



Legislative Agenda 2021-2022

The Mission of ACEC/NC is to represent the business of engineering through legislative advocacy and business services.

Infrastructure

- Support the recommendations of the NC First Commission, NC Chamber Destination 2030 Program concerning long-term transportation funding strategies.
- Support a Transportation Bond Referendum
- Support development of long-term funding programs for non-transportation infrastructure.
- Seek additional revenue sources, including:
 - a statewide school bond,
 - expanded lottery proceeds,
 - changes to the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund, to equitably address statewide public school and community college capital challenges,
 - use of sales tax and other local funding/bonding alternatives.
- Create a permanent and adequate funding stream for local infrastructure needs.

Environment/Energy

- Support the development of a long-term sustainable energy program with appropriate funding that considers all energy sources.
- Support Environmental Regulatory Reform measures that streamline DEQ processes.
- Encourage the State to continue matching the Federal SRF allotments.
- Support increased funding for all agencies that support water and wastewater expansion, as well as capital projects, with consideration to local regulations and protection receiving waterways.
- Seek legislation to provide additional resources for preventative storm damage maintenance.

Economic Development

- Support a Bond package that provides funding for both distressed and at-risk communities.
- Support the Viable Utilities Fund for distressed communities and look to increase funding.
- Promote and support additional incentives.
- Protect the industry during Building Code Reform.

Professional

- Protect the integrity of Professional Engineering Licensure
- Protect North Carolina's Mini-Brooks Act and qualifications-based procurement (QBS) for professional services.
- Monitor Design-Build initiatives.
- Promote E-Commerce:
 - Improvements and simplification to electronic document signing/sealing (non-proprietary options)
 - Electronic submittals for regulatory agencies
- Protect Anti-Indemnification/Duty to Defend Legislation that protects professional service firms passed in 2019 (HB 871 – FAIR CONTRACTS)
- Monitor proposed changes to Engineering Firm Ownership
- Support appointments of engineers to appropriate state boards and commissions
- Support passage of SB 104 – Align State Tax Treatment of PPP Loans with Federal Treatment. This bill would eliminate State Taxes on PPP Loans taken by many ACEC/NC member Firms.
- Oppose the taxing of professional services.