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In each issue of Cross-Section Magazine, we feature a contractor member and associate member hard at work, and this issue is no exception. Richard Adamo of Adamo Group, Inc. discusses projects his Detroit-based demolition company is handling on page 8. On page 10, we highlight the work of Core & Main, a distributor of products that serve both contractors and municipalities. We are proud of the work these companies are doing, and if you would like to be featured in an upcoming magazine, please contact Nancy Brown, director of communications, at nancybrown@thinkmita.org.

MITA is regularly in contact with MITA members who need assistance regarding employee benefits, and in many cases the situations require an immediate intervention to prevent significant financial problems. The Problem Solver on page 15 outlines a couple examples of situations that MITA has been able to resolve in a

positive fashion. Please remember that MITA is just a phone call away should you need assistance with employee benefits or anything related to the operation of your business.

One business problem that is becoming more common is cyberattacks. Rachelle VanDeventer, P.E., vice president of industry relations, discusses on page 16 how you can be prepared and protect your company from cyberattacks. In less than a two month period early this year, at least four government agency computer networks were attacked with ransomware, including the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Before summer ends, please join us for a networking opportunity of golf or the summer conference – see the Calendar of Events on page 39 for details, and log-in to the event section of www.thinkmita.org to register today. 🏌️

While your jobsites are teeming this summer with employees, equipment, and all the hard work that goes into completing an infrastructure project, consider it a perfect opportunity to host a legislator. See details on page seven in an article written by Mariam Robinson, director of strategic affairs. The more legislators see what actually goes on to improve Michigan's roads, bridges and underground systems, the more they will continue to support infrastructure investment.



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IT'S IMPORTANT To Host Legislators On Your Job Sites

Summer is here, and that means it's your time to shine! Spring and summer are your prime opportunities to showcase the hard work you're doing to fix Michigan's roads, bridges and underground systems. This time of year is also when legislators are not holed up in the Capitol and are home in their districts, so they are available to tour

your job sites to see just how much effort goes into every infrastructure project. When legislators physically see a job site instead of what the numbers are on a spreadsheet, they are blown away. We need them to feel that way so that they will continue to make Michigan's infrastructure a top priority for state investment.

If you have a job site you want

to showcase, please contact Mariam Robinson, Director of Strategic Affairs, at mariamrobinson@thinkmita.org or at 517-347-8336.

Remember that we need as much lead time as possible to contact the legislators in your district to find a day that works for them and for you. [A](#)

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Located in Detroit, Adamo Group, Inc. is proud of its consultative approach, which was established by John, Sr. and continued by his oldest son, John T. Adamo, Jr., and now sustained by his younger son, Richard M. Adamo. Richard operates the company with the same dedication and values instilled by the Adamo family over the years.

“Our great team has handled many of the nation’s highest-profile demolition and decontamination projects,” Richard said. “In Michigan those projects include the Pontiac Silverdome, the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, and the Wayne County Airport Authority Hanger 715. Out-of-state notable projects include the Georgia Dome in Atlanta and the Muskingum River Power Plant in Ohio.”

A current project, that will be wrapped up by the time this magazine goes to press, is the demolition of the North Tower at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac. Richard said the project began March 1, and is the culmination of months of planning,



Richard Adamo is standing next to structural steel from the Park Hotel/Little Caesars Arena project. The steel is an art piece done by local Detroit artists, which was commissioned by Richard's late brother, John Adamo.



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coordinating, and preparatory work, which is part of a larger investment to remodel the hospital. The tower was demolished using Adamo's 345 Apex High Reach Excavator, equipped with a MP 30 multi-processing tool. Demolition and cleanup continued after March, and finished up with the demolition of the Material Handling building, a two-story structure adjacent to the tower.

"I like this business because the work we do is unique," said Richard, who has a bachelor's degree in construction management from Michigan State University. "Every day there is significant change to the jobsite."

Richard added that Adamo's engineers and project managers work closely with their customers in a variety of industries: civil and infrastructure, commercial, government and municipal, industrial and manufacturing, industrial processing, paper and pulp manufacturing, petrochemical and pharmaceutical, and power and utility. In addition, Adamo Group

owns, operates and maintains their own equipment, and uses their own exclusively developed Equipment Maintenance and Management software. The software tells them where their equipment is in real-time, and tracks every hour as each machine is used, which allows for timely maintenance of their fleet.

