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👋 Welcome to this month's ACEC Illinois **Connector**, where federal deadlines are approaching and Illinois infrastructure remains firmly in focus.

🚧 **Congress is moving** toward a short-term surface transportation extension—but Senate and House are not yet aligned.

💧 **The Senate's WRDA** proposal puts renewed attention on the State Revolving Funds.

📊 **New ACEC market data** points to a shift from manufacturing construction toward digital infrastructure, power and communications.

🚊 **And closer to home**, regional transit planning is beginning its transition from RTA to NITA.

🔍 **Also inside:** IDOT investments and leadership updates, plus highlights from ACEC Illinois' recent legislative events.

Let's get into it.



House and Senate pursue stopgaps as transportation deadline approaches—but key differences remain



The setup: Bipartisan Senate appropriators have released a continuing resolution that would fund the federal government and extend expiring highway and transit programs through December 11.

- The measure would avert an October 1 shutdown and give Congress more time to negotiate a multiyear surface transportation bill, potentially during the post-election lame-duck session.

By the numbers: [ACEC and its coalition partners are urging Congress](#) to preserve the full transportation funding baseline, including:

- Approximately \$80 billion for highway, transit and safety programs supported by the Highway Trust Fund.
- Another \$36.8 billion annually in IIJA advance appropriations from the General Fund.

Zoom in: For the Senate Appropriation Committee's fact sheet, [click here](#).

The catch: The Senate proposal extends existing highway and transit authorities—but not the IIJA advance appropriations supporting bridges, transit capital projects, passenger rail, ports, airports and other infrastructure programs.

- Those supplemental investments were a defining feature of the IIJA and are not automatically continued by extending traditional surface transportation programs.

Why Illinois should care: Much of this funding flows by formula to state DOTs and local agencies. Allowing the supplemental appropriations to lapse could reduce available funding, disrupt project planning and make it harder for Illinois agencies and engineering firms to maintain predictable project pipelines.

The legislative split: The House passed a more limited CR along party lines before leaving for its August recess. That measure funds the government only through

December 4 and does not include the Senate's broader package of program extensions.

- **The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee** has approved the bipartisan BUILD America 250 Act, but the full House has not acted. Senate committees have yet to release their long-term transportation bill.

In the mix: In a [July 22 letter to Senate committee leaders](#), **Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy** outlined USDOT's priorities for an extension and eventual reauthorization. They include improving transit and rail safety, advancing automated vehicles, modernizing interstates, addressing freight bottlenecks and expanding private investment.

- **Duffy also recommended** ending IIJA advance appropriations and eliminating the Highway Trust Fund's Mass Transit Account—positions opposed by ACEC and congressional transportation leaders.

Beyond transportation: The Senate CR would also:

- Extend the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act through December 11, preserving legal safeguards that encourage companies and the federal government to share information about cyber threats.
- Prevent the Office of Management and Budget from finalizing its proposed federal grants rule before December 11. [ACEC raised concerns](#) that the rule could create uncertainty around federal funding commitments and restrict certain association activities.

The next move: The Senate is expected to begin procedural consideration of the package this evening and hopes to pass it before the August recess. The House would then need to approve the Senate bill or negotiate changes when lawmakers return to Washington.

ACEC's message: Keep every transportation funding stream intact—regardless of its source—while Congress completes a long-term reauthorization bill.

WRDA debate puts future water infrastructure funding in focus



Driving the news: House and Senate committees have unanimously advanced their versions of the Water Resources Development Act of 2026, setting up negotiations over federal investment in water infrastructure and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers programs.

The big picture: The [House bill, H.R. 9497](#), focuses primarily on Corps projects and project-delivery reforms. It authorizes 133 feasibility studies and 14 new or modified construction projects.

The [Senate bill, S. 4949](#), authorizes 61 studies and 15 construction projects—but goes considerably further on drinking-water and wastewater investment.

Of particular importance: The Senate bill reauthorizes the two State Revolving Funds through FY 2030:

- Drinking Water SRF funding would rise from \$3.75 billion in FY 2027 to \$4.5 billion in FY 2030.
- Clean Water SRF funding would be authorized at \$3.5 billion annually.
- WIFIA would receive a \$65 million annual authorization.

The Senate proposal also continues programs addressing lead service lines, PFAS, stormwater, system resilience, cybersecurity and the water-sector workforce.

The Illinois angle: Illinois has benefited from approximately \$500 million annually in IIJA-supported water investment, but that supplemental funding ends after 2027.

