



2026 INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE EXPO

SITE hosted its tenth annual Investment in Infrastructure Expo at the St. Charles Convention Center on February 24, 2026. The 2026 expo drew more than 900 attendees from across all areas of the construction industry from the St. Louis metro area and beyond.

Thank you to the more than 35 public and private project presenters, sponsoring companies, equipment dealers, contractors, and industry professionals who attended the event for making this the BEST EXPO in the region. SITE is already looking forward to next year.

All the capital improvement presentations are available to view on SITE's website. Click the resources tab on the home page and look for the [2026 Expo Presentations link](#). From there you'll be able to check out anything you may have missed. You can also find a link to view all the photos from the event. Check out a few photos on page 6.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As the new year gets underway, SITE continues to grow, with 14 new membership applications already received. The renewal rate for 2026 membership dues currently stands at 75%, and renewal notices were due by March 2.

If you are unsure whether your membership dues have been paid or if you have not received an invoice, please contact Leah at leah@sitestl.org or Rhonda at rhonda@sitestl.org, or call the SITE office at 314-966-2950.

To those members who have already renewed, we sincerely thank you for your continued support. If you have not yet renewed, there is still time! SITE is a strong and thriving organization because of the commitment of its members, and we truly value your continued involvement. Please take a moment to renew your membership today.

A strong membership is vital for the SUCCESS of our Association.

Thank you for your continued support.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

JEREMY BENNETT

Happy 60th Anniversary to SITE Improvement Association!

For 60 years, SITE has worked hard to develop competitive union contracts, members' advocacy in the state capitol, safety and technical training, first-class networking events and so much more. I look back at the foundation of how this organization was built, and it developed from like-minded business owners who had commonalities that also extended beyond the construction industry. Relationships were formed, which for many turned into friendships, and the groups of subcontractors and prime contractors who joined over the years found greater purpose in the organization.

The organization has been extremely fortunate to have had wonderful employees carrying out the mission and directives from the board. Past employees Executive Director Jay Schultehehenrich, Terry Briggs, and Aaron Griesheimer, along your current SITE team Leah Behlmann, Rhonda Wilson, Burnea Lester and Kevin McMullin have all worked very hard to make sure members are heard and the needs are fulfilled.

The headquarters of SITE has moved around a bit. In the late '80s the organization opened its first office about the size of a small closet. Over the years, the organization grew, moved and rented office space, eventually ending with the current administration building in St. Charles and the Training and Leadership Center across the parking lot.

The Board of SITE has been the constant fuel for the engine. Over the years, the organization appointed hard-working directors and presidents representing the construction industry's best interests. The organization would not be where it is today without the board of directors' clear focus.

I'm proud to see the growth, the transitions and the appreciation our members have for the construction industry. It is truly unmatched. We are certainly celebrating this anniversary hard this year! SITE is off and running hard out of the gates in 2026 already with labor negotiations, the legislative

session, events, training, programming and more.

This year, take advantage of what your Association offers. You'll see what you've been missing out on.

Could your son or daughter benefit from a \$5,000 scholarship?



SITE Advancement Foundation will provide up to six \$5,000 scholarships for the 2026/27 school year.

Applications are now available!
Visit sitestl.org for Eligibility Rules, Application Process and 2026 Scholarship Application.

Requirements:

- Must be a son/daughter or step son/step daughter of a full-time employee of a SITE member
- At time of application, must be at least a high school senior
- Must pledge to use any money awarded towards undergraduate college studies/trade school
- Must be a full time student carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours

Accepting applications now through March 27, 2026



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY KEVIN McMULLIN

Missouri's 2026 legislative session has moved quickly from ceremony to substance. Committee rooms are active, calendars are tightening, and major fiscal and policy decisions are taking shape earlier than in recent years. In that environment, SITE has remained disciplined and focused on the issues that most directly shape the operating environment for SITE members: **Private Prompt Pay, Contractor Sovereign Immunity, Utility Relocation Reimbursement, and MoDOT funding stability.** These are not abstract policy debates. They define payment certainty, liability exposure, and long term infrastructure capacity across the state.

PRIVATE PROMPT PAY

Positioned Early. Moving Deliberately.

Private Prompt Pay entered this session stronger than at any point in recent years. For the first time in multiple sessions, SITE began with legislation pre-filed in both chambers and sponsors with firsthand construction experience.