While Adamo Group sounds entirely self-sufficient, Richard said that being a long-time member of MITA has helped Adamo Group keep up with changes in the industry that affect them on a daily basis. "MITA helps keep us current with legislation affecting our industry," he said, "along with providing a platform to network and advertise with and also handling union labor rate negotiations."

When he is not busy at Adamo Group, Richard enjoys spending time with his family: his wife, Sandra, of 16 years and their five children: Maria, 15; John, 10; Anthony, 8; Michael, 6; and Dominic, 6. He also finds time to golf, hunt and snowmobile. 🏠

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Did You Know? Core & Main's name was created by a company associate. "Core" references infrastructure, things underground and fundamental structures that must be in place to build. "Main" is a reference to a water main, Main Street and to the primary sources of knowledge and materials.

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Core & Main (previously known as HD Supply Waterworks) operates three branches in Michigan, located in Canton, Shelby Township and Kentwood. With more than 245 branches serving the United States, the Caribbean and international markets, the company is in growth mode organically and through



acquisitions. In late 2017, Core & Main completed the acquisition of Minnesota Pipe & Equipment, further expanding its nationwide footprint.

In Michigan, Ty Johnson serves as sales manager, working out of the Canton branch. At a visit to this branch, customers can see the company's complete line of available products and a tool showroom.

"We run our own fleet of vehicles," said Ty, who has been with the company for 18 years, having served as an outside sales representative before becoming the Michigan sales manager in 2017. "We also offer complete estimating and take-off services, as well as informational seminars and on-site training. And because we know there are going to be after-hours situations, customers receive a contact for 24-hour emergencies when they begin a project."

Ty said the company is a one stop shop for all underground material needs, with eight "outstanding" sales staff in Michigan who work with him hand in hand on a daily basis to help quote projects, negotiate pricing and develop/maintain existing relationships with customers. Core & Main can essentially handle any size project, from a small repair to a large WWTP project.

"We have the people, tools and resources throughout Core & Main to bring the project from

start to finish," said Ty, who has a bachelor of science degree in industrial distribution from Minnesota State University—Moorhead. "We specialize in the ability to supply all components from sanitary sewer, water, storm sewer, and meters to any size job. With our vast local knowledge of the specifications and relationships we've built over the years, our employees are called on every day to be problem solvers and helpers. Along with the three locations we have in Michigan, we can source products from around the country within our 245 other locations."

Being a MITA member, he said, helps the company to easily reach out to customers and other people in the industry through the various conferences, outings, and parties MITA puts on over the course of the year.

"These events provide great access to many of our customers all in one place, and allows many of our sales associates to meet and greet them outside of their offices," Ty added. "This allows us to build stronger relationships with our customers not just with the products we sell, but an opportunity to grow with their companies and be assets to them in the future."

"We've been in the market a long time, and have a good pulse on the market conditions to help the customers to be successful." 🏠

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Amy Trahey, P.E., is president of Great Lakes Engineering Group, LLC, located in Lansing, Mich. She provided the following details about her company.

Company Introduction: Great Lakes Engineering Group, LLC is a civil engineering consulting firm that specializes in transportation. The company is heavily focused on bridge engineering, specifically: bridge design, bridge safety inspection, bridge load rating, bridge construction engineering, and underwater bridge inspection.

Personal Background: I am a proud graduate of J.W. Sexton High School in Lansing, where I participated in a work study program that allowed me to intern for the governor's office. During high school, I also worked for the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association. I received my bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1994. During college I interned for MDOT, and I was hired on full time after graduating from college. I was a bridge engineer at MDOT for six years prior to starting Great Lakes Engineering, LLC in April of 2000 at the ripe age of 28. I have been a member of MITA and ACEC since 2000, and served on the board of directors for ACEC, treasurer, and served as the first woman president in 2015. I am currently serving a term on the board of directors for MITA. I served a six year term on Michigan Tech's Civil and Environmental



Amy Trahey, P.E., at the International Bridge.

Engineering Advisory Board, and am currently appointed to the Michigan Department of Education's Special Education Advisory Committee, which is a personal passion of mine to help children with disabilities.

Past Projects: A few past construction projects where we supported MDOT by providing construction engineering and inspection services include: the \$173 million "Fix on I-96" in Livonia, which involved 7.09 miles of concrete freeway reconstruction and bridge replacements and rehabilitations on 37 bridges, as well as the I-275 Bridge Reconstruction of 34 bridges in I-275 from 6 Mile Road to Hannan Road in the cities of Livonia and Romulus in Wayne County. The project included superstructure and deck replacements, widening superstructures and substructure units, concrete and epoxy overlays. Structural inspection past projects include the structural inspection of the Zilwaukee and Belle Isle bridges.