Reauthorizing the SRFs at robust levels is an important first step toward preventing a funding cliff and maintaining a predictable pipeline of drinking-water and wastewater projects. This week, ACEC Illinois CEO Kevin Artl met with **Senator Duckworth** to outline concerns about the upcoming water fiscal cliff.

The House approach: The House bill contains broader Corps project-delivery reforms, including electronic permitting, tighter feasibility-study management and new offices dedicated to alternative delivery and technical assistance. It also includes two provisions important to engineering firms: a Corps report on the existing A/E fee cap and a GAO review comparing in-house Corps design work with private-sector

contracting. ACEC continues to advocate for increasing the Corps Civil Works A/E fee limitation from 6% to 10%.

What's next: The full House and Senate must pass their respective bills before a final compromise can be negotiated. ACEC Illinois will continue advocating for a package that combines the Senate's SRF authorizations with the House's project-delivery and A/E provisions.

The bottom line: WRDA provides a major opportunity to sustain federal water investment beyond the IIJA while improving how projects are designed, reviewed and delivered.

ACEC market analysis points to digital infrastructure growth



Driving the news: [New analysis from ACEC's Market Intelligence team](#) finds that the construction market is shifting as the manufacturing boom moderates and investment in data centers, power, communications and other digital infrastructure accelerates. The analysis was prepared by Diana O'Lare, ACEC's Vice President of Market Intelligence, using the Census Bureau's revised Construction Put in Place data.

By the numbers: Total U.S. construction spending reached an annualized rate of \$2.21 trillion in May—up 0.1% from April but down 1.5% from May 2025.

- Private construction declined 2.1% year over year.
- Public construction increased 0.5% for the month and remains slightly above last year.
- Nonresidential spending declined 3.8% year over year.
- Manufacturing spending through May was down 22.4% from 2025.

The big picture: Manufacturing remains the largest nonresidential market, but the data suggest the recent industrial construction cycle has moved beyond its peak. Meanwhile, office, power and communications construction—all sectors that capture or support data-center and cloud-computing investment—are growing.

Why it matters: Digital growth requires physical infrastructure. Expanding data centers and cloud services will increase demand for power generation, transmission, communications, site development, water and other supporting systems—creating opportunities across multiple engineering disciplines.

Member resource: ACEC's Market Intelligence team tracks construction spending and broader economic trends to help member firms understand changing markets and plan for future opportunities. Members can also examine individual sectors through ACEC's [interactive construction-spending dashboard](#).

The bottom line: Manufacturing will remain an important market, but ACEC's analysis indicates that the infrastructure supporting the digital economy is emerging as a major source of future design and construction activity.

Illinois launches major energy-storage push



The big picture: Illinois is preparing its first large-scale energy-storage procurement, opening a new front in the state's effort to strengthen grid reliability and support additional renewable generation.

By the numbers: The [Illinois Power Agency will seek 1,038 megawatts of standalone storage](#), divided between two regions:

- 450 megawatts connected to MISO Zone 4, covering much of central and southern Illinois.
- 588 megawatts connected to the PJM ComEd region in northern Illinois.

Why it matters: Storage systems can absorb electricity when supply is plentiful and return it to the grid during periods of higher demand. That can improve reliability, help integrate renewable resources and reduce strain during peak-use periods.

Driving the news: The state's new [Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act](#) establishes a goal of procuring 3,000 megawatts of cumulative storage capacity,

making this initial solicitation the first phase of a much larger infrastructure program. The [full law is available here](#).

What's next: The initial procurement is scheduled for Aug. 26, with additional procurements anticipated in 2027 and potentially 2028.

The engineering angle: Delivering the projects will require site development, environmental review, permitting, interconnection studies, civil and electrical design, grid upgrades, fire-safety planning and construction oversight.

The bottom line: Illinois is creating a sizable new energy-infrastructure market—but meeting its aggressive timeline will depend on efficient permitting, interconnection and project delivery.

Stay engaged: ACEC Illinois members interested in learning more about the energy sector, new laws and emerging public policy are encouraged to join the ACEC Illinois Energy Forum. The forum will provide updates on policy developments, infrastructure opportunities and the issues shaping Illinois' evolving energy market.

