all the long hours and hard work they put into reaching an agreement with the Operating Engineers Local 513 on a new three-year contract. While neither side got exactly what they wanted (they never do), at least it kept contractors and operators working this year. See the recap of the agreement in the Labor Report.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to see in-person the job the Young Executives of SITE (YES) has done in transforming a rundown park in the city of Berkeley into a new attractive playground for neighborhood children. YES leadership decided last year to launch a fundraising drive to purchase new equipment and enhancements for Short Park on the Berkeley/Kinloch border in north St. Louis County.

SITE members were very generous not only with monetary contributions, but also giving of their time, supplies and equipment to transform the park into an attractive and safer setting for kids to play. SITE's Chris Davis helped to organize several work sessions at the park to get it into shape. While the photos

you see in this newsletter are nice, you really should try to get over to the intersection of Short and Jefferson and see for yourself. Nice job YES MEMBERS!

I read an article the other day highlighting the state of Illinois' new \$21.3 billion *Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan* under the administration of their new governor. I first wondered where in the world Illinois is going to come up with the money to pay for this. This is a state woefully behind in pension contributions for its workers and for a while several years back, couldn't pay its bills because the state legislature wouldn't adopt a new budget.

Illinois is paying for the improvements under this program over an extended period of time by a combination of fuel tax increases (started in 2019 by doubling the amount from .19 cents to .38 cents per gallon with an index tied to the Consumer Price Index for the state for future years), a variety of other vehicle related fees, registration, titles, etc., redirecting more of the sales tax on fuel to the road fund instead of the general fund, and an increase in the cigarette tax. All this was done by legislation, not a public vote.

The second thought I had after reading the article was at least the state was trying to move forward and address its transportation infrastructure needs. In Missouri, we struggle to even increase the fuel tax by two cents per gallon. And with the constitutional provision known as the Hancock Amendment, any substantial adjustment in the rate must be approved by a vote of the people.

The Illinois work may offer opportunities for contractors to "cross the river" and work in Illinois, if they can deal with Labor on the east side. Illinois plans to spend \$1.82 billion during the next six years on road and bridge projects in just the Metro East area of St. Louis. One of those projects is a new I-270 bridge spanning the Mississippi River.

If only we could convince the Missouri legislature and the residents of the state to approve a similar type plan for our state. It does not have to be as elaborate or as expensive as our neighbor to the east, but we need to get things moving again and create jobs and opportunities for all contractors.

That effort will likely start in 2021, and much depends upon who the voters elect to fill the various offices on the November 2020 ballot.

Stay Healthy and Safe!



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY CHRIS DAVIS

## PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS



The first of this year's big elections is now over. The August primary helped narrow the number of candidates down to those who will appear on the November general election ballot.

The big surprise, probably statewide, was First Congressional District Representative William "Lacy" Clay losing his primary fight with newcomer Cori Bush for the Democratic nomination. A Clay has served in that seat for more than 50 years. For Bush, this may be the first elective office she holds, provided she wins the November General Election, which she is expected to do.

Statewide, there were no real surprises as the favorites in the Republican or Democratic parties easily won their primaries:



## REPUBLICANS VERSUS DEMOCRATS

RACES IN THE MO NOVEMBER ELECTION

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Except as noted left in the Clay race, Missouri's incumbent Congressmen and women also won their primaries. The most competitive race will likely be in the Second Congressional District in St. Louis and St. Charles counties, where incumbent Ann Wanger (R) faces state senator Jill Schupp (D). All other incumbents are likely to win the November general election as well.

The only other statewide issue attracting significant attention was the proposal to expand the federal Medicaid program to more residents. The measure passed 53 to 47 percent. More residents may begin qualifying for the program, which helps pay for medical expenses starting next July.

For those living or working in St. Louis County, the big race was the Democratic primary for county executive. Three viable candidates were competing for the office, with incumbent Sam Page coming out on top. He will face token opposition from the Republican candidate Paul Berry in November.