In the Senate, **SB 1452**, filed by Travis Fitzwater, received a formal hearing before the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety Committee in February. In the House, **HB 1915**, filed by David Casteel, received its initial hearing before the House Economic Development Committee.

Both hearings occurred earlier in the calendar than in prior sessions. That timing matters. Early consideration creates room for refinement, negotiation, and alignment before end-of-session compression limits options.

SITE testified in strong support in both chambers, emphasizing that delayed payment in private construction directly affects payroll stability, bonding capacity, supplier relationships and bid pricing. Contractors routinely finance projects while waiting on downstream payment. Predictability is operational stability.

Support testimony included allied construction organizations. Opposition testimony focused on con-



tract administration structure and implementation mechanics. Negotiations remain active, and language continues to be refined. **Prompt Pay is active legislation with real movement and a credible path forward.**

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Protecting Predictability in State-Directed Work



If Prompt Pay addresses financial stability, Sovereign Immunity addresses **liability stability.**

SB 916, sponsored by Jamie Burger, and companion House legislation seek to clarify protections for contractors performing work under contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation.

The principle is straightforward. Contractors executing MoDOT-directed work in accordance with state-approved plans and specifications should operate within a predictable liability framework aligned with the state when acting within the scope of that work.

During February, SB 916 advanced through Senate General Laws with substitute language discussions. The House companion was heard before the House Transportation Committee, where SITE testified in support.

For heavy civil contractors, liability standards directly influence insurance markets, bid volatility and

project risk allocation. When exposure is uncertain, premiums increase and risk pricing rises. Clear allocation reduces volatility, strengthens competition and protects taxpayer dollars. SITE continues direct engagement to ensure contractor protections are tied to faithful execution of state-directed plans rather than independent negligent conduct.

UTILITY RELOCATION REIMBURSEMENT Defending the State Road Fund

Among the most fiscally consequential transportation proposals under consideration are HB 2155 and SB 1065. These measures would require MoDOT, counties and municipalities to reimburse certain non-rate-regulated utilities for relocation costs associated with roadway and right-of-way projects.

SITE has testified in opposition. The issue is not coordination, which remains essential to project delivery. The issue is cost shifting into an already constrained State Road Fund as well as to local municipalities. Fiscal projections associated with the proposal indicate significant annual impacts upward of \$50 million annually to MoDOT. In a tightening revenue environment, diverting transportation dollars away from roads and bridges reduces statewide project capacity.

This debate ultimately centers on whether transportation resources remain dedicated to transportation outcomes on state and local levels. SITE continues to work directly with sponsors and stakeholders to protect funding integrity while advocating for practical solutions that do not erode infrastructure investment.

MoDOT BUDGET AND FISCAL CLIMATE Stability Under Scrutiny

Budget discussions accelerated following the January 13 State of the State Address delivered by Mike Kehoe. The Governor signaled a disciplined fiscal posture as Missouri transitions into a more restrained revenue environment.

Both the House Budget Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee moved quickly into detailed hearings. For SITE members, the central concern remains continuity and stability within the MoDOT construction and maintenance programs.



HB 2004 and HB 2014 form the foundation of transportation appropriations discussions, including supplemental funding necessary to maintain continuity within the current fiscal year. Lawmakers have pressed agency officials on staffing levels, project delivery capacity and long-term sustainability.

Transportation funding stability directly affects letting schedules, workforce planning, equipment utilization and payment timing. In a constrained fiscal environment, clarity and predictability in transportation appropriations are essential to maintaining program strength.

THE ENVIRONMENT AHEAD Focused. Disciplined. Engaged.

The legislative environment remains crowded and competitive. Major tax restructuring proposals, election law revisions, and regulatory initiatives continue to move through committees. In this setting, early momentum is decisive.

Private Prompt Pay must advance while committee space remains available. Sovereign Immunity must be clarified before liability costs escalate further. Utility relocation reimbursement must be addressed before funding diversion becomes embedded policy. MoDOT appropriations must remain stable as budget pressures intensify.

January and February established direction and momentum. The coming weeks will determine outcomes. SITE remains present, engaged, and disciplined in advancing policies that protect payment certainty, liability clarity and infrastructure funding stability for SITE members.



