Written Report:

In May I provided a summary of this year’s legislative session and an update on our GAC efforts since the Expo for the summer edition of the Florida Public Works magazine.

On 7/2/19, Lisa Baker of our committee met with Senator Keith Perry in Gainesville. Senator Perry is the Vice Chair of the Infrastructure and Security Committee and serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Here is Lisa’s summary of the meeting:

*The meeting this afternoon went really well. It was just a general introduction of APWA and our interest in advocating for public works across the state of Florida.*

- The next session starts in January, but Committees meet for a week in September.
- To start, we should start with one issue and we discussed the gas tax replacement which unbeknownst to me, Sen. Perry is aware of the issue and is an advocate for addressing.
- We decided the next step forward is for me and his senate assistant, Kayla, to work together to find the best path forward for the gas tax replacement (if that’s what we decide to pursue faithfully).
- I’ll meet with her the first part of August after our Executive Committee meeting and get things going.
- I’ll find out when Committees are meeting in September, so we can plan to have representation in Tallahassee if possible (even if we take turns attending).

Lastly, as an APWA Advocacy Ambassador, I recently corresponded with my Congressman, Rep. Bill Posey, asking him to consider joining the House Public Works and Infrastructure Caucus.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Wilkison