If you thought the ads were bad or way too numerous in the August primary election, just wait until November! Members are encouraged to always inform themselves on the candidates and issues presented on the ballot. You never know when someone or an issue may impact you and your business.

## **PARSON CALLS SPECIAL SESSION ON VIOLENT CRIME, THEN EXPANDS THE SCOPE**

In response to violence in St. Louis and Kansas City this summer, Governor Mike Parson called a Special Session of the Legislature. The July 15 announcement called for the Legislature to convene in Jefferson City on July 27, 2020, to address violent crime in Missouri's two largest cities. The announcement drew rebuke from legislators, even

from within the Governor's own political party. The Governor was calling legislators away from their constituents two weeks prior to primary election day. It wasn't a popular decision.

In fact, the House of Representatives convened for mere minutes before adjourning until August 5, the day after the primary election. The Senate, on the other hand, spent a few days in Jefferson City to debate and pass legislation to enhance public safety. SB 1 included provisions to charge certain minors as adults for unlawful use of a weapon and armed criminal action. The legislation increased penalties for endangering the welfare minor by encouraging or coercing a minor to participate in criminal activity in addition to transferring or providing a minor with a weapon without the permission of the parent or guardian. SB 1 creates a Witness Protection Fund to encourage cooperation with investigations of violent crime. In addition, the legislation removes residency requirements for Metropolitan St. Louis Police officers. SB 1 passed the Senate by a vote of 27-3, with all three African American members of the Senate voting "NO."

The House of Representatives convened on Wednesday, August 5, following the primary election. The House was in process of debating SB 1 when Governor Parson announced on August 10 an expanded scope of the Special Session to enable the Attorney General to prosecute certain homicide cases in the city of St. Louis. The expanded scope would provide authority for the Attorney General to prosecute homicides if the St. Louis City prosecutor has failed to file charges after 90 days and local law enforcement requests prosecution from the Attorney General.

Governor Parson has clearly pivoted from being "laser focused on infrastructure and workforce development" to defining himself as the "Law and Order" Governor headed into the November general elections. Stay tuned....



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## FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL YET TO PASS CONGRESS

Congress has until September 30 to either approve a new surface transportation bill to replace the current one or pass a continuing resolution keeping funding levels and current provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act in place for another year. Chances are stronger that Congress will use the continuing resolution as a means of keeping federal funding flowing for highway work.






Nearly every project bid by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is financed in part through federal dollars authorized under the FAST Act. The share is usually 80 percent federal funding matched with 20 percent state or local dollars. This being an election year, Congress won't let the transportation funding program die. Rather, legislators are likely just to approve a resolution to keep it going; something like kicking the can down the road.

The House passed a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package in July containing nearly \$500 billion for highway work over a five-year period,



but the Senate leadership has indicated no plans to take the House-passed bill. The House-approved measure for the surface transportation included:

-  **\$319 billion** for the Federal Highway Administration (roads & bridges)
-  **\$105 billion** for the Federal Transit Administration
-  **\$60 billion** for the Federal Railroad Administration, including **\$29 billion** for Amtrak

Congress has had a hard time passing major infrastructure legislation in recent years. Both Republicans and Democrats agree on the need



for such a bill, but there are deep divides on how to pay for it and where its priorities should be. The federal highway trust fund (HTF), where federal fuel tax receipts are deposited, is running out of money to fund roadwork.



To date, neither the House nor the Senate proposal includes a way to pay for projected shortfalls in revenue from the HTF, which is predicted to be insolvent as early as 2021. At least \$140 billion in additional revenue sources would need to be identified to fund the INVEST in America Act. The federal fuel tax has not been raised in 27 years (sounds familiar to Missouri), and the amount of revenue generated cannot keep up with the cost to build improvements.

A long-term, five-year surface transportation bill is preferred, as it gives state and local authorities some certainty in knowing how much federal money will be available for their projects.

Now that the August primary election is over, look for Congress to reconvene and develop at least a continuing resolution to be drafted and approved before the federal legislature adjourns and returns to their home states to campaign for the November election.



