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WORLD RENOWNED MAYO CLINIC MOVES FORWARD ON MAJOR \$5 BILLION EXPANSION PLAN

Mayo Clinic's vision for the future continues to unfold with their announcement last year on plans to invest \$5 billion starting in 2024 to expand its Rochester, Minnesota campus. The announcement is part of their initiative titled: "Bold. Forward. Unbound." Plans are to start construction this year and have some facilities ready in 2028.

This strategic focus will transform patient care by adding five new buildings with 2.4 million square feet of space. Two new towers will be at the center of the campus, connected by skyways and tunnels.

The innovative planning involves creating 'community centered

neighborhoods', where patients receive medical services around common patient needs and diseases creating continuous care environments that serve as the patient's home while being treated at Mayo Clinic. Essentially, the neighborhood concept keeps people from shuttling to other parts of campus for tests or treatments. The mission will bring Mayo Clinic teams and patients together to advance teamwork, create more cures and improve outcomes.

The construction work will provide hundreds of jobs for LIUNA Local 405 Laborers and other Union trades' members and opportunities for Union Contractor employers. Mayo

Clinic has a long, storied history working with Union Contractors who employ skilled Union construction craft trades members, including hundreds of Laborers Local 405 Union members who report daily to the campus and help ensure that it remains the top clinic in the world when it comes to medical innovation and patient care.

"LIUNA looks forward to working with Mayo Clinic and our Union Contractor partners to build out this new innovative patient care initiative," said Lorne Lundeen, Business Manager, LIUNA Local 405. "We know how to work in hospital environments and understand that the importance of our work is

utmost around safety and patient care. We'll use our expertise to help Mayo realize its plans and we'll do that with the quality and integrity that we've shown for over 100 years."

The State of Minnesota is financing millions of dollars' worth of infrastructure projects in Rochester that will help Mayo as part of the Destination Medical Center program passed by the Legislature in 2018.



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BOLANDER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Bolander, a leading Union Contractor in heavy civil construction, commemorates its 100th year of operations in 2024.

“Reaching our 100th year is a remarkable achievement for Bolander,” said Mark Ryan, CEO. “This milestone reflects not only our rich history but also the dedication and hard work of our employees, the support of our clients, and the trust of the communities we serve.”

The company has played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of the Twin Cities, through innovation, experience and high-quality services. Notable projects include the Ford Site/Highland Bridge, TCAAP, Allianz

Field, Minnesota State Capitol, Central Corridor & 4th St. Light Rail projects, Abbott Northwestern Hospital and the Interstate 35 W Bridge construction project rebuild.



FECHNER, LUNDEEN JOIN LECET BOARD

Koby Fechner, Operations Manager for Bituminous Roadways, Inc., based in Mendota Heights, MN and Lorne Lundeen, Business Manager of LIUNA Local 405 Rochester, MN have been appointed new LECET Board of Trustees members, replacing Randy Kramer (Bituminous Roadways, Inc.) and Sheldon Steele, (LIUNA Local 405), who have retired.

Fechner started with Bituminous Roadways, Inc. in 1998 as a dozer operator with prior experience on both grading and paving crews and then worked his way into leadership



Koby Fechner



Lorne Lundeen

positions, being named Operations Manager in 2021. “It’s important for Labor and Management to maintain a spirit of cooperation to help grow the industry, safely build our infrastructure and promote future

careers,” said Fechner. “I am honored to work with LECET on those efforts.”

Lundeen has 25 years of service with LIUNA Local 405 in Rochester and southeastern, MN. He was hired as a field Business Agent in 2018 and was recently appointed the lead role as Business Manager on June 1 and offered his thoughts on the value of LECET. “I look forward to working with management leaders on LECET to help create a safety driven culture and ensure there are always many great opportunities in the pipeline for Union construction.”

WELCOME NEW CONTRACTORS!

- Aikey Electric
- Concrete Worx LLC

- Hunter Modular Construction
- Monaghan Construction Company LLC
- Nadeau Companies LLC

- Nelson Industrial Coatings LLC
- Pullman SST Inc

LECET Mission

The Minnesota Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET) fund was created in 1992 as a non-profit joint Labor/Management cooperation effort affiliated with the Minnesota Laborers Union. LECET aims to promote the many benefits of Union construction while addressing a number of initiatives that are of mutual benefit to both signatory Union Contractors and LiUNA members.

