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INDUSTRY NEWS

PAC Meeting This Week and NAVFAC Meeting Next Week!

By Dustin Steiner, Executive Vice President

This Thursday, our **Political Action Committee (PAC)** will convene for an action-packed meeting. We will hear from former San Diego Mayor and current Lincoln Club CEO, **Kevin Faulconer**, about the [trash tax repeal](#); meet with Escondido Mayor, [Dane White](#), who is running for reelection; and have AGC's PAC Treasurer, **April Boling**, on hand to answer questions you may have about political giving! You won't want to miss it! [RSVP](#) required.

In order to be as centrally located as possible, this PAC meeting will again be hosted by AGC member *Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP*.

AGC PAC Meeting - Thursday, April 30 at 9 AM

*Offices of Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP
4747 Executive Drive, San Diego, CA*

Are you a federal contractor or interested in getting more involved in that space? Join us Monday at AGC Headquarters in Lakeside for our biannual **NAVFAC SW Liaison Committee**. This will be the first meeting for new(ish) Commanding Officer **Captain Cathy Eyrich**.

AGC NAVFAC Liaison Committee - Monday, May 4 at 10 AM

AGC San Diego Headquarters in Lakeside, CA

Members, looking forward to seeing you at these committee meetings!



**CONSTRUCTION
SAFETY WEEK**

Building Momentum for Construction Safety Week

By Becca Schaffer, Director of Workforce Development

As we head into Construction Safety Week (May 4–8, 2026), the AGC San Diego Safety Committee and Education & Safety Department is proud to support the strong commitment from our members to elevate safety across every job site.

This year's theme, centered around **Recognize, Respond, and Respect**, reinforces the importance of identifying high-energy hazards early, taking action before incidents occur, and building a culture where every worker looks out for one another.

Plan Your Week: Free Safety Resources Available

[Construction Safety Week](#) isn't just a campaign; it's a fully supported initiative with tools your team can implement immediately.

Through the official resource center, companies can access:

- **Daily Toolbox Talks** aligned with each day of Safety Week with Spanish and English versions to support your entire workforce
- **Planning Playbooks & Toolkits** to help roll out jobsite stand-downs
- **Daily topic guides** to structure conversations around real hazards

These resources are designed to make it easy for supervisors and safety leaders to run effective daily safety meetings and engage crews in meaningful conversations.

We strongly encourage all members to [utilize these materials](#) to support your Safety Week efforts across every job site.

Why Toolbox Talks Matter

Daily toolbox talks, especially during Safety Week, are one of the most effective ways to:

- Reinforce hazard awareness before work begins
- Encourage crew engagement and communication
- Address real-time jobsite risks
- Strengthen your overall safety culture

Even just a few minutes each day, when done consistently, can significantly improve awareness and reduce incidents.

Final Takeaway

Construction Safety Week is about more than participation; it's about action in the field. With the combination of free national resources, daily toolbox talks, and AGC San Diego training opportunities (*Members, don't miss the deal below!*), there has never been a better time to reset, refocus, and recommit to safety.

[Download the resources.](#) Lead the conversations. Get your team trained.

Let's make this Safety Week count.



AGC Safety Stand-Down Member Discount

In recognition of **Construction Safety Week**, AGC San Diego is supporting the Fall Protection Stand-Down initiative and offering [25% OFF Fall Protection Training](#).

Use Code: **STOPTHEFALL25**

This is a great opportunity to pair your jobsite toolbox talks with formal training, reinforcing both awareness and competency.

Training Demand is Strong: Here's Where We Stand

We're seeing an incredible response to our Fall Protection training programs and our last two classes have **SOLD OUT**. Don't miss out on upcoming trainings and take advantage of our current deal.

