2021 ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ACEC COLORADO MEMBER FIRMS

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TRANSPORTATION: With Colorado’s increasing population, we urge the Legislature and Governor to increase annual funding for Colorado’s transportation systems.

- Reliable and sustainable revenues are strongly needed since current funding levels are not enough.
- Effective, efficient multi-modal mobility 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.

WATER RESOURCES: We strongly support 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 and sustainable funding of water projects assure our water supply for future Colorado citizens.

ENERGY: We encourage policies required to make Colorado a leader in environmentally responsible development and management of our energy resources.

- Our growing population demands new sources of energy in the years to come.
- Colorado’s economy and security depend on 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 our existing buildings.
- Fossil fuel operations need to be developed in partnership between the state and local agencies.

BUSINESS PRACTICES: We encourage the Legislature and Governor to provide a positive business climate that encourages private sector growth, responsible economic development, and provides public protection by stipulating that licensed professionals perform engineering work.

- Private sector “as needed” engineering services result in economic benefits of increased jobs.
- Cost-effective procurement is by competitive Qualification Based Selection (QBS) 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.

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