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DULUTH ESSENTIA HOSPITAL LEADS TOP PROJECTS IN 2023

Finance & Commerce News has issued their Top Projects list for 2023 with the massive Union built Essentia Hospital in Duluth, MN leading the way. When selecting the projects, F&C utilized an independent panel of judges to review each project's degree of difficulty, creativity in design, innovative construction techniques, cooperation among contractors and management, and sustainability efforts.



Image provided by Barry Howell Photography

3M Skills Development Center

955 Wells St., Suite 300, St. Paul

Owner: 3M

Contractor: Shaw-Lundquist Associates, Inc.

Belfry Apartments

3901 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis

Owner: Trellis Co.

Contractor: Frana Cos.

Bhatti GI Clinic and Ambulatory Surgery Center

6500 Barrie Road, Edina

Owner: Bhatti GI Consultants PA

Contractor: RJM Construction

Camdentown Flats

1500 N. 44th Ave., Minneapolis

Owner: Houston White

Contractor: Flannery Construction

Castlelake

250 Nicollet Mall, Suite 900, Minneapolis

Owner: Castlelake, L.P.

Contractor: Gardner Builders

Corsa

3440 Beltline Blvd., St. Louis Park

Owner: Beltline Residences, LLC

Contractor: Opus Design Build, LLC

Crown College SPBI Residence Hall

8700 College View Drive, St. Bonifacius

Owner: Crown College

Contractor: LS Black Constructors

Delta Air Lines Tech Hub

8400 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington

Owner: Delta Air Lines, Inc.

Contractor: Gardner Builders

Essentia Health – St. Mary's Medical Center

402 E. Second St., Duluth

Owner: Essentia Health

Contractor: McGough

Fieldhouse Dinkytown

805 15th Ave. SE, Minneapolis

Owner: Up Campus Properties

Contractor: Union Subcontractors

Frana Companies – Floor Plant

15790 Canada Circle, Rosemount

Owner: Frana Companies

Contractor: Frana Companies

Graco Distribution Center

12225 W. French Lake Road, Dayton

Owner: Graco Inc.

Contractor: McGough

Highland Bridge Medical Office

2270 Ford Parkway, St. Paul

Owner: Ryan Cos. US, Inc.

Contractor: Ryan Cos. US, Inc.

J.I. Case

233 Park Ave., Minneapolis

Owner: Sherman Associates, Inc.

Contractor: Gardner Builders

Juxtaposition Arts

2007 Emerson Ave. N., Minneapolis

Owner: Juxtaposition Arts

Contractor: Watson-Forsberg; TRI-Construction, Inc.

Lakeville Specialty Center

18465 Orchard Trail, Lakeville

Owner: Davis

Contractor: Timco Construction

Maison Margaux

224 N. First St., Minneapolis

Owner: David Fhima

Contractor: Greiner Construction

North Metro Regional Public Safety Training Facility

12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway N., Maple Grove

Owner: City of Maple Grove

Contractor: RJM Construction

NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center Expansion

2220 Plymouth Ave. N., Minneapolis

Owner: Hennepin County

Contractor: J.E. Dunn Construction Company

Our Lady of Peace

2076 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul

Owner: Our Lady of Peace

Contractor: Flannery Construction

Paravel

8300 Commonwealth Drive, Eden Prairie

Owner: Timberland Partners

Contractor: Frana Companies

Peregrine

2035 West River Road N., Minneapolis

Owner: Schafer Richardson

Contractor: Greiner Construction

Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Plant Phase III Additions

100 Red Rock Road, Newport

Owner: Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy (R&E)

Contractor: Adolfson & Peterson Construction

Riverplace Office Repositioning

1 SE Main St., No. 200, Minneapolis

Owner: Crestlight Capital

Contractor: Gardner Builders

The Blake School Early Learning Center and Lower School Campus Renovation

110 Blake Road S., Hopkins

Owner: The Blake School

Contractor: Mortenson

The Laker

2500 NE Second St., Minneapolis

Owner: Doran Cos.