Upcoming Opportunities:

- May 4 - 6 | **24-Hour Competent Person Training for EM 385-1-1**
Only 3-4 seats remaining
- May 11 | **Competent Person Retraining**, EM 385-1-1 Federal Standard (In Person) *Almost sold out*
- May 12 | **8-Hour Fall Protection for General Construction**, [Now open for registration](#)
- May 13 | **Competent Person Retraining**, EM 385-1-1 Federal Standard (Online Option) - *Flexible option for busy schedules approved by USACE/NAVFAC SW*



Time is Running Out on Transportation Funding

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Several weeks ago, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce hosted a gathering of elected officials, government officials, and industry representatives at the [Keep America](#)

[Moving](#) conference. At the heart of the conference's agenda was the effort in Congress to replace the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) set to expire this year on September 30.

A bill is presently being negotiated in the House Transportation Committee. Its future is far from clear at this point. It seems like the latest version will be more focused on roads and bridges than the IIJA, which provided funding for transit, broadband, environmental projects, water infrastructure, as well as roads and bridges. Also, the funding level, according to the Chair of the Transportation Committee, **Sam Graves** (R-Mo), appears to be about one-quarter of what the IIJA was.

At the event, Graves said he intended to mark up the House version of the surface transportation reauthorization bill in April. He said that his priorities were "to do the best that I can to shore up the Highway Trust Fund. We haven't seen any new money in it in 30 years. I believe in user fees; if you use the infrastructure, you should pay for it."

Senate Environment and Public Works Chairwoman **Shelly Moore Capito** (R-WV) also spoke at the conference and discussed the Committee's progress on surface transportation legislation, saying that the bill should be "streamline[d] back to its original core functions, building highways, building bridges, repairing bridges, making our surface transportation as safe as possible... and [give] states the flexibility that they need to make decisions for their own states."

These basic themes from Congress keep coming back around. First of all, all users need to pay for their fair share. This will lead to some sort of fee for electric vehicles. Road user mileage-based fees have been controversial. Environmental advocates argue that giving electric vehicles a free pass makes the vehicles more attractive to buyers, and is good for the fight against climate change.

The second theme, which is in tune with the first, is that the Highway Trust must be fully funded by user fees and not by the government printing more money to fund infrastructure maintenance and expansion across the country (as happened with the IIJA). With the national debt soaring to record levels, this balance between supporting our economy and not bankrupting the country is needed.

Emphasizing speed in project delivery is also a main theme moving forward. It takes 7-10 years to work through permits and legal challenges today on major projects. Congress needs to act on permitting reform so that the states can implement construction projects, not endless studies and litigation.

Finally, get back to basics. Emphasize roads and bridges. Remove congested bottlenecks and make timely repairs and rehabilitation of the nation's roads and bridges.

Good luck, Congress; time is of the essence.



Help Improve Work Zone Safety

AGC of America, together with HCSS, requests your input on a brief survey to help improve work zone safety by first collecting relevant details on frequency, severity, and impacts of work zone crashes, along with potential solutions. [Complete the survey here by May 8.](#)

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PLA Timelines: Dates You Can't Afford to Miss

By Adrianna Lopez, Director of Labor Relations

If you're an open shop contractor bidding a PLA project begrudgingly but competitively, welcome...you're not alone.

PLAs operate on calendars: the Gregorian one (not like the [DIR and those moon cycles!](#)). And missing a date, especially early ones, can cause problems that snowball fast. This article breaks down the PLA timelines that actually matter and how to stay ahead of them.

The Big Picture: Plan Ahead

PLAs are designed to remove uncertainty if contractors plan ahead. Most problems arise when action is taken too late... after mobilization, payroll processing, or the first dispute.

Core Employee Deadlines

Most PLAs allow contractors to designate a limited number of core employees, but only if deadlines are met. Typically, a list of core employees must be submitted to the union at least 30 days before work begins so that the union can verify eligibility, which usually requires living in a certain zip code, and having worked 60 of the last 100 working days in the same craft. Missing these deadlines can mean losing your core crew.

Core Worker Registration

Core status does not equal exemption. Core employees usually must register with the union and complete required paperwork. Skipping registration can delay onboarding or trigger compliance issues.

Trust Accounts: Before Day One

Trust accounts should be established before the first day on the job. Contributions typically begin with the first hour worked, and must be reported monthly. Late setup does not excuse late reporting or payment and can result in penalties or grievances.