Thursday, October 8 | 1:30 pm

# CLAY BIRD SHOOT



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## SHORT PARK CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED GRAND OPENING POSTPONED

Young Executives of SITE (YES) put the finishing touches on Short Park in mid-August, wrapping up construction on the project. YES broke ground on Short Park on Saturday, May 30. After a little over two months and considerable efforts and significant donations from SITE member contractors and Union counterparts, this project is coming to fruition. Unfortunately, COVID-related restrictions and an abundance of caution caused an indefinite delay to an official Grand Opening ceremony and community event. YES and SITE staff had coordinated with the city of Berkeley to host an official ribbon



cutting, previously scheduled for Friday, August 7. YES had planned for an ice cream truck to provide the community with free ice cream and a Bubble Bus to provide entertainment for the kids.

YES still plans to host the Berkeley community for an event commemorating the new Short Park when safe to do so.

Thank you to ALL of SITE's members who generously donated time, materials, labor, services, and financial contributions to this outstanding project.

## SITE'S 2020 GOLF TOURNAMENT FALLS VICTIM TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Scenes like the ones in these pictures won't be happening this year! The SITE Executive Committee and Golf Committee members both agreed to cancel this year's (2020) golf tournament in light of the coronavirus and new restrictions on the size of gatherings in St. Louis County. St. Louis County Executive Sam Page, in an effort to stem the growing number of virus cases being reported in the county, has restricted the number of individuals who can gather in one place to 50 starting July 31 and lasting until the end of August.



As you can see from these photos, SITE's golf tournament would be out of compliance with the county health order. In fact, for the last two years straight, SITE has had 300 golfers register to play in the event, the maximum allowed.

"While we all hate not to have the tournament this year, it was probably the right thing to do," said SITE Executive Director Terry Briggs. "For the health and safety of members, along with the county restrictions, the committee members made the right decision."

So while SITE would have been celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the golf tournament this year, we can put off the celebration until 2021 and make it an even better event then.





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The logo for Wieser Concrete features the word "WIESER" in large, bold, red capital letters, followed by "CONCRETE" in smaller, bold, blue capital letters. The text is set against a white background with a blue border. Below the logo, the address "4419 Wagon Wheel Road" and "Roxana, IL 62084" are listed. To the right, contact information is provided: "Office (618) 251-9210", "Mobile (715) 577-9548", and "Fax (618) 251-9211". At the bottom, the name "Drew Wieser" is prominently displayed in red, with "General Manager" in blue below it. The NPCA (National Precast Concrete Association) logo is shown in the bottom left and right corners, consisting of a stylized yellow and blue triangle above the text "NPCA" and "CERTIFIED PRECAST". The tagline "Where Quality is a Standard, Not an Extra." is written in a red, italicized font at the very bottom.

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The image shows a large, white, single-story commercial building with a flat roof and a central entrance featuring a small awning and a sign that reads "3051". Two dark-colored cars are parked in front of the building. To the left of the building is the Tramar logo, a stylized red triangle with a white 'A' inside. Below the building image is the company name "TRAMAR CONTRACTING, INC." in large, bold, red letters.

The image shows a business card for Vermeer Midwest. On the left is the Vermeer logo, which consists of a stylized green 'V' with a white swoosh inside, followed by the word 'Vermeer' in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, and 'Midwest' in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font below it. To the right of the logo is a vertical line, followed by the text 'EQUIPPED TO DO MORE.™' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the name 'Chad Van Soelen' is printed in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, with 'General Manager' in a smaller, regular, black sans-serif font underneath. Further down, the contact information is listed: 'Office: (636) 532-2332', 'Fax: (636) 532-8016', and 'Mobile: (314) 660-5192'. At the bottom, the email address 'chad.vansoelen@vermeermidwest.com' is printed in a regular, black, sans-serif font. The entire card has a white background with a thin black border.