A favorite past project of mine was performing the underwater inspection of the Mackinac Bridge.

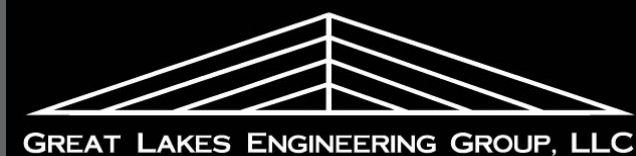
Current Projects: GLEG is assisting MDOT with the \$200 million I-75 River Rouge project, and we were just selected on the I-696 Roadway Reconstruction Project as well as the I-94 Bridge Replacements in Jackson. GLEG was also scheduled to perform the structural inspection of the Houghton-Hancock Lift Bridge in May 2018, where we used a combination of access equipment such as reachalls, bucket trucks, dive boat, and technical rope access to provide a hands on inspection of every inch of the complex bridge.

What do you like about the construction industry? Helping to build infrastructure and making sure it is safe is what I like about the industry. Also, working with people with different perspectives and experience, and working together to solve problems.

What benefits have you experienced from your MITA membership? Being an engineering consulting firm, I appreciate the opportunity to be an associate member and network amongst the contractors of MITA. GLEG utilizes the array of safety training that MITA provides, and the political advocacy for the transportation industry is a huge benefit.

What benefits do you see from serving on the MITA Board of Directors? Being able to connect with such a variety of transportation professionals, and helping to address the needs of Michigan's infrastructure challenges. The ASCE Infrastructure Report Card was just released that gave Michigan's infrastructure a grade of D+. That is unacceptable and failing. Being on the MITA Board gives me an opportunity to do something to encourage government and the legislature to invest in our infrastructure and bring our state's grades up.

Do you find it challenging or difficult being a woman in a business with mostly men? While creating diversity amongst our profession has been slow, I appreciate the courtesy and respect I consistently receive from my peers. The respect has to be earned, but once it is there are no labels. One of the first contractors I went toe to toe with was none other than the infamous Tom Wagenmaker. If you know Tom, he is a loud, intimidating force, who is not afraid to yell his opinions in a roomful of people; and, when it is directed at you, you most certainly feel the pressure. Somewhere along the way, I earned his respect, and we successfully work together to get the project complete. In addition, working amongst all men has its perks, like no long lines for the women's restroom. 🚻



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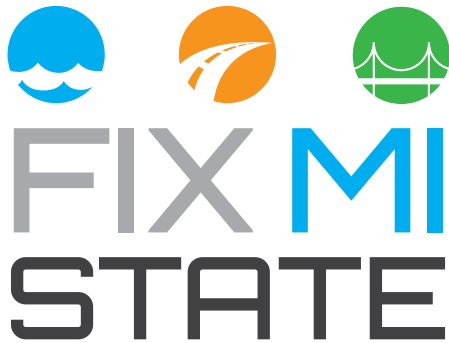
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The first example revolves around an employee who was involved in a physical and legal altercation resulting in the denial of health care and disability benefits. After some investigation and review, MITA staff realized that the employee was being denied because of assumed guilt. Staff then presented proof of innocence and pressed the health care provider to recognize that the situation was not the fault of the employee, and thus should be approved for full benefits under the plan.

Under another situation, a benefit was paid and then was reconsidered by the provider, thus causing further anguish to an employee and their family in a very difficult moment. MITA staff engaged with the administrator of the plan, explained the situation and requested some flexibility, which was ultimately accepted by the provider and the issue was put to rest very quickly.

These simple, yet personal situations should be reminders that MITA is a full service association with staff that is willing to jump in

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Imagine sitting at your desk to begin your workday and instead of being able to enter the program of your choice, your computer

Industry Cyberattacks: Be Prepared & Protect Your Company

completely locks up and flashes an alarming message that all of your files are now encrypted, and you must send thousands of dollars in bitcoin in order to regain access. Imagine that this hasn't infected just your computer, but all the computers within the network. This hostile attempt by hackers to demand payment in order to not damage or destroy a computer network or system is known as a ransomware cyberattack, and it may be more common than you realize.