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2026 MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

From January 31 to February 7, 36 SITE members traded the St. Louis winter for the sunny shores of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, during the 40th Annual Management Seminar Trip held at the brand-new UNICO 20°105° Hotel Riviera Nayarit.

While no one wants a crisis, every leader should be ready for one. Todd Morgano of Zero-G led the two-day seminars on “Crisis Management for the Construction Industry.” He discussed these key ideas:

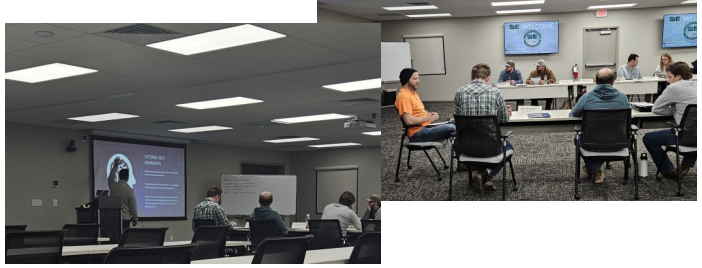
- Understand common crisis scenarios in the construction industry
- Identify the insurance coverage needed for crisis situations
- Develop an effective crisis communication team and plan
- Manage internal, external and media communications during a crisis
- Learn from real construction industry case studies
- Implement post-crisis recovery and reputation rebuilding strategies

Attendees enjoyed the informative seminars, resort amenities, networking with fellow SITE members, golf and an up close and personal experience to observe a sea turtle come to shore and lay her eggs!

A big thank you to the Management Seminars Committee for planning another successful trip. Stay tuned for details on the 2027 adventure!



CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE



SITE’s Construction Leadership Certificate officially launched its newest cohort on March 3 at the SITE Training & Leadership Center, and the class filled quickly, selling out ahead of the start date. The program continues to gain momentum as contractors across the region recognize the need to invest in leadership development within their organizations.

The Construction Leadership Certificate is a collaboration between SITE Improvement Association and the University of Missouri–St. Louis Ed G. Smith College of Business, combining academic rigor with practical construction industry expertise. The program is designed to equip emerging and experienced professionals with the tools needed to lead confidently in a rapidly evolving industry.

Participants move through a structured leadership pathway that focuses on Leading Self, Leading Others, Leading Teams, and Leading Organizations. Throughout the program, attendees explore strategies to strengthen company culture, improve employee retention, and build high-trust, high-performance teams.

The curriculum also addresses real-world operational challenges contractors face every day. Topics include managing labor dynamics, navigating legal and insurance risks, strengthening safety awareness, and improving decision-making through practical leadership strategies.

A distinctive feature of this program is its integration of modern tools such as artificial intelligence, helping participants learn how emerging technologies can streamline operations, improve decision-making, and reduce costs across construction organizations.

Ultimately, the program prepares construction professionals to step into larger leadership roles and elevate performance within their companies. As the industry continues to evolve, developing strong leaders remains one of the most important investments contractors can make.



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January/February

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Whether your team just wrapped up a major project, reached a company milestone, or received recognition from the industry, we want to hear about it! The construction community is built on hard work, dedication, and big achievements-both on and off the jobsite-and your success deserves to be recognized!

Send your stories to leah@sitestl.org. We can't wait to celebrate you!

YOUNG EXECUTIVES OF SITE

The Young Executives of SITE (Y.E.S.) kicked off the year with a Kick-Off Happy Hour on January 15 at 4 Hands Brewery, bringing together young professionals from across the construction industry who are members of the program.

The event welcomed 30 Y.E.S. members for an evening focused on networking, relationship building, and strengthening connections among the next generation of construction leaders. Events like these provide an opportunity for young professionals to engage with peers, exchange ideas, and build relationships that support long-term growth within the industry.

To date, Y.E.S. has 83 active members who have paid their dues, along with the support of seven corporate sponsors committed to investing in the future of the construction industry.

The priority for 2026 remains focused on leadership development and meaningful engagement, ensuring that young professionals continue to gain opportunities to grow within their careers while becoming more involved in the association.

As SITE celebrates 60 years of supporting contractors and strengthening the construction industry, programs like Y.E.S. help develop the next generation of leaders who will continue building and shaping the industry for years to come.

