

Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Online Zoom Meeting

Summary

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- I. Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. CT and attendees were welcomed by Chapter President Jacob Pawelczyk.
 - a. Anti-Trust Guidelines
“ATSSA operates under a policy of strict compliance with federal and state antitrust laws. Violations of those laws can pose serious consequences for ATSSA and its officers, directors, staff, and members.”
 - b. Meeting moderator introduction
- I. Guest Speaker
Guest speaker, Emanuel Banks, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), shared changes to ARDOT operations in response to Covid-19 including the impacts on highway revenue. Mr. Banks oversees all engineering activities for ARDOT and assists with public and intergovernmental activities.
- II. ATSSA Updates ([download presentations on the AR-ATSSA web page](#))
 - a. Government relations update provided by Nate Smith
Nate Smith shared info on the INVEST in America Act, a highway bill that would provide \$494 billion in transportation funding (FY 2021 - FY 2025). While the current highway bill expires Sept. 30, 2020, Smith observed there is a strong likelihood the industry may see an extension of this bill because the Highway Trust is solvent into next year. Other factors that may cause a delay include Covid-19 and several other priorities currently on the legislative calendar.
 - b. ATSS Foundation update provided by Dave Krahulec
ATSSA Midyear Meeting is virtual – Consider donating funds you would have spent on taxis / meals / entertainment to the foundation, which is being matched by numerous member companies.
 - c. ATSS Foundation Scholarship Recipient
Andrea Pair, ATSS Foundation Roadway Worker Memorial scholarship recipient, shared what being a scholarship recipient has meant to her. Andrea was 2 years old when her father, Shannon, was struck and killed in work zone crash on August 19, 1998.
 - d. National update provided by Jennifer Hedge
ATSSA now offering virtual training for TCT/TCS courses and it is being accepted by ARDOT. Midyear meeting will be virtual Aug. 24-27. Decisions are still being made regarding the 2021 Traffic Expo – more details will be shared with members when available.
- II. Treasurer Report was provided by Samantha Alsbrook

III. Old Business

- a. Issue One - Sales tax for road construction – update provided by Brad Fryar
Issue One is an Arkansas ballot measure that would allow for the reauthorization of a one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax currently used for state/county/city highways and bridges and other surface transportation. The Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP) was voted on in 2012 as an approved voter referendum; however, it is due to sunset July 1, 2023. A highway and bridges coalition was created as a grass roots effort to gain support of the continuation of the tax. Covid-19 might have an impact on the support for continuing this measure. Goal is to raise \$2 mil for radio/tv advertising that will air in mid-September and up through the election (currently raised \$1.65 mil). The coalition will continue to hit up industry and individuals in support of Issue One. The governor is currently in support.

IV. New Business/Open Discussion / Announcements (none)

V. Next Meeting – Spencer Stillman

The golf event is moving forward, and all Covid-19 safety measures will be put into place at the Country Club.

AR-ATSSA Annual Golf Outing & Chapter Meeting
September 24, 2020
The Country Club of Arkansas
Maumelle, AR

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. CT.

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