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The image shows a yellow business card for NTS National Trench Safety. On the left is the NTS logo, which consists of a black shield with a yellow border and the letters 'NTS' in white. To the right of the logo, the text 'NATIONAL TRENCH SAFETY' is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the name 'Dee Deslatte' is printed in a large, bold, black font. Underneath the name, 'Branch Sales Manager' is written in a smaller, black font. A horizontal line separates the name and title from the contact information. The contact information includes 'Cell: 314-910-0067' and 'Email: DeeDeslatte@ntsafety.com', both in black font. At the bottom of the card, the text '“THE TRENCH & TRAFFIC SAFETY SPECIALIST”' is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters, followed by 'RENTALS • SALES • SERVICE • TRAINING' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

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## SITE BOARD ELECTIONS

Interested in becoming a member of SITE's board of directors? The process starts in September when those interested in serving on the board are required to seek someone to nominate them or they can nominate themselves to serve on the board. Following the receipt of nominations, a ballot is drafted and sent to contractors in each of the construction divisions with voting in October.

Each of SITE's seven construction divisions, Asphalt Paving, Concrete, Earthmoving, Highway and Bridge, Landscaping, Sewer/Utility and Specialty, have two representatives on the board of directors. The terms of office are two years, with a limit of three consecutive terms (six years). Terms are staggered so that one seat is voted upon each year.

Only companies within the contractor division are allowed to vote for the candidate representing their division. For example, concrete contractors vote

only for the director in the concrete division. Each company in good standing and having paid in full their membership dues is allowed one vote in the election. If a tie occurs, a second ballot is mailed to contractors for another vote.

The Associate Division is handled much the same way, except Associate Division directors are limited to only two terms. A nominating committee, consisting of the association president, immediate past president and other association division director not standing for election, develops the ballot based on nominations submitted. If no nominees are submitted, the committee recruits candidates to seek the office.

Directors elected this year begin serving on the board January 2021.

Watch for more details e-mailed from SITE staff in September!

## HELP FOR THOSE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DURING COVID-19

The St. Louis Construction Forum, which sponsors presentations on various topics related to the construction industry, has developed a resource of video and printed stories/articles designed to help construction families weather the coronavirus storm and its impact on their lives. Working with medical experts from the Washington University School of Medicine and consulting with the St. Louis Building Trades, other unions and contractors, the Forum developed a number of resources.

The Forum has produced a **resource directory site**, [www.TellMeHowSTL.com](http://www.TellMeHowSTL.com), around our theme: "Tell Me How You're Doing...". It has more than 400 links, videos, and PDFs, including eight videos on isolation, stress and suicide, families in COVID times, substance misuse and other topics.

All this was made possible from a grant the Construction Forum received from the St. Louis Community Foundation to ease the mental health stress potentially created by COVID-19.

If you know of anyone, regardless if they are an employee in your company or not, who might benefit from these resources, please share it with them.

SITE is also a sponsor of the Construction Forum year-round.



# LABOR REPORT

BY JEREMY BENNETT

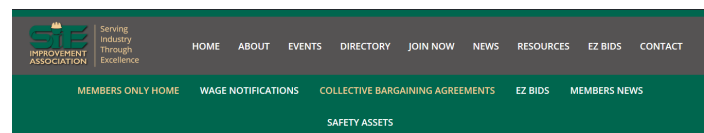
## SITE – OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 513 CONTRACT SETTLED

What a whirlwind it has been with the 513 contract negotiations--certainly one that I will never forget. The onset of COVID-19 presented the challenge of bargaining in person, which ultimately led labor and management to a contract extension. As restrictions were easing a bit, both sides felt pressure to get back to the table. I cannot remember a time when both sides were negotiating when to negotiate a contract! Amongst all the uncertainty, business closures and group size restrictions, SITE and Local 513 found their way back to the table in early June in hopes of reaching an agreement. SITE's negotiating committee did a very nice job of advocating for the contractors, pushing for greater flexibility and more productive work rules. After 30 plus hours of face-to-face meetings (socially distanced of course!), it was apparent both sides were still far apart. After the union's membership voted down the contract, the possibility of a strike loomed ahead. Eventually both sides compromised a little more than they wanted and a new agreement was reached.