Contractor: Union Subcontractors

The Station at Malcolm Yards

485 Malcolm Ave. SE, Minneapolis

Owner: Wall Companies

Contractor: Union Subcontractors

Treetop Trail at the Minnesota Zoo

13000 Zoo Blvd., Apple Valley

Owner: Minnesota Zoo

Contractor: PCL Construction

Turnblad Mansion and Carriage House

2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis

Owner: American Swedish Institute

Contractor: J.E. Dunn Construction Co.

Twelve22 Apartments

1222 University Ave. W., St. Paul

Owner: JB Vang

Contractor: Frerichs Construction

Tyler Street Stacks

1180 Tyler St. NE, Minneapolis

Owner: Paster Properties and Bader Development

Contractor: Union Subcontractors

Zenith DCHS

215 North First Ave. E., Duluth

Owner: Saturday Properties

Contractor: Kraus-Anderson

LEGISLATIVE SESSION DELIVERS LABOR STANDARDS ON BROADBAND AND HOUSING, AND PERMITTING REFORM ON CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS

The 2024 Legislative Session wrapped up with new measures to help Union members and the Union construction industry well into the future.

The session continued to deliver for construction workers with legislation to strengthen broadband worker and infrastructure safety, prevent wage theft and exploitation in the housing industry, and improve the permitting process for clean energy and other career-creating projects.

For the broadband industry, new measures strengthen broadband worker and infrastructure safety by supporting the development of a skilled local workforce and holding broadband providers accountable for deploying best practices. The

Legislature took major steps to prevent wage theft, abuse, and exploitation in the housing industry by requiring prevailing wages, ensuring responsible contractors, enhancing transparency, and holding owners accountable for abuse on publicly financed affordable housing projects, and improving Minnesota's ability to fight worker misclassification fraud. In addition, the Legislature

improved transparency, certainty and collaboration in Minnesota's permitting process for clean energy projects.

While the Legislature delivered historic wins for Minnesotans, there is disappointment in the failure of the 2024 Legislature to pass a bipartisan capital investment bonding bill (construction jobs bill) because every year is the year to keep up our infrastructure.



LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota relentlessly brings out the 'power of orange' to promote and advance legislation to support the construction industry, create jobs, advance safety measures and install Union worker protections to support those who build our most critical and depended on infrastructure and improve our quality of life. Several LIUNA members are shown here with Minnesota Governor Tim Walz in March, 2024.

PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCES APPROVED IN BLOOMINGTON AND BROOKLYN PARK

By Lucas Franco, PHD, LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota

Brooklyn Park and Bloomington both recently approved prevailing wage ordinances on city financed projects. These new standards will ensure a level playing field for local contractors and fair compensation for local workers.

Extensive research has detailed the widespread benefits of prevailing wage policies including preventing out-of-state contractors from undercutting local area standards, boosting local economies, and minimizing the risk of wage theft and tax fraud.

Advocates in both cities focused on the positive impact of prevailing wage policies in preventing wage theft and tax fraud in the construction industry. According to the Midwest Economic Policy Institute, in

Minnesota alone, an estimated 30,100 construction workers face misclassification or under-the-table payments, representing 23 percent of the workforce. These workers receive significantly lower compensation—36 percent less, amounting to \$29,700 annually in wages and benefits—while the state loses \$136 million in tax revenues due to payroll fraud.

Prevailing wage laws mitigate the risk of wage theft by setting minimum wage standards on publicly funded projects, thereby leveling the playing field for law-abiding contractors. Moreover, these laws enhance transparency in payroll reporting, curbing misclassification and informal labor practices on job sites through rigorous monitoring and certified payroll collection.

Prevailing wage laws achieve these outcomes with little to no overall cost impact. Since 2000, there have been 24 studies, analyzing 25,842 projects, on the effect of prevailing wage standards on the cost of public projects that have been published in peer-reviewed academic journals. In total, 18 of these peer-reviewed studies (75%) find that prevailing wage has no effect on project costs.