YOUNG EXECUTIVES OF SITE 2026 CORPORATE SPONSORS



YOUNG EXECUTIVES OF SITE 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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COUPLES NINE & DINE

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This format is for fun only. No games. No gimmicks. Enjoy the time getting to know other couples within SITE.

Cost is \$260 per couple and includes nine holes of golf with a cart, a Mexican-themed buffet dinner, and cocktails during dinner. There will be a cash bar available before the 5:00 pm shotgun start.

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INTRODUCING THE 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As SITE Improvement Association continues to grow in serving the region’s premier contractors, we are proud to formally introduce the leaders who will guide our mission over the coming year.

The election of a new Board of Directors is more than just a procedural milestone; it is a reaffirmation of our collective commitment to excellence, safety, and the advancement of the Prime and Subcontracting community.

The 2026 Board takes the helm at a pivotal time. From navigating the complexities of modern infrastructure funding to addressing the ongoing demand for skilled labor, our leadership team is tasked with ensuring SITE remains a powerhouse of advocacy and a primary resource for our members.

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This year’s officers and directors bring decades of combined experience in excavating, concrete, asphalt paving, utility work, landscaping, highway and specialty contracting. Kurt Unnerstall returns for a second year as President of SITE, Chris West as Vice President, and Chris Boeger as Secretary-Treasurer. Mike Shepard, while serving as a director in the Specialty Division, remains seated as the Past President on the Executive Committee.

This year, the board has the special privilege of overseeing the planning of SITE’s 60th Anniversary celebration. The date has been set for Saturday, September 12, with event details forthcoming. There will be special 60th anniversary videos posted throughout the year, highlighting the progress of the organization and how the bonds formed amongst membership turned into lifelong partnerships.

Be sure to thank SITE’s board members for all their hard work in steering the organization toward success!

NEXT-STEP CONNECT

Building Relationships Across the Construction Industry



SITE's NEXT-STEP CONNECT program continues to strengthen relationships across the construction industry through personalized, one-on-one connections between contractor members.

Designed for SITE contractors interested in expanding their professional network and gaining industry insights, the program pairs participants for structured meetings that encourage meaningful conversations and relationship-building.

The Winter 2026 cohort launched on January 26, with 38 companies taking part in the program. Participants will continue meeting through the program's conclusion on March 23.

Looking ahead, enrollment for the Spring 2026 cohort will open March 9 through March 27. Pairings will be announced on April 9, followed by a virtual pairing meeting on April 14 at 9:00 a.m.

The spring cohort will officially launch April 20 and conclude June 15, 2026.

NEXT-STEP CONNECT continues to demonstrate the value of building authentic professional relationships within the industry. By connecting contractors in meaningful ways, the program strengthens collaboration, encourages knowledge sharing, and supports long-term professional growth.

SITE encourages contractor members to consider participating in an upcoming cohort to experience the value of building stronger connections across the industry.

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SITE members started the year off right by attending the January General Membership meeting on January 15. They learned about the road ahead: SITE's vision for 2026, driving excellence and delivering results. The meeting included important updates on our region's construction industry, as well as SITE's advocacy and legislative efforts, community initiatives, exciting plans for the association and its 60th anniversary celebration, and how the Training & Leadership Center is helping shape the future through professional development and safety training opportunities.



FROM THE SAFETY SIDE

SITE ENGAGES ATTORNEY GENERAL CATHERINE HANNAWAY ON UNDERGROUND UTILITY REFORM

In January 2026, SITE met with Missouri Attorney General Catherine Hannaway together with Missouri 811 staff to discuss underground utility reform and to establish a constructive working relationship with the newly elected Attorney General's Office. The meeting brought together contractors, One Call administrators, and statewide enforcement leadership in the same room, creating a direct line of communication on issues that affect jobsite safety, project delivery and contractor liability.

Attorney General Hannaway, sworn into office earlier this year, has emphasized public safety and rule of law as core priorities of her administration. For SITE members, underground utility damage prevention is fundamentally a safety issue. Missouri's One Call system, administered through Missouri 811, is intended to prevent excavation-related damage to buried infrastructure, including gas, electric, water and telecommunications lines. While the system has improved over time, continued growth in infrastructure investment and excavation activity has elevated the importance of clarity, compliance and consistent enforcement.