One of the new changes to the agreement is the ability to hire an individual as a pre-apprentice while they wait for Operator's school to begin. This issue has been at the forefront for years and a burden for our contractors. Often contractors have skilled individuals that want to work for them, but don't want to wait 12-18 months for school to start. These individuals may be lost to other industries or competitors, which breeds lost opportuni-

ties for SITE members. This change will allow these individuals to work for the contractor at the first-term apprentice rate while they wait for their name to be called for school. Of course there are apprentices that go through the school voluntarily and hope contractors will give them a shot, so SITE does encourage contractors to employ current apprentices. But if you know there's a potential candidate leaving high school, this may be the opportunity for the employer to capture some talent.

## CONTRACT AND WAGE INFORMATION



### Collective Bargaining Agreements

#### Laborers

SITE - LABORERS: SITE, BUILDING, HEAVY/HWY AGREEMENT
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SITE's new website will contain updated contracts and wage information for members to download at their convenience. In order to log in, please contact [Leah@sitestl.org](mailto:Leah@sitestl.org) for a username and password, and she will provide members access into the labor resources portion of the website.

## WORK HOURS REPORT

Hours across the basic trades for the past six months have been relatively flat, partly due to the wet spring and COVID-19 related delays. We expect year end hours to surpass 2019 as we get into the third and fourth quarters.





# FROM THE SAFETY SIDE

## SAFETY FIRST

SITE's OSHA Partnership group received high praise from OSHA as it completed its 2020 fiscal year on July 1. The partnership recorded less incidents in 2020 than 2019 while its work hours increased more than 25 percent! Congrats to the following members for their dedicated attention to safety: Budrovich Excavating, Collins & Hermann, Concrete Strategies, Drilling Service Company, Hoette Concrete Construction, Karrenbrock Excavating, Kelpo Contracting, Millstone Weber, N.B. West Contracting, Platin Creek Excavating, Premier Demolition, Thomas Industrial Coatings, and TraMar Contracting.

The partnership meets with OSHA reps on a quarterly basis to discuss safety in the workplace. If your company would like more info on the partnership, please contact Jeremy Bennett at SITE's office.



## WATER. REST. SHADE: WORKING IN THE HEAT





OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention campaign educates employers and workers on the dangers of working in the heat. Through training sessions, outreach events, informational sessions, publications, social media messaging and media appearances, millions of workers and employers have learned how to protect workers from heat. Our safety message comes down to three key words: **Water. Rest. Shade.**

### DANGERS OF WORKING IN THE HEAT

Every year, dozens of workers die and thousands more become ill while working in extreme heat or humid conditions. There are a range of heat illnesses and they can affect anyone, regardless of age or physical condition.

### EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT WORKERS

Under OSHA law, employers are responsible for providing workplaces free of known safety hazards. This includes protecting workers from extreme heat. An employer with workers exposed to high temperatures should establish a complete heat illness prevention program.

-  Provide workers with water, rest and shade.
-  Allow new or returning workers to gradually increase workloads and take more frequent breaks as they acclimate or build a tolerance for working in the heat.
-  Plan for emergencies and train workers on prevention.
-  Monitor workers for signs of illness.

[OSHA's Occupational Exposure to Heat page](#) explains what employers can do to keep workers safe and what workers need to know, including factors for heat illness, adapting to working in indoor and outdoor heat, protecting workers, recognizing symptoms, and first aid training. The page also includes resources for specific industries and OSHA workplace standards. Also look for heat illness educational and training materials on our [Publications page](#).

Source: OSHA.gov



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## 2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Due to COVID-19, all SITE events have been canceled through the end of September.**

Thurs., October 8

**CLAY BIRD SHOOT**

Black Hawk Valley

Tues., November 10

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Syberg's on Dorsett (Lunch Meeting)

Thurs., December 10

**HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR**

Bogey Hills Country Club

**Visit [sitestl.org](http://sitestl.org) for more upcoming events**