Cyberattacks are a growing international problem, just as the construction industry is becoming more comfortable with internet-connected solutions and remote accessibility. In less than a two-month period early this year, at least four government agency computer networks were attacked with ransomware, including the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The cyberattacks led to statewide or citywide shutdowns of

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The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) reported in 2017 that 44 percent of roadway contractors said vehicles had crashed into their construction sites over that year. On April 9, a coalition of groups, ranging from MITA, MDOT, Michigan State Patrol, MIOSHA and varying private companies held a press conference in Troy, Mich., to highlight the dangers to construction workers and motorists in work zones. National Work Zone Awareness Week was April 9-13, and the theme was “Work Zone Safety: Everybody’s Responsibility”.

MITA’s Rachelle VanDeventer was the voice for the industry as she discussed the challenges

Work Zone Awareness Week: 2018

faced by employees working in roadways. It is no secret that the construction industry has its hazards, but employers do their very best to protect employees while they work to repair Michigan’s crumbling infrastructure. With the ever-increasing number of miles being driven by motorists, and the increased infrastructure investments leading to more orange barrels and work zones throughout the state, motorists were urged to obey the speed limits and respect the construction workers by giving them the space they need and deserve.

Of all the fatalities on Michigan’s roadways, 24 motorists and one construction worker were killed in work zones. There were 4,341 crashes in Michigan work zones in 2017 and the largest type of vehicles involved were passenger cars, SUVs and vans. Construction employees are urged to stay vigilant in their awareness while working near traffic in construction zones. We know the inherent dangers of our industry; and, by taking some simple precautions and looking out for one another, we can remain safe through the construction season. ⚠️

A group photo of the Spartan Barricading & Traffic Control Inc. team. The team consists of approximately 15 people, mostly men in red shirts, standing in front of a construction site. They are surrounded by orange and white striped traffic barrels and signs. A large sign in the background reads "SPARTAN BARRICADING & TRAFFIC CONTROL INC." and "WHERE WORKERS PRESENT 45". A smaller sign on the right says "WORK AHEAD". A starburst graphic in the bottom left corner says "NEW LOCATION".

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Ken Bertolini

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In March, MITA member Marc Compton of Compton Inc. and I made a presentation to high school students at South Haven High School. We introduced them to the career opportunities in the transportation construction industry, as well as what working for Compton Inc. would be like, including the type of work that they do and job opportunities currently available within their company. Afterward, we took a short drive to the Van Buren Technology Center. We were given a personal tour by the superintendent of schools, Jeffrey C. Mills. Jeff is very proud of the center, and was particularly proud of the construction classes that they provide and the dedicated construction portion of

the campus. Vo-Tech programs provide construction courses, but they are lacking in their teaching of horizontal construction. They are all proud of the houses that they build! Each year, over 1,000 high school juniors and seniors from 15 partnering school districts throughout southwest Michigan choose to attend the Technology Center for a portion of their school

day. Wouldn't it be great if they had exposure to transportation construction? Well, Mills couldn't agree more, and was excited to explore ways that we can partner

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Shirkey serves as chair of the Senate Health Policy and Michigan Competitiveness committees, and is a member of the Elections and Government Reform and Energy and Technology committees. He also serves as the vice-chair for the Appropriations subcommittee for Community Health.

EDUCATION

Shirkey earned a bachelor's degree from General Motors Institute (GMI) in 1978, and a master of science in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1979.

PROFESSIONAL

Mike is the founder and owner of Orbitform, a leading engineering company that manufactures forming, fastening, joining and assembly equipment for a wide range of industries and applications. The company provides world-class prototype engineering services for assembly of parts and specialized forming and fastening. Mike also worked for General Motors in various management and engineering roles for 13 years.

PAST PUBLIC OFFICES AND AFFILIATIONS

Mike served on the Columbia Central School Board in the 1980s and '90s. Shirkey also is the past board chair of Allegiance Health System.

PERSONAL

Mike is the proud father of three and devoted husband of 42 years to Sue. Mike and Sue also have several grandchildren. He is an active member of the Jackson Free Methodist Church, and leads major construction/expansion projects. Mike also enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and working out. He is also an avid woodworker in "grandpa's workshop."

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Q: *How has owning a business helped you become an effective leader within the Michigan Senate?*

A: A lot of Michigan legislators have experience running a business. This has helped because those skills of leadership and organization are easily transferable to public service, and also because many business people who are subject to the frustrating bureaucracy of government end up wanting to do something to change those regulations.