[Sign Up for ACEC IL Energy Forum](#)

1-2-3: Transportation updates

1. Regional transit planning shifts toward NITA

A new [RTA regional service coordination study](#) analyzing more than 140,000 CTA, Metra and Pace connections establishes a baseline for improving transfers across agency boundaries. RTA transitions to the Northern Illinois Transit Authority on September 1, ahead of NITA's first regionwide service plan in 2028 for implementation in the 2029 budget year.

2. IDOT opens state-of-the-art materials lab

IDOT and the Capital Development Board have opened a new \$63 million Materials Testing and Research Center adjacent to IDOT headquarters in Springfield. The 81,000-square-foot facility includes nearly 40,000 square feet of laboratory space and is accredited for more than 100 testing methods. It replaces facilities constructed in 1934 and centralizes several IDOT research and testing operations.

What ACEC Illinois said:

“Modern, reliable and resilient infrastructure starts with sound engineering, strong quality control and the ability to test and verify the materials that go into our roads, bridges and transportation systems,” said **ACEC Illinois President and CEO Kevin Artl**. “This new Materials Testing and Research Center reflects IDOT's innovative and forward-thinking approach to strengthening project delivery, advancing research and making long-term investments that will help ensure Illinois' infrastructure is built to last.”

Read [IDOT's complete announcement](#).

3. IDOT announces leadership appointments

The latest: IDOT has announced three appointments to key leadership positions:

- [Steven Schilke](#) becomes Region 1 Engineer of Program Development, effective August 1. Schilke has served IDOT for more than two decades, beginning as a materials inspector and holding positions in construction, design, consultant services, project and environmental studies, and programming. He most recently served as Bureau Chief of Programming.
- [Jai Kalayil](#) has been appointed Assistant Region 1 Engineer. Kalayil most recently served as Chicago Department of Transportation deputy commissioner for infrastructure management. His experience includes public-way management, utility coordination, construction oversight, municipal regulation and digital permitting.
- [Michael Vanderhoof](#) becomes Bureau Chief of Local Roads and Streets, effective August 1. During eight years at IDOT, Vanderhoof most recently served as Bureau Chief of Planning, overseeing statewide long-range and modal plans for aviation, transit, active transportation, marine and rail.

In Case You Missed It: Rebuild Illinois Is Paying Dividends

Rebuild Illinois Six Years Later: Evaluating Transportation Investments and Economic Impact Statewide

The headline: A first-of-its-kind study commissioned by **ACEC Illinois** found that Rebuild Illinois has generated a nearly 200% return on investment during its first six years.

What the numbers show:

- Approximately 39,000 jobs supported annually.
- Nearly \$400 million in state and local tax revenue generated each year.
- A 28% increase in registered construction apprenticeships between 2019 and 2025.
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Beyond construction: The benefits extend across engineering, manufacturing, transportation, retail and other sectors—while helping local communities improve the infrastructure their residents and businesses rely upon.

Behind the research: The analysis was conducted by the nonpartisan Illinois Economic Policy Institute and is the first comprehensive review of Rebuild Illinois' statewide transportation investments and economic impact.

The bottom line: Infrastructure investment does more than build roads, bridges and transit systems. It creates jobs, expands the skilled workforce, strengthens local economies and delivers a measurable return to Illinois taxpayers.

Go deeper: Read the [full report](#) and view some of widespread media coverage of its findings [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

ACEC Illinois connects members with policymakers



ACEC Illinois recently brought members together with state and federal leaders for two conversations on the policies shaping infrastructure investment and project delivery across Illinois.

In Chicago, **Congresswoman Delia Ramirez**, **State Senator Ram Villivalam** and **State Representative Eva-Dina Delgado** joined ACEC members for a legislative panel covering transportation, public transit, water infrastructure, workforce challenges and economic growth.

In Springfield, **Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski** joined ACEC members and statewide agency leaders including **IDOT** and **IEPA** at Hanson Professional Services for a roundtable on frozen federal grants, surface transportation reauthorization, workforce needs, and drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

ACEC Illinois Board hosts House Republican leaders



ACEC Illinois Board members recently met with **House Republican Leader Tony McCombie** and **Assistant Republican Leader Dan Ugaste** for a firsthand look at the technology and technical expertise driving today's engineering industry.

McCombie and Ugaste received briefings and hands-on demonstrations of drone technology and 3D plan development, along with an overview of wetland preservation and mitigation banking. During a Q&A with the Board, the lawmakers discussed initiatives they are advancing to improve Illinois' business climate—and even provided an update on the Chicago Bears.