Brooklyn Park Council member Tony McGarvey described the passage of their prevailing wage ordinance as a “momentous occasion,” emphasizing the importance of fostering middle-class careers in construction. The new prevailing wage policies passed unanimously in both cities.

LIUNA LOCAL 563 OPENS NEW LOCATION TO BUILD ON COLLABORATION & TEAMWORK

Laborers Local 563 celebrated its new 32,000 square foot Union Hall location with a ribbon cutting on Friday June 30, before a group of nearly 100 people including Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, City of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, LIUNA Great Lakes Regional Vice President Terry Healy and leaders from LIUNA and area businesses.



The new location, which is next to U.S. Bank stadium -home of Minnesota Viking football, greatly expands the Local Union's footprint to better accommodate Union meetings and member related events. Additionally, the hall has a flexible building layout and a roof top mezzanine for hosting special group events and meetings to continue building the future with more collaboration and teamwork.



"We are proud to be a part of this community," said Joe Fowler, Business Manager of LIUNA Local 563 at the ribbon cutting. "Minneapolis has always been Local 563's home and this location connects our members to the East and the West."



Minnesota Governor Tim Walz offered his thoughts on the new location and why relationships matter. "Congratulations, you deserve to have a space like this," said Walz. "When I come here and stand before you, together we've improved the lives of Minnesotans through the work we've done, and we've lifted

up the trades. Those relationships you've built are improving people's lives."

City of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey offered comments around the quality work that LIUNA is known for. "We're in the business right now of city building," said Frey. "We are not talking about structures that will be around for 15 or 20 years, we are talking about hundred-year buildings. You don't get hundred-

year buildings without the Laborers, because we understand that *Union built* lasts forever and that *Union built* does things right the very first time."

"Challenges don't scare us, they unite us and strengthen us," explained Fowler. "We lean into them and we lean into the people that are around us and use their strengths. We've certainly had some challenges down here (in Minneapolis), but this city is coming back strong, and the downtown is coming back strong. It is a beautiful city. The economic engine that has been created here is just amazing and we want to always be a part of that.."

Mayor Frey concluded his remarks around the importance of teamwork. "LIUNA has consistently recognized the importance of being a team," said Frey. "When you look at the tremendous things that

are happening in the city, Local 563 is a gigantic part of it."

The way of the future requires the spirit of collaboration, and the new LIUNA 563 Minneapolis location greatly enhances the local's ability to collaborate with others to strengthen networks and build a better future in the areas they serve.

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4th Quarter 2023 Safety Driven Quarterly Award Winners

LABORER	CONTRACTOR	LABORER	CONTRACTOR
Briana Fleming	Adolfson & Peterson	Ryan Haas	Magney Construction
Dana Krone	Advantage Scaffold & Ladder	Cole Eiyneck	McGough Construction
Nathan Fleming	Boldt Company	Casey Hammer	Northland Constructors
Bo Smith	Dirtworx LLC	Arturo Flores	PCi Roads LLC
Joshua Vandewalker	Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc.	Dayne McCullough	Q3 Contracting Inc
Nicholas Jaakola	Jewell Scanning & Coring LLC	Eric Avila	Restoration Systems Inc
Dalton Huston Bursaw	Kiffmeyer Inc	Calvin Larson	S R Weidema Inc
Richard Benjamin	Kraus Anderson Construction Company	Leroy Longs	Thomas and Sons Construction Inc
Zachary Johnson	Landwehr Construction Inc	Kimberlee Johnson	Trade Access
Rex Schneider	Lloyd's Construction Services, Inc	Jeremy Foss	Xcel Energy Special Construction

All winners receive their choice of a Quarterly Award prize and have been nominated by Union Contractors in accordance with the LECET Safety Driven Program rules.

APPRENTICE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

April
Nolan Grandy

May
Sonkarly Winpea

June
Nathan Pientka

Note: Students are reminded that all day classes begin at 7:00 am at the LTC. Trainees must come to class dressed as if they were reporting to work at a construction site. This includes appropriate work boots, long pants and shirt. Failure to do so can result in being asked to leave and to reschedule the class at a later date.

