



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Colorado

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ACEC Colorado is the business association of 260 member firms employing more than 12,500 employees in the independent, private practice of consulting engineering for both public- and private-sector clients in the built environment. ACEC Colorado-member firms' disciplines include among others: Transportation/Civil, Water Resources, Structural, Mechanical-electrical, Geotechnical, Land Surveying and Energy-environmental. ACEC Colorado members are a resource for technical matters and as company owners, they can also be of assistance on business matters.

TRANSPORTATION

ACEC Colorado urges the state's legislature and governor to increase annual funding for Colorado's transportation systems.

- *Reliable and sustainable revenues are strongly needed for infrastructure, including areas outside of Denver Metro Area.*
- *Effective, efficient multimodal mobility with a balanced approach is essential to quality of life, safety and economic vitality.*
- *Proper transportation funding keeps commerce costs down and protects public safety.*
- *Colorado's traffic congestion and the need for more road repairs is increasing.*
- *A balanced toolbox of traditional capacity improvements, technological innovation, and multimodal improvements will be necessary to sustain and enhance transportation networks to keep pace with population growth and comply with greenhouse-gas reduction requirements.*
- *Consideration of infrastructure related to electrification of vehicles is crucial to positioning Colorado for the future.*

WATER RESOURCES

ACEC Colorado strongly supports funding for construction programs managed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

- *Support of loans, grants and studies create jobs to develop and protect Colorado's water supply.*
- *Small community water and wastewater systems need updating.*
- *Reliable, sustainable funding of water projects assures a water supply for future Coloradans.*
- *Support for a streamlined approach to the state's water supply and reuse plans for Colorado's expected growth.*

ENERGY & CLIMATE STRATEGY

ACEC Colorado encourages policies required to make Colorado a leader in environmentally responsible development and management of energy resources and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

- *Colorado's growing population demands new sources of energy in the years to come.*
- *Colorado's economy and security depend on a reliable and affordable energy supply.*
- *Colorado needs an all-of-the-above strategy for fossil fuels and renewable energy.*
- *Supply of energy must be balanced for reliable and sustainable supply and distribution.*
- *Colorado needs an incremental approach to improve energy efficiencies in existing buildings.*
- *Fossil fuel operations need to be developed in partnership between the state and local agencies.*
- *Development of renewable fuels including hydrogen and biofuels is important.*

BUSINESS PRACTICES

ACEC Colorado encourages the legislature and governor to provide a positive business climate that encourages private-sector growth, responsible economic development and public protection by stipulating that licensed individuals perform engineering work.

- *Private sector, as -needed engineering services result in economic benefits of increased jobs.*
- *Cost-effective procurement is by competitive, qualifications-based selection procedures.*
- *Encourage innovation through partnership with the private sector.*
- *Trimming burdensome regulations and reducing new ones keep public projects streamlined.*
- *Current laws pose significant risk to design professionals by counteracting their insurance.*
- *Ensure that the integrity and value of licensure is considered when legislation is proposed.*
- *Consider unintended consequences from legislation that makes Colorado an unfriendly business environment.*