On this episode of Engineering Influence, host Jeff sits down with Sean Young from NVIDIA to explore how artificial intelligence — particularly agentic AI and large language models — is reshaping the AEC industry.

Sean and Jeff discuss why firms should start treating project data as valuable IP, how AI agents can automate repetitive CAD and BIM tasks, and the ways AI is accelerating design iteration. They also dig into why engineering firms need to position themselves as technology- and AI-first organizations to stay competitive.

The conversation highlights findings from the ACEC Research Institute's Firm of the

Future initiative, along with practical steps firms can take right now to scale expertise across their teams and free up engineers to focus on higher-value design decisions.

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BOARD MEMBER

Spotlight

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1. How long have you been in the engineering industry?

I've been in the engineering industry since 2008, when I began my career as a Water Resources Engineer at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

2. What positions have you held within the ACEC-IL organization?

I served three years as Chair of the Engineering Excellence Awards Committee. I have been a member of several other ACEC committees, including Human Resources, DBE/WBE/MBE, and MWRDGC.

3. What is the number one reason firms should become an ACEC-IL Member?

It comes down to advocacy. When something's happening at the state level that affects how we do business, ACEC-IL is the one making sure engineering firms have a say. That alone is worth it, and everything else, the connections, the resources, the education, is a bonus.

4. Why should individuals become involved in ACEC Illinois?

Because you get out of it what you put in. My years chairing the Engineering Excellence Awards Committee connected me with people and firms across the state and gave me a chance to celebrate the best of what our industry does. There's a way to get involved at every stage of your career, from committees and networking to leadership development, and it's a great way to grow professionally while giving back.

5. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I have four kids aged 4 to 12 and spend a lot of my spare time at their sporting events and activities. I also enjoy reading.

6. Tell us one fun fact about yourself.

I attended my first ACEC IL event when I was in 6th grade.

ACEC IL Member Updates...



Oates Associates Delivers Signature Bridge for MCT

Pontoon Beach, IL (July 9, 2026) – Oates Associates, in partnership with Madison County Transit (MCT), led the development of a new grade-separated crossing along the Schoolhouse Trail at Illinois Route 111 to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians and eliminate conflicts with vehicular traffic.

The Schoolhouse Trail is a key segment of the MCT Trail System, connecting Madison, Pontoon Beach, Collinsville, Maryville, and the west side of Troy, while also linking to the MCT Nature Trail and Goshen Trail. Prior to this project, trail users were required to cross



Illinois Route 111 at grade, creating safety concerns due to high-speed traffic, continuous turning movements, and long pedestrian wait times.

To address these concerns, Oates Associates partnered with MCT to conduct a conceptual feasibility study evaluating alternatives for a safer crossing. The study analyzed both an underpass and an overpass option, considering user safety, roadway characteristics, topography, connectivity, security, maintenance, and construction impacts.

The evaluation determined that a grade-separated crossing would provide the safest and most effective solution by eliminating interactions between trail users and vehicles. Oates Associates recommended an overpass as the preferred alternative because it avoids drainage and flooding concerns associated with the area's high water table, minimizes impacts to traffic

during construction, and provides a more secure environment for trail users.

As MCT's first signature bridge, the project required a high level of coordination and technical expertise. Oates Associates developed detailed 3D renderings to assist the MCT Board in visualizing the proposed structure and understanding how it would enhance safety and connectivity within the corridor.

The completed bridge allows cyclists and pedestrians to cross Illinois Route 111 without entering the roadway, creating a safer and more convenient connection along the regional trail network. In addition to improving safety, the bridge enhances trail connectivity and incorporates aesthetic features such as accent lighting and branded signage that complement the surrounding environment and strengthen the corridor's identity.

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ENGINEERING ENTERPRISES, INC. ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF THREE VALUED EMPLOYEES

Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI), an award-winning civil engineering and land surveying firm, is pleased to announce the promotion of Christopher Ott, PE, CPII; Kyle Welte, PE, CPII; and Todd Wells, PE, CPII to Senior Project Manager. These promotions recognize their continued leadership, technical expertise, and commitment to delivering high-quality service to EEI's clients and communities.

Ott has been with EEI for 13 years and is a member of the firm's Transportation Group. Welte has been with EEI for 18 years and is a member of the Municipal Group. Wells has been with EEI for 25 years and is the leader of the Construction Group.

In their new roles, each will continue to manage projects, support clients and project teams, and contribute to the firm's continued growth and success.