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July 29, 2024

Hazardous Waste Initial
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid
Scaffold Erecting Competent Person
Asbestos Worker Refresher WI/MN

Jul 29-Aug 02
Jul 29-Aug 02
Jul 29-Aug 02
Aug 02

August 05, 2024

Asbestos Supervisor Initial
Blueprint Reading
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10
Line & Grade I
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher WI/MN
Mine Safety & Health Admin
- @Virginia, MN - 1097 Hall

Aug 05-09
Aug 05-09
Aug 05-09
Aug 05-15
Aug 09
Aug 09

August 12, 2024

Mason Tending
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid
Torch Cutting Demo Safety
Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program
- @Online Training

Aug 12-16
Aug 12-16
Aug 12-13
Aug 14-16
Aug 15
Aug 15

August 19, 2024

General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10
Hazardous Waste Initial
Heavy Highway Skills/MnDOT Flag
Line & Grade I

Aug 19-23
Aug 19-29
Aug 19-23
Aug 19-23

August 26, 2024

Pipelining 1
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid
Scaffold Erecting Competent Person
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher

Aug 26-30
Aug 26-30
Aug 26-30
Aug 30

September 02, 2024

Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr
SWPP Installer U of M
Torch Cutting Demo Safety
Vacuum Trailer Training
SWPP Manager
Dingo Training

Sep 03-05
Sep 03
Sep 03-04
Sep 03
Sep 04-05
Sep 05

September 02, 2024

Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr
SWPP Installer U of M
Torch Cutting Demo Safety
Vacuum Trailer Training
SWPP Manager
Dingo Training

Sep 03-05
Sep 03
Sep 03-04
Sep 03
Sep 04-05
Sep 05

September 09, 2024

Blueprint Reading
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10
Hazardous Waste Initial

Sep 09-13
Sep 09-13
Sep 09-13

September 16, 2024

Asbestos Inspector Init
Concrete Practices/Insulated Forms
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid
Torch Cutting Demo Safety
Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program
- @Online Training
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program
Asbestos Inspector Ref

Sep 16-18
Sep 16-20
Sep 16-20
Sep 16-20
Sep 16-17
Sep 18-20
Sep 19
Sep 19
Sep 20

September 23, 2024

General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10
Landscaping
Line & Grade I
Scaffold Erecting Competent Person
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher WI/MN
- @Rochester, Eagles Club

Sep 23-27
Sep 23-27
Sep 23-27
Sep 23-Oct 03
Sep 27

September 30, 2024

Asbestos Worker Initial
Heavy Highway Skills/MnDOT Flag
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid
Asbestos Worker Refresher WI/MN
Mine Safety & Health Admin
- @Virginia, MN - 1097 Hall

Sep 30-Oct 03
Sep 30-Oct 04
Sep 30-Oct 04
Oct 04
Oct 04

REMEMBERING ONE WHO TOOK THE ROADS LESS TRAVELED

By Dwight Engen, LECET Director

We lost a great one on June 22nd, when Michael (Mike) Kelly Connelly, a proud Irishman passed away at the age of 66. He was a 40-year proud member of LIUNA Local 563 and served as past President of the Local, as an Organizing Representative and was an Instructor at the Laborers Training Center.

I have known Mike for nearly 20 years and he was absolutely one of the best people I've met along the way. He made an early impact on me, to sharpen me up and make sure that I hit my marks in my career as LECET Director. He was tough, but he was also very caring. Born in the 50's, he truly was a rebel with a cause. His cause inevitably was to passionately

support the Laborers Union and protect his Union brothers and sisters in any way that he could. His life revolved around being a proud Laborer and he certainly never missed a single day in sharing his appreciation of what the Laborers' have meant for him in his own life.

Mike was indeed a great storyteller and a strong communicator and those that came into his presence at the LTC and thousands of other places probably heard some doozies. He was very articulate and had a strong passion for worker safety and looking out for one another.

He was an adventurer and everything that he did – he did with passion. He took the roads less traveled, paving

the way for others to follow. Mike Connelly has left a mark on all of us at LIUNA and will never be forgotten.



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