Infrastructure & Construction (I&C)
Working Group Overview

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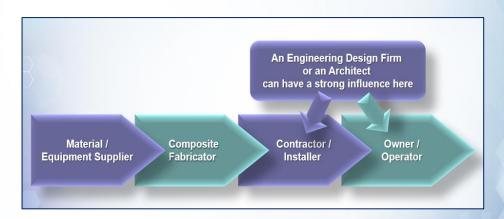
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History of the I&C Working Group



- The I&C working group was formed in October 2020
 - Infrastructure became a new focus area for IACMI
- The working group has members representing the entire value chain for I&C
 - 86 people have opted in
 - Need more downstream members



The working group has held 8 meetings to date

Some Key Activities that Will Be Covered Today

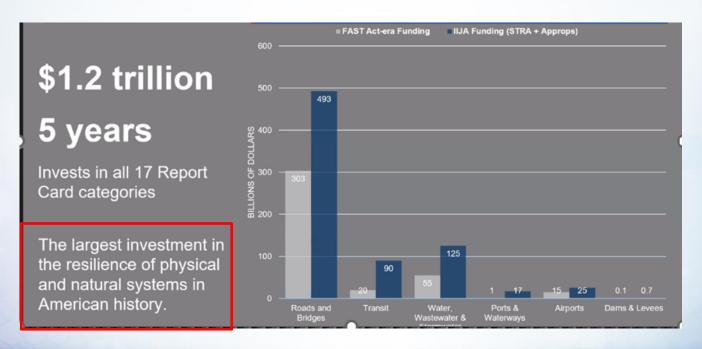


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Infrastructure is a Hot Topic!



- The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) passed in November
 - aka "The Infrastructure Bill"



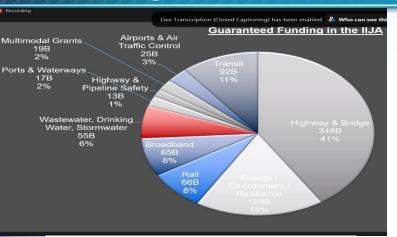
Collecting & Disseminating About the Infrastructure Bill



- What's in the Infrastructure bill that passed?
 - How and where is the \$ going to be spent?
- What funding opportunities exist for Infrastructure-related R&D?
 - For IACMI and for its members
- The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has been an extremely useful source of information

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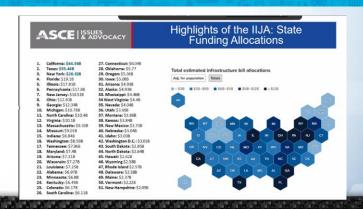




New Proposed Infrastructure Funding	ASCE Report Card Category		
\$110 Billion for Roads, Bridges, Major Projects	Bridges, Roads		
\$11 Billion for Pipeline Modernization, Trucking Safety, and Traffic Safety	Energy, Roads		
\$39 Billion for Public Transit Repair	Transit		
\$66 Billion for Passenger and Freight Rail Repair and Expansion	Rail, Transit		
\$7.5 Billion for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Roads, Energy		
\$7.5 Billion for Low Carbon and Electric Buses and Ferries	Transit, Ports		
\$17 Billion for Port Infrastructure	Ports, Inland Waterways		
\$25 Billion for Airport Maintenance and Resilience	Aviation		
\$50 Billion for Cyber Resiliency, Wildfire Management, Flood Mitigation, Coastal Resiliency, Weatherization, and Ecosystem Restoration	Broadband, Dams, Energy, Levees, Stormwater		
\$55 Billion for Water Infrastructure	Drinking Water, Stormwater, Wastewater		
\$65 Billion to Bridge the Digital Divide	Broadband		
\$21 Billion in Environmental Remediation	Hazardous Waste		
\$73 Billion for Nation's Power Infrastructure	Energy		

Highlights of the IIJA Roads, Bridges & Water

- ☑ A five-year, \$383.4 billion reauthorization of core federal highway and bridge programs.
 - This represents a 34% increase from FAST Act funding levels.
- New programs to address significant bridge repair, rehabilitation, and replacement
- A pilot to test a national vehicle miles travelled tax
- ☑ Increase in multimodal freight funding
- The largest investment in clean water infrastructure in our history, including removal of lead pipes in communities across the U.S.



How Will the Money be Spent?