The discussion included enforcement consistency, modernization of underground utility-locating practices, and the statutory framework governing excavation safety. SITE emphasized that contractors operate under strict timelines and increasingly complex field conditions. When utilities are mismarked, unmarked or improperly located, the consequences extend beyond schedule impacts. They introduce real safety risks for equipment operators, laborers and the public.

SAFETY COMMITTEE ALIGNMENT AND MEMBER PROTECTION

This engagement directly supports the work of SITE's Safety Committee, which remains focused on advancing best practices, training and compliance across the industry. Underground utility strikes present immediate hazards that can result in injury, service disruption and significant liability exposure. SITE members invest heavily in safety programs, notification compliance and damage prevention protocols. Ensuring that enforcement and regulatory interpretation are clear and consistently applied reinforces those efforts rather than undermining them.

By meeting jointly with Missouri 811 staff and the Attorney General's Office, SITE underscored that

damage prevention is a shared responsibility among excavators, facility owners and locators. Balanced accountability strengthens the system as a whole and supports a culture of safety statewide.

The meeting also reflected SITE's broader advocacy approach. Establishing early and professional relationships with newly elected constitutional officers ensures that the contractor community has a seat at the table as policy discussions evolve. Open communication channels improve problem solving, reduce misunderstanding, and position SITE as a constructive partner in advancing public safety.

TRENCH SAFETY AWARENESS EVENT AT THE SAINT LOUIS ZOO

Advancing Jobsite Safety Across the Industry



On February 25, construction professionals from across the region gathered at the Saint Louis Zoo for a trench safety awareness event focused on improving jobsite safety practices.

SITE Improvement Association was proud to serve as a sponsor of this important event, continuing the association's long-standing commitment to advocating for safety throughout the construction industry.

Trenching and excavation remain among the most hazardous activities in construction, making education and awareness critical for protecting workers in the field. Events like this bring together contractors, safety professionals, industry experts and public partners to reinforce best practices and highlight the importance of proper planning, equipment and training.

The event provided attendees with valuable safety insights and reinforced the shared responsibility contractors have in protecting workers on every jobsite. Through collaboration and education, the industry continues to move forward in strengthening safety culture across all sectors of construction.

SITE remains committed to supporting initiatives that promote safe working environments and ensure that every worker returns home healthy and injury-free at the end of the day.

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LABOR RELATIONS

CEMENT MASONS LOCAL 527 NEGOTIATIONS

At the time of this newsletter, the bargaining team is still negotiating the current Cement Masons Local 527 Contract, which expires April 1, 2026. It appears there is confidence in acquiring a fair agreement with the trade; it signals the last major contract to negotiate since the U.S. COVID-19 Pandemic inflation crisis. Wage increases during these contract periods ranging from 2022–2026 are some of the highest the industry has ever seen.

WAGE NOTIFICATIONS

The 2026 wage notifications will be going out over the next few months. All the wage notifications are housed on the SITE website at www.sitestl.org. If you cannot access the “Members Home” tab, please reach out to the SITE office to get set up.

PENSION FUNDED STATUSES

A common question the office receives is; how well funded are the different union pension plans? The answer is that all plans are doing well right now. The Cement Masons, Laborers and Operating Engineers are all in the green zone, sitting over 90 percent funded.

The "Zone" Hierarchy

To give you context on where "Green" sits compared to other statuses:

Green Zone (Healthy): 80%+ funded, no projected shortfalls

Yellow Zone (Endangered): Less than 80% funded OR projected funding deficiency within 7 years

Orange Zone (Seriously Endangered): Less than 80% funded AND projected deficiency

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2026 PLANNED EVENTS



Tue., May 5

NINE & DINE COUPLES GOLF OUTING
Bogey Hills Country Club

Wed., May 6

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - LUNCH
Syberg's - Dorsett

Wed., Jun. 17

JOINT SITE/ASA NETWORKING EVENT
Location TBD

Mon., Aug. 17

GOLF TOURNAMENT & AWARDS DINNER
Norwood Hills Country Club

Sat., Sep. 12

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Location To Be Announced

Thu., Oct. 8

Y.E.S. CLAYBIRD SHOOT & FUNDRAISER
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Thu., Oct. 22

JOINT SITE/APWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Orlando's Event Center - Dorsett

Wed., Nov. 4

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