Q: *What legislative priorities do you have?*

A: I'm pushing for legislation that would add a workforce engagement component to our Medicaid system. Our economic goals have had such success that many Michigan businesses, especially construction, are struggling to find workers. By adding incentives to re-engage with the workforce for Medicaid, we're aiming to meet this labor shortage with the Michigan workers who have simply been out of the job market.

Q: *What are your thoughts or comments on the heavy construction industry?*

A: Infrastructure construction is probably the most under appreciated industry in America.

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Q: *What has been your reaction to the public's increase in calls for increased infrastructure investment in Michigan?*


A: Almost everyone I talk to is concerned about the quality of our roads in Michigan. Because of our weather, Michigan roads are in constant need of repair. We've already set aside a combined \$2.1 billion for road repairs, and we'll have to do something similar in the not too distant future. All that money comes from the taxpayers – so it's a balancing act between taxes and spending. Not everyone sees the holes in the state budget, but everyone sees the holes in the road. It's our responsibility to serve the peoples' needs while letting them keep as much of their hard-earned money as we can.

Q: *Although the 2015 road funding package was a step in the right direction*

towards funding our roads and bridges, what do you feel will be the next step towards adequately funding our infrastructure in Michigan?

A: Our 2015 package addressed some key trends that are only going to continue to grow in significance: We needed to adapt our tax structure to accommodate for alternative fuels and electric vehicles. We also set aside funds for higher-quality roads that will last longer, so costs for the long-term will be more manageable once that becomes a standard practice. Gas prices are steadily rising again, so that is something we need to consider, but because of our roads package, we've been able to put \$2.1 billion toward infrastructure improvements.

Q: *How can our MITA members better advocate for their industry and encourage the Legislature to act on increased investment for our infrastructure?*

A: I'm always willing to hear concerns or ideas. Infrastructure is a priority across the state and even with President Trump, so MITA will have a lot of opportunities to make their voice heard. 



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some systems and services.

There are multiple ways that hackers could gain access to your systems. One common way includes a cybercriminal setting up an email in such a way that it can appear the email is from a trustworthy source. The email will often ask for personal information, such as bank account information or login credentials, or the email may ask for you to click on a link and login to a source. Once a person clicks on a malicious email attachment or link, ransomware or malware could be downloaded to their computer.

Although it is nearly impossible to

100 percent guarantee security, there are steps experts recommend that should help to avoid falling victim of such cyberattacks. They include:

- Install and keep up to date security software on company servers and computers.
- Make sure your firewalls are enabled and updated regularly with security patches.
- Be sure employees are trained and up to date on security policies and practices.
- Take extra precautions for mobile devices if they are used to access your company's network.
- Secure your company's Wi-Fi network, both at the office and at the jobsite.

- Regularly back up data offsite or with a trusted cloud storage provider.

The construction industry is definitely not immune to cyberattacks. Taking a "it won't happen to me approach" may be perfectly acceptable if your company doesn't use computers to store any information about your business and if you do not connect to the Internet. Since that is not the case for most, if not all companies, it may be best to consider examining the systems your company has in place and to take some of the extra precautions recommended, particularly if your company hasn't done so already. ⚠️

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Mariam Robinson
Director of Strategic Affairs