Pre-Job Conference

PLAs typically require a pre-job conference before work begins on site. This meeting sets expectations around work hours, dispatch, jurisdiction, and communication. It's also where the union claims jurisdiction over the various scopes of work. Skip this crucial step and you are already in violation of the PLA getting the job off to a rough start.

Dispatch Requests: Plan Ahead

Most PLAs specify dispatch request timelines, often being 48 hours excluding weekends and holidays. Contractors who plan manpower needs early experience fewer delays and frustrations.

Grievance Timelines: The Clock Is Always Running

PLAs include detailed grievance procedures with strict timelines. Ignoring a grievance or missing a response deadline does not stop the process. Rather, it escalates it.

Final Whistle

PLAs are actually predictable if you pay attention to what is required and when. Plan ahead, educate your team, treat dates with care and attention, and you're one step closer to a seamless and successful project.

GIVING BACK



Help Former Foster Youth Move In to Their First Apartments - Sign Up by May 22!

The AGC Build and Serve Charitable Alliance is supporting [Just in Time](#) with their "My First Home" program on **June 13**.

Volunteering your time is a wonderful way to support former foster youth as they transition into independence. Moving into a first home is a huge milestone, and having

a dedicated team to help make that space feel like a home is invaluable.

Interested in participating? Here is a quick summary of what you should know:

Date: June 13

Location: Mission Valley (Starting location)

Arrival (Shoppers & Movers): 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Arrival (Drivers): 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Open Roles

- **Shoppers:** Guide participants through the warehouse to select items. *One-on-one mentorship.*
- **Movers:** Load and unload furniture. *Heavy lifting required.*
- **Drivers: High Need!** Use your own large vehicle (SUV, truck, or van) to transport furniture and supplies.

Please contact [Marcy Knopman](#) by May 22 to volunteer.



April 1 - 30 - **AGC Book Drive** - [Download flyer](#) or [click here](#) for drop off locations

May 7 - **Scouting America Lunch-O-Ree** - *Paradise Point Resort*

May 19 - **Bags & Brew: Meet Your GC Cornhole Tournament** - *AGC Lakeside HQ*

June 1 - **Build San Diego Foundation Golf** - *The Heights Golf Club* - **Sponsor Now!**

June 23 - **AGC Baseball Bash** - *Petco Park*



Share our Flyer for Those Job Searching or to Employers Filling Positions!

AGC San Diego and Build San Diego's first **Construction Hiring Event** is coming June 30!

Member firms: [Sign up](#) and tell us what you're looking to hire for so that

we can market to those positions with our job seekers and find you qualified candidates.

Job Seekers: [Sign up today](#) (confidentially) to get access to the event.

[Share this flyer today.](#)

Need more info? Contact [Ilka T. De León](#), MBA, Executive Director of Build San Diego Foundation, or [Katie Hammock](#), AGC SD Vice President of Operations.

COMMITTEES/COUNCILS MEETINGS

APRIL 2026

April 30 - **H.R. Practices Committee** - 11:30 AM - *Lakeside*

MAY 2026

May 4 - **NAVFAC** - 10:00 AM - *Lakeside*

May 6 - **Safety Committee** - 7:00 AM - *Lakeside*

May 13 - **Workforce Development Committee** - 11:30 AM - *Lakeside*

May 13 - **Build & Serve Committee** - 8:00 AM - *Virtual*

May 21 - **City of San Diego** - 9:00 AM @ *City CMFE Office*

May 29 - **Construction Technology Committee** - 11:00 AM - *Virtual*

Committee Meeting
Calendar

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Committee

EDUCATION / SAFETY TRAINING

APRIL TRAINING SCHEDULE

April 28: **Scaffold CP Training Bakers, Frame & System** (*Ferris Square*)

April 28: **MS Project Professional: Intermediate/Advanced** (*Ferris Square*)

April 29: **AI Powered Organization: Purple Process & Technology Seminar** (*Lakeside*)

April 30: **MS PowerPoint Beginner/Intermediate** (*Ferris Square*)

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