\$ for Construction projects to repair existing infrastructure

Bridge Repair

Removal of lead pipes

Grid hardening

Ports

Dams

EV Charging Stations

Hundreds of billions of \$
\$ for all 17 categories of the ASCE Report Card

Funding for R&D

Grant programs for innovative technologies

Applied R&D

Demonstration programs

Centers of Excellence

Tens of billions of \$

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Mission of the I&C Working Group



Focus on addressing technoeconomic barriers to mass adoption of composites in I&C applications in partnership with similarly aligned organizations

- Key barriers being addressed by the working group:
 - Cost-competitiveness / Life Cycle Costs
 - Education / Awareness
 - Lack of Codes & Specifications
 - Sustainability
 - Performance Issues

Objectives of the I&C Working Group



Spur the use of FRP composites in Infrastructure & Construction applications by reducing or removing barriers to their adoption. This will be accomplished by:

Cost

 Illustrating the life cycle cost benefits of FRP composites relative to traditional materials of construction

Education

Increasing the awareness of FRP composites in the civil engineering and construction communities

Standards & Tools

Assisting in the creation and dissemination of new standards, specifications and modeling & simulation tools that help design engineers become more comfortable designing with composites

Creating, managing and publicizing industry-led

Performance

Demonstration projects that illustrate the benefits of FRP composites

- Research projects that improve the performance of FRP composites

An Important Short Term Objective



- Show how I&C fits into the strategy for DOE renewal
 - Decarbonization, reduction of emissions
 - Lower energy consumption relative to steel and concrete
- Outline the plans for I&C in IACMI 2.0
 - New materials & processes that lower energy requirements/emissions
 - Scale/validation of promising new technologies
 - Gaps that IACMI can fill

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A Parallel Path Strategy



- 1. Identify & secure funding for I&C-related projects
- 2. Develop a list of potential I&C projects
 - Research projects or
 - Demonstration projects
- Rationale: Have projects that are already well-defined once funding becomes available

Identifying & Pursuing Funding for I&C Projects



- A funding sub-committee has been formed
 - Keeping a close watch on grants.gov
- Looking for partnership opportunities
 - State DOTs
 - Universities



UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION CENTERS PROGRAM

FY 2022 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Opening Date: May 25, 2022 Requested Date for Letter of Intent: July 1, 2022 Required Application Due: August 25, 2022

Transportation Resilience and Adaptation Centers of Excellence

The bill establishes 10 regional university-led Transportation Resilience and Adaptation Centers of Excellence. Centers would advance R&D that improves surface transportation resilience to natural disasters and extreme weather. This includes supporting climate vulnerability assessments; R&D on new materials, data, tools; workforce development and training; and new infrastructure design, operations, and maintenance standards. Each COE would receive \$10 million annually for fiscal years (FY) 2022

R&D Projects Submitted for Consideration



Proposals for 9 projects have been submitted so far

These projects will be described briefly

	Date Proposed	Normalized vote
Rural infrastructure	8/17/21	315
Trimer resin	8/17/21	294
Recycled wind blades	10/5/21	196
SOG applications of FRP rebar	4/27/22	190
Elium rebar	8/17/21	160
Creep of FRP rebar	10/5/21	155
Pedestrian/bike walkways for bridges	4/27/22	119
Graphene for I&C	10/5/21	14
Benefit-Cost Analysis	6/28/22	TBD

.... and the first one has just been approved by the Consortium Council for launch!

Trimer Project: Fire-Resistant Resins for I&C



- Project team = Orenco + Trimer Technologies
- The team submitted an Idea Paper in April
- The Consortium Council approved the project yesterday
- Scope: Conduct a series of FR tests with Trimer NFUSE resin and glass/core reinforcements. Scaling to 10' x 10' assemblies.
 - E1354- Cone Calorimetry Testing (at UDRI)
 - E84- Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials (at SWRI)
 - E119- Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction Materials (at SWRI)

IACMI Idea Paper

Date: 4/1/22

Project Title: Fire Resistance (FR) Testing of Trimer Resin for Infrastructure & Construction

Applications

Project Partner Lead Organization: Orenco Composites

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Lead IACMI Technology Area: UDRI

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This is the first project to receive IACMI Resource Pool funding (\$27K)

Potential Applications in I&C

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- Bridges, including pedestrian bridges
- Enclosures for Micro Data Centers
- Tunnels
- Utility / Power Poles
- Train / Subway Station Platforms
- Communication Towers
- Heliports / Vertiports
- Enclosures for Remote Power
- Building Facades
- Prefabricated Balconies
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Industrial Small Buildings







