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NACE Report
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All,

Here is my Fall 2021 NACE Report and a copy of the NACE annual dues structure. NACE's revenue has increased dramatically since the implementation of the new dues structure.

Rod

Dear State Directors,

First, I'd like to thank all of you that participated in the Board meeting yesterday. It was one of the most important and thoughtful discussions we have had. I appreciate all of your comments during and prior to the meeting.

After thorough discussion, the Board overwhelmingly approved the proposed dues structure revisions. The new dues rates and voting allocations are shown below. While the number of votes are dictated by population, each county will have unlimited Associate Members. This is an incredible opportunity to provide exposure to more county employees and grow our membership.

<u>Population</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Votes</u>
<50,000	\$200	1
50,000 – 150,000	\$350	2
150,000 – 250,000	\$500	3

250,000 – 500,000	\$750	4
>500,000	\$1000	5

One issue that has been discussed at length is the process by which affiliates will collect dues from the counties. While the dues vary by county based on population, some affiliates may decide to divide the dues evenly among the counties for simplicity.

This change will obviously require modifications on both the affiliate and NACE process of billing and updating of membership information. The first year will clearly be one of transition but I am confident that your affiliates and NACE staff will work through the changes.

Regards,

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Update from NACE President Todd Kinney

I wanted to get out a quick note to let everyone know what's been happening with NACE. Due to the widespread questions and concerns regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP), I have asked the Executive Committee to reach out to their State Directors to gage interest in having Kevan Stone, NACE Executive Director ask the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the National Association of Counties (NACo) to see if they would host a webinar geared specifically to county engineers (public works, highway supervisors etc..) topic areas. The responses were overwhelming in favor of seeking additional information for our members.

NACE is currently working with the NACo to provide clarity and support for counties looking to utilize the ARP. NACE will be accessing the over 900 questions asked by stakeholders across all sectors to create a transportation infrastructure specific Q&A document NACE members can utilize. For those with additional questions, NACE will also be creating a Q&A submission document to submit to both NACo and United States Department of the Treasury for additional guidance and resources.

This year's NACE Fall Board of Directors Meeting will take place in St. Louis, Missouri. The Fall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon CDT at the St. Louis Hilton at the Ballpark.

DIRECT FEDERAL AID TO COUNTIES | \$65.1 BILLION

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING BREAKDOWN

In a major victory for America's counties, the legislation includes **\$65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid to every county in America**. These direct funds are allocated based on the county share of the U.S. population. Counties that are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients (urban entitlement counties) will receive the larger of the population-based share or the share under a modified CDBG allocation formula. See distribution by County below:

https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/fiscalrecoveryfunds_countyfunding_2021.05.10-1a-508A.pdf

NACE Federal Priorities

We urge Members of Congress to support county transportation and infrastructure priorities in any new infrastructure legislation presented by Congress.

Counties play a critical role in the nation's transportation system, owning 46 percent of all public roads (compared to the 32 percent of public roads owned by cities and townships, 19 percent by states, and 3 percent by the federal government) and 38 percent of the nation's bridge inventory, and are involved with a third of the nation's

transit systems and airports that connect residents, communities, and businesses. As Congressional leaders outline priorities to address in an infrastructure package, of vital importance will be policy positions that include sustainable funding for large-scale construction and maintenance projects. Also crucial are alternative revenue sources for highways and transit, harbors, and airports, as well as regulatory reform that addresses a streamlined permit approval process.

NACE believes that counties should be recognized as major owners of transportation infrastructure in any potential package presented by Congress or the administration. Furthermore, federal funding levels and local authority should adequately reflect the county role in the nation's transportation system. NACE believes that a user-pay approach should continue to be the cornerstone of federal transportation funding. **New, dedicated federal funding must be part of any new infrastructure package with direct funding opportunities available to local governments:** As the largest owner of road and bridge infrastructure, counties cannot always depend on state entities to allocate appropriate resources to local projects.

Ensure long-term solvency of the highway trust fund: In order to maintain a robust infrastructure network, the Highway Trust Fund must remain solvent. NACE advocates for an "all tools in the toolbox" approach to accomplishing this, including increased usage of user-fees for infrastructure.

Streamlining of the federal process: NACE supports a streamlining of the federal process, helping reduce project delays resulting from duplicative reviews, permits, and procedures. These reforms can also improve public safety by expediting repairs and improvements to disaster-affected infrastructure quicker. In addition, the absence of burdensome bureaucratic red-tape can assist in increasing the purchasing power of our existing funding and any new sources.

[NACE 2022 Annual Conference](#)

April 24 – 27

Buffalo, New York

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Host: New York State County Highway Superintendents Association (NYSCHSA)

Future NACE Conferences

NACE 2023

Orange Beach, Alabama

NACE 2024

Palm Springs, California

NACE 2025

TBD, Illinois

NACE Publications Catalog

NACE publishes an extensive series of Action Guides on subjects important to county engineers and public works managers. There are 19 Action Guides available along with a series of Training Guides for road crews that present the basics of a variety of operations. To order contact:

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ACTION GUIDE TOPICS

- **Organization**
- **Personnel**
- **Financial Management**
- **Maintenance Management**
- **Administration of Bridge Inspection**
- **Tort Liability**
- **Road Programming**
- **Road Surface Management**
- **Roadway Safety**
- **Storm Water Management and Drainage**
- **Subsurface Soils Exploration**
- **Bridge Rehabilitation on Local Roads**
- **Rural Transportation Planning**
- **Purchasing Authority**

- Impact of land Development on County & Local Transportation System Planning
- Solid Waste Management
- Public Awareness & Support
- Traffic Operations

TRAINING GUIDE TOPICS

- Handbook on Training for Road Departments
- Trainers Guide
- Blading Aggregate Surfaces
- How to Talk and Communicate at the Same Time
- Improving Traffic Maintenance
- Tips for Conserving the Environment and Energy
- Bridge Maintenance on Local Roads

There are currently 12 Colorado Counties with memberships in NACE.

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