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#### **Coba's Capitol Comments**

The business of government continues as the Governor and legislators continue to make decisions mainly in regard to how to respond to COVID-19.

The Governor released Executive Order 20-12 on Monday under the Stay Home, Save Lives informational campaign. This order closed certain retail businesses and gave guidance to other Oregon businesses on how to comply with social distancing and hygiene requirements.

The key part for ACEC members is in sections 9 and 10 under Workspace Restrictions. Telework is encouraged to the maximum extent possible. Work in offices is prohibited whenever telework and work at home options are available, in light of position duties, and availability of equipment and network capabilities. An employer must designate an employee to establish, implement and enforce social distancing policies consistent with Oregon Health Authority guidance. This EO is very general and other than the specific businesses ordered to close should be able to be complied with by most design firms.

Both the EO and the OHA website are below.

**Governor's Executive Order:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CWpyxtQbZEvTmo-IYMXa\\_26BAangAZNG/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CWpyxtQbZEvTmo-IYMXa_26BAangAZNG/view)

**Oregon Health Authority website with Q & A and guidance:**

<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

A special Joint Legislative Committee on Coronavirus Response has been meeting for the past week to determine what is a feasible state response. The Committee received dozens of written comments suggesting option for solutions for business, schools, non-profits and all other aspects of life in Oregon. They narrowed the list to 45 concepts and are now narrowing it further. Among the concepts are delaying the first quarters of CAT tax payments, freezing unemployment rates as of early January, housing allowances and a host of others. The ability to pay for these concepts will drive what is feasible.

**Committee policy considerations:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/201911/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/221702>

Oregon will have a special legislative session as soon as next week to further respond to COVID-19. Most likely this will include some budget reorganization and potentially some assistance for business that has been impacted by the virus. I will continue to monitor the Committee and report on any issues that may be of interest to ACEC.



**Portland Metro President  
Lynn Peterson**

**WHERE**

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Video conferencing log-in credentials will be provided prior to the event.

**SCHEDULE**

8:00 A.M. – Video conference begins

8:45 A.M. – Conclusion

ACEC Oregon will make a donation to the infrastructure investment campaign.

**Last chance!**

**Video Conference with Metro President Lynn Peterson**

– March 31

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Participants need to download Zoom ahead of time. A link will be provided for downloading the application. Then click the link again when it's time for the presentation to begin. Registrants can type questions for President Peterson to be addressed at the end of the presentation.

This event for firm reps, CEOs, and other senior executives is an unique opportunity to meet and network with leaders of Oregon and southwest Washington engineering companies.

**Metro President Lynn Peterson** will speak to ACEC Oregon members on Tuesday, March 31.

Peterson's presentation will provide an overview of the 2020 Transportation Investment measure, discuss the regional approach and importance of corridor-focused solutions, region-wide programs and how individuals can weigh in.

Click [HERE](#) for more details and to register.

COST  
\$50 members  
\$75 non-members

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