EEI congratulates Christopher, Kyle, and Todd on their well-deserved promotions and looks forward to their continued leadership in their new roles.

For more information about EEI and its services, please visit www.eeiweb.com.

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About Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI) Engineering Enterprises, Inc. (EEI), founded in 1974, is an award-winning consulting engineering firm providing services to public agencies and private entities throughout northern Illinois. Over 80 experienced firm members, including licensed professional civil engineers, land surveyors, and support team members, provide a full range of services for planning, design, and construction of infrastructure projects, funding assistance, and municipal consulting. Our core values guide our staff on every project from initiation through completion, keeping us committed to quality, service, and value for our clients. By offering outstanding service to every client, every day, we are able to assist with bettering the communities in which we serve.



Klingner engineer licensed in Illinois

QUINCY, ILL., JULY 27, 2026 — Jerad Noland, a transportation engineer for Klingner & Associates, P.C. (Klingner), has completed the necessary requirements to become a registered Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of Illinois. Prior to Klingner, Noland held long-standing leadership roles with the Missouri Department of Transportation, where he oversaw complex, multimillion-dollar design and construction programs, guided environmental and regulatory coordination efforts, and led multidisciplinary teams in delivering critical highway and

bridge improvements across Northeast Missouri.

Noland, who joined the Klingner team in March, is based in the firm's Quincy Regional Office. He is also a licensed professional engineer in Missouri and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

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Oates Employee-Owner Joel Italiano Promoted to Director of Technology

Collinsville, IL (July 27, 2026) - Oates Associates, Inc. – a 100% employee-owned civil and structural engineering and surveying firm – has promoted Joel Italiano to Director of Technology, recognizing his leadership in technology planning, implementation, and support across the firm.

Italiano brings experience in the engineering industry and a practical understanding of the tools and systems that support design professionals. He has played a key role in supporting Oates Associates' technology infrastructure, software systems, and daily IT operations. In his new role as Director of Technology, he will lead the planning, implementation, and management of technology initiatives across the organization, helping ensure that employee-owners have the tools, resources, and support needed to efficiently serve clients and deliver projects.

Italiano has been instrumental in maintaining and enhancing the firm's technology environment while supporting the needs of a growing, multi-office organization. His technical expertise, responsiveness, and commitment to continuous improvement have contributed to the successful implementation of technology solutions across the company.

At Oates Associates, professional growth and leadership development are supported through mentorship, collaboration, and opportunities for advancement. Italiano's promotion reflects his dedication to the firm, his technical knowledge, and his continued commitment to supporting employee-owners and clients through innovative technology solutions.

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Oates Associates Promotes Roshan Pokhrel and Ryne Wirtjes to Associate Project Manager

Collinsville, IL (July 27, 2026) - Oates Associates, Inc. – a 100% employee-owned civil and structural engineering and surveying firm – has promoted Roshan Pokhrel, PE, PTOE, and Ryne Wirtjes, PE, to Associate Project Manager, recognizing their technical expertise and continued professional growth.

Pokhrel joined Oates Associates in 2021 and has extensive experience in transportation engineering, traffic operations, and roadway design. He has supported a variety of transportation projects, including traffic studies, intersection analyses, pedestrian improvements, and traffic signal design. Wirtjes has been an integral member of the firm since 2019. He has contributed to roadway, traffic signal, and transportation improvement projects for department of transportation and local agency clients throughout the region. Further, Wirtjes is active in the



industry and currently services as the Vice President of the St. Clair County Chapter of the Engineering Society of Illinois. Their promotions reflect their technical expertise, dedication to project success, and growing leadership within the organization.

At Oates Associates, professional growth and leadership development are supported through mentorship, collaboration, and opportunities for advancement. The promotions of Pokhrel and Wirtjes reflect the firm's commitment to recognizing employee-owners who demonstrate technical excellence and dedication to serving clients and communities.

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Strong IDOT Reviews for Phase III Inspection

InNova Consulting, Inc. recently received favorable performance evaluations from the Illinois Department of Transportation for Phase III construction inspection work in District 1. Evaluators recognized the team's timeliness in the field, the thoroughness of daily documentation, and the quality of work in verifying that construction met IDOT Standard Specifications. Coordination with contractors, resident engineers, and outside agencies was noted as a strength, as was the team's responsiveness to residents and the traveling public around active work zones.

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- Registration for ACEC Illinois Events
 - Two attendees for the Annual ACEC Illinois Fall Conference
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