By Mariam Robinson, Director of Strategic Affairs

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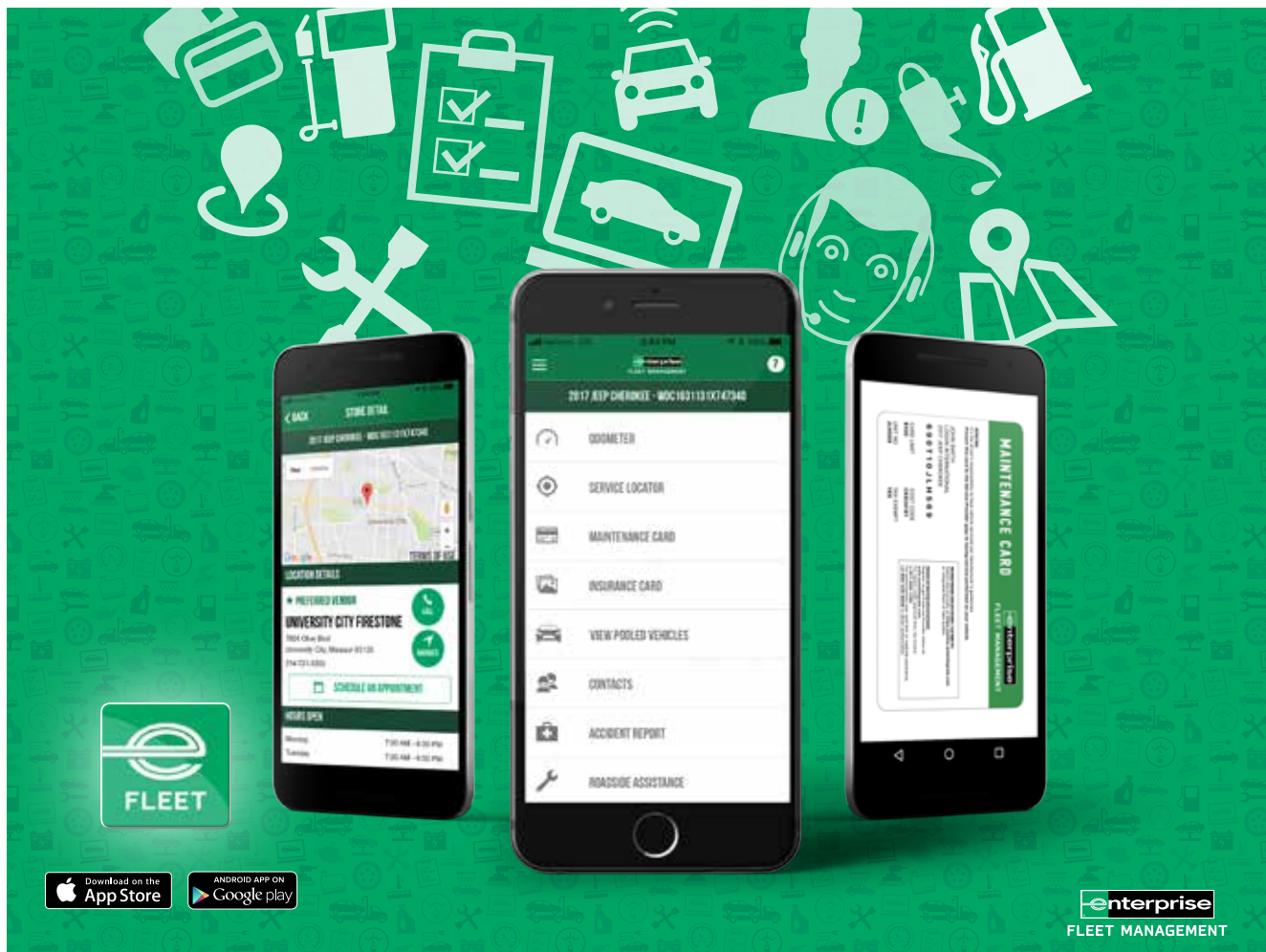
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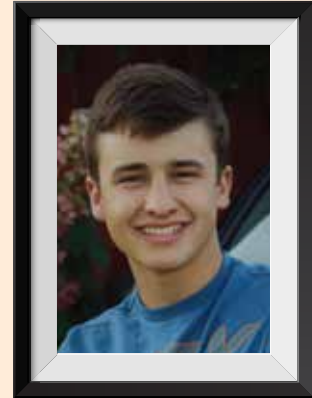
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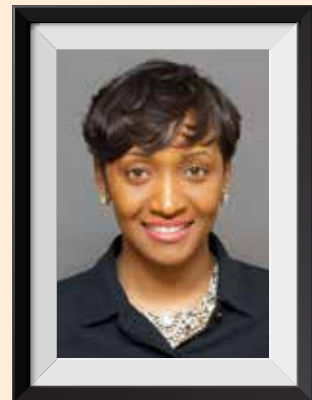
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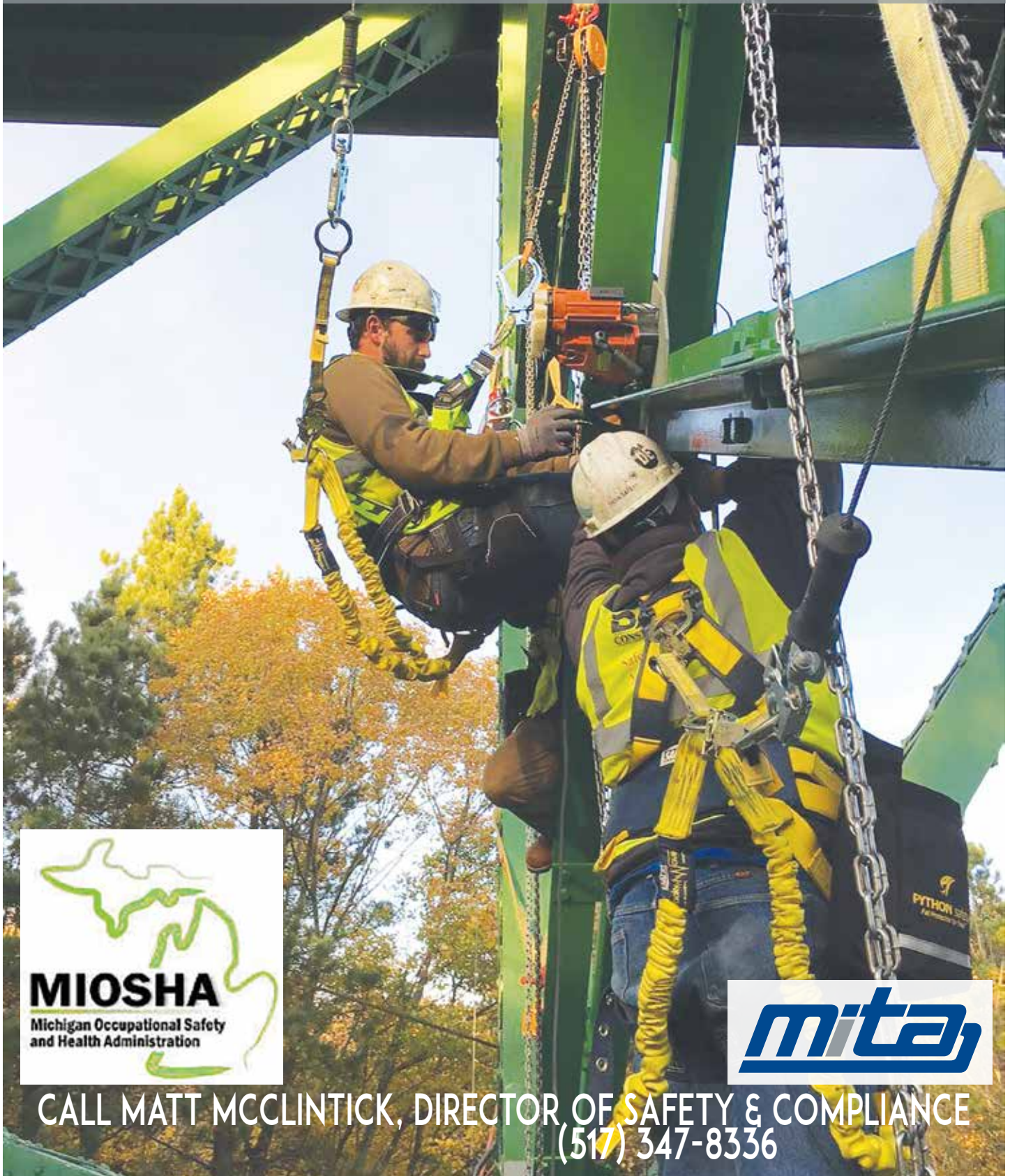
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Robert	Nagle	Rehmann	\$250.00
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Christopher	Churches	M & M Excavating Company	\$500.00
J.W.	Fisher	Fisher Contracting Company	\$2,000.00
Tom	Larabel	Ferris State University	\$300.00
Brandie	Meisner	M & M Excavating Company	\$1,000.00
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Mike	Corrigan	Corrigan Oil Co.	\$1,000.00
Tom	Horton	Centurion Insurance Agency	\$200.00
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Bob	Nobbs	Edw. C. Levy Co.	\$500.00
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Terry	Pieprzak	T.R. Pieprzak Company	\$200.00
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- **Brian K. Davies, P.E.**, has been with HRC since 2009. As a project engineer he has gained experience managing design and providing construction administration services for various regional projects.
- **James E. Scholl, P.E.**, has 39 years within the industry. As a senior project engineer, his experience covers water, wastewater, stormwater, and natural systems for municipal, industrial and government agency clients.
- **Matthew G. Slicker, P.E.**, began working for HRC in 1994. He has been a senior project engineer for site/civil engineering services throughout Michigan.
- **James J. Surhigh, P.E.**, began working for HRC in 1997. He has been responsible for the design and management of municipal utility and road projects during his tenure.
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G2 Consulting Group has been awarded a contract to provide geotechnical and construction materials testing and engineering services on the multi-million dollar streetscape project on Old Woodward Avenue through the heart of downtown Birmingham.

