**Legislative Committee Meeting**

Thursday, September 9th, 2021

11:30 AM – 12:05 PM

ACEC Office, 150 Fayetteville Street, Ste. 1340, Raleigh, NC 27601 and Virtual attendance

**MINUTES:**

1. **Welcome/Good News**
2. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes –** Approved
3. **TCC Presentation –** Jacob Rogers presented on the Triangle Community Coalition and how we can partner together on legislation.
4. **Board/Administrative Updates** 
   1. Meeting schedule (see below) – LaBella will sponsor November 16th Meeting. Others TBD.
   2. Need to schedule a “Meet the Chairs / Co-Chairs” early next year. Jim has done one video.
5. **Legislative Update** 
   1. **Current Session Update** –Focus is on budget. Senate has passed budget and House has passed their version. Budget will then be negotiated and sent to Governor once agreed upon. Looking for passage in early October. Senate included transfer of short term rental car taxes (Approx. $70 million) to transportation fund. // Senate has formed NC-TEN committee. Committee is investigating 10-year plan to shore up NCDOT funding long term. Jim Smith is on that committee. Committee has held 2 meetings and made a couple of recommendations. Recommendations may make it into bill this year, or may be included next year. Ideas to come from that committee - Raise registration fee on electric vehicles. Adding registration fee for hybrid vehicles (currently not a fee). Adding fee to delivery companies (amazon, etc) ($0.25 per delivery for example).

There has also been general discussion about taking sales tax from transportation related items (tires, etc) and transferring that money to the highway fund (currently goes into the general fund).

House version of PPP forgiveness appears to be on going

Guidance for ARP to the locals has been a topic. NC Pandemic Recovery Office has a good web site to navigate.

* 1. **NC Bills** – See Budget discussion
  2. **National Bills** – No update at this time.
  3. **NC/US Representative Updates** – Jim issued an email “Call to Action” to support the Federal Infrastructure Bill. Jim reiterated the need to contact our Legislators
  4. **Congressional Member Reception –** We have 23 people signed up with 15 – 20 Congressperson and Senate staffers attending. We have room for more so we are getting the word out.

1. **PAC Updates Fundraising** 
   1. National PAC 2021 – Currently at approximately 85% of our goal (Goal $35,600).
   2. State PAC 2021 – Currently at approximately $10,000 (Goal of $25,000 by next November). Drive Shack event coming with 30 people signed up.
   3. ECNC (IE) Update - No Update.
   4. Events and other PAC Updates
      1. Bourbon Tasting Update coming soon
2. **Subcommittee Updates** 
   1. Federal Subcommittee Update –Patrick met with Joe Angel and is driving a meeting with all. Good progress from Summer Conference meeting
   2. Funding Subcommittee Update– No update since last meeting. Still developing agenda for subcommittee
3. **Legislation Initiatives** 
   1. Electronic Seals Update – No update
   2. Transportation Update – No update
4. **Board Liaisons** 
   1. Liaison Updates – No updates
      1. Board: Iona Thomas
      2. Environmental & Energy: Ryan Mitchell
      3. Transportation: John Adams
      4. Business Practices: Patrick Waterman
      5. B & I (Econ. Dev.): Walt Gray
      6. Senior Leaders Forum: Jim Smith
5. **Open Discussion - None**
6. **Future Meeting Dates –**; November 16 – Charlotte; January 6, 2022 – Greensboro; March 10, 2022 – Raleigh; May 19, 2022 - Wilmington