Recycling of Wind Turbine Blades into I&C Applications

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- Can end-of-life wind turbine blades be used in I&C applications?
 - Selective & unselective disassembly
- Pursuing recycling technology developed by RiversEdge Composites
 - Grinding in a hammer mill
 - Compression molding into panels
- Interaction with two other working groups
 - Wind Energy
 - Circular Economy









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ASCE Webinar on Designing with FRP



An Introduction to Designing with Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Composites for Civil and Environmental Engineers

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ASCE Webinar on Designing with FRP



Motivation for Today's Webinar

- Designing with FRP is not typically taught in undergraduate civil engineering curricula
- As a result, civil engineers are <u>not as familiar</u> with designing with FRP composites
- Motivation for this webinar: Make civil engineers more comfortable designing with FRP composites
- Today, you will see numerous case studies where FRP composites have been designed for use in Infrastructure applications







iDock

FRP Girders

FRP Rebar

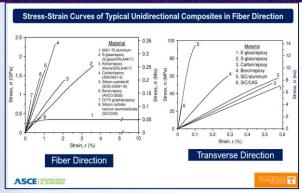


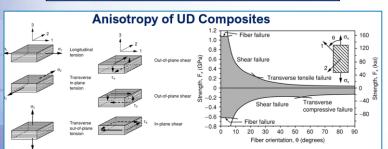
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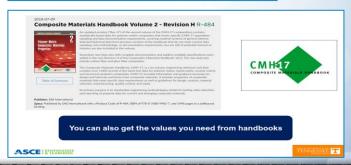
Getting Started with Design: Basic Composite Materials,
Mechanics & Properties







TENSILE STRESS-STRAIN				
	Steel	GFRP	CFRP	
Yield Stress ksi (MPa)	40-75 (276-517)	N/A	N/A	
Tensile Strength ksi (MPa)	70-100 (483-690)	70-230 (483-1600)	87-535 (600-3690)	
Elastic Modulus msi (GPa)	29 (200)	5.1 - 7.4 (35-51)	15.9 - 84 (120-580)	
Yield Strain %	0.14-0.25	N/A	N/A	

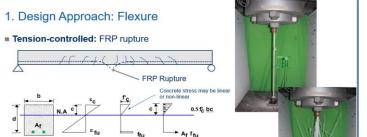


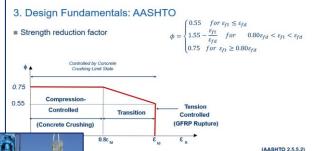
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Design & Implementation of FRP-RC









FRP Rebar

3. Design Fundamentals: **Critical Parameters**

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- C_F Environmental coef.
- C_c Creep Rupture Strength coef.
- C, Fatigue Strength coef.
- Spacing for Crack Control coef.
- Cb Bond coef.
- w crack width limit





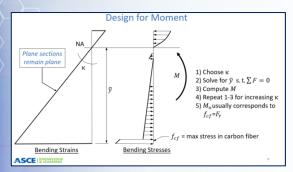


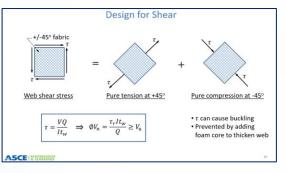


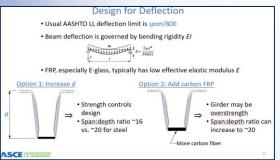
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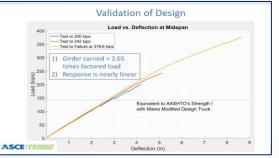


Design of GBeam FRP Girders for Bridge Superstructures













Case study

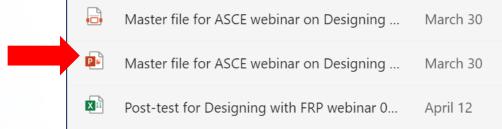


Accessing the Presentation

The entire presentation can be accessed in the Microsoft Teams folder for the I&C working group

- Opting into the working group will give you access to this folder
 - Meeting summaries
 - Other information of interest





Plans Going Forward



- Assist with the effort to secure DOE renewal
 - Show how I&C fits into the strategy for IACMI 2.0
 - What gaps can IACMI address?
- Continue to pursue funding for I&C projects
 - Watch grants.gov for opportunities
 - Strengthen relationships with state DOTs
- Launch the Trimer project
 - FR testing at UDRI and SWRI

Opting into the I&C Working Group



If you would like to "opt in" to the I&C working group, send an e-mail to these 3 people:

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Thank you!