As part of the assignment, G2 Consulting will provide geotechnical engineering and materials testing services, including exploratory borings, vibration consulting, backfill compaction testing associated with underground construction, and paving materials testing, including laboratory testing



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services. G2 managed similar activities on the recent award-winning streetscape project in downtown Fenton, Mich.

“Streetscapes are tricky, expensive and extremely critical elements for any city, especially when they’re in a major commercial district as this one is,” said Jim Berry, P.E., project manager. “The Birmingham project is designed to create an even more inviting and safe commercial district. At the same time, the city will make important infrastructure upgrades.”

G2 Consulting is working with general contractor Angelo Iafate Construction Co. Work was scheduled to begin in March, weather permitting, and is slated to be completed in July. Phases two and three will follow in 2020 and 2022. 🚧



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House Panel Passes \$2.8 Billion Highway Funding Boost

The House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee May 16 approved legislation that would provide a record of nearly \$50 billion in federal highway investment and exceed authorized funding levels for the transit and airport construction programs. Subcommittee Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.) authored the bill.

The measure builds on the two-year budget agreement reached in March by the Trump administration and bipartisan congressional leaders to significantly increase domestic and defense discretionary spending in FY 2018 and FY 2019. The pact enabled the FY 2018 government-wide spending package signed into law March 22 to add close to \$5 billion in General Fund supplemental transportation spending. The FY 2019 House bill adds \$4.25 billion from the General Fund for federal highway programs to the \$45.27 billion authorized as part of the 2015 FAST Act surface transportation law.

The resulting \$49.5 billion in highway investment would be a 14.4 percent increase in two years and a \$9 billion increase since 2015 enactment of the FAST Act.

Federal transit and aviation construction programs would also receive increases. Transit capital programs would see a \$310 million addition to the FAST Act approved funding level of \$2.3 billion. This is in contrast to the Trump administration's FY 2019 budget proposal to zero out funding for this program. Furthermore, the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) current funding level of \$3.35 billion would be augmented by an additional \$500 million.

The popular TIGER Grant program, a discretionary multimodal program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation and renamed by the Trump administration as BUILD grants, would receive \$750 million under the House bill. This would be a decrease of \$750 million from FY 2018 level of \$1.5 billion.

The passage of the bill by the subcommittee begins the months-long process to finalize FY 2019 funding for the federal transportation programs. While both the House and Senate have pledged to pass appropriations

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bills individually rather than in large packages—as has been the recent norm—chances of most getting through the House and Senate before FY 2019 begins on Oct. 1 are slim.

The supplemental General Fund infrastructure spending in FY 2018 and 2019 is welcome and Congress should be applauded for recognizing increasing investment in the nation's transportation programs is long

overdue. But the March budget agreement does not extend to FY 2020, which means the potential for decreased spending from FY 2019 levels. For example, the FAST Act authorizes \$47.1 billion for the highway programs in FY 2020—or \$3.2 billion less than the House-proposed FY 2019 level.

This dynamic could add to the uncertainty faced by states as Highway Trust Fund (HTF) revenue shortfalls return beginning Oct. 1,

2020. This situation reinforces the message Transportation Construction Coalition 2018 Fly-In participants delivered in May to Congress: Fix the Highway Trust Fund Now!

ARTBA will continue to push for maximum transportation infrastructure investment as the FY 2019 appropriations process moves forward and remind Capitol Hill and the Trump administration of the urgent need for a permanent HTF fix. 🚧

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, and to register, please visit www.thinkmita.org.

July 11

MITA Metro Golf Outing
Twin Lakes Golf Course
Oakland

July 26

MITA Board Meeting
Crystal Mountain | 9 a.m.

July 26–29

MITA Summer Conference
Crystal Mountain
Thompsonville

August 16

MITA Central Golf Outing
Eagle Eye Golf Club
East Lansing

September 18

MITA Board Meeting
Country Club of Lansing
Lansing | 9 a.m.

September 27

MITA Wild Game Dinner
Palazzo Grande
Shelby Township | 6 p.m.

December 11

MITA Western Holiday Party
The Waldron Public House Grand
Rapids | 11:30 a.m.

December 14

MITA Board Meeting
Country Club of Lansing
Lansing | 9 a.m.

December 14

MITA Central Holiday Party
Country Club of Lansing
Lansing | 11:30 a.m.

December 20

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Somerset Inn
Troy | 11:30 a.m.

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