# COVID-19 AND CONSTRUCTION

Current overview, outlook and the long-run implications

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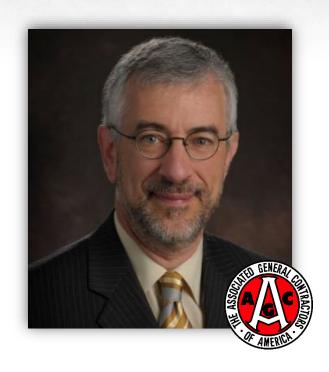
- Hear views on economic impact on construction projects, labor, companies, and the supply chain due to COVID-19
- Assess construction costs, focusing on potential labor implications and on material cost pressures that may arise from the current economic situation
- Gain insight into construction risks and opportunities based on forecasts for all segments of U.S. construction activity
- Determine, based on economists' discussions, industry sectors anticipating economic growth, as well as sectors anticipating decline







### **OUR SPEAKER**



#### **KEN SIMONSON**

Chief Economist with AGC of America

- AGC Chief Economist since 2001; 2012-2013 President,
   National Association for Business Economics
- Writes *The Data DIGest* weekly construction economics bulletin with 50,000 subscribers
- BA in economics from the University of Chicago and MA in economics from Northwestern University





# **AGC Coronavirus Survey Summary**

conducted March 23-26; 1640 responses

- State/local official or agency ordered halt to work: 18%
- Owner ordered halt to current work: 39%
- Have you experienced project delays or disruptions (total: 45%) due to:
  - shortage of materials, equipment or parts: 23%
  - shortage of craftworkers (incl. subs): 18%
  - shortage of gov. workers (for approvals, inspections, etc.): 16%
  - info that an infected individual has **potentially infected** a **jobsite**: 13%
- Have suppliers sent notice that **deliveries will be late or cancelled**: 35%

Source: Author





# Likely short-term economic impacts on construction

- Disruptions to current work due to missing deliveries, workers, government approvals/inspections/etc.
- Reduced/missed payments by financially distressed owners
- Owners deferring/cancelling scheduled projects
- Difficulty obtaining firm commitments for deliveries, workers, approvals for upcoming projects
- + Selected new projects to respond to crisis (healthcare, mfg., lodging)
- + Substantial price reductions for fuel, other commodities

Source: Author





# Likely long-term economic impacts on construction

- Slower rebound than for other sectors as owners, consumers await certainty and repair of balance sheets
- Cutbacks in public budgets other than virus aftermath/preparedness work
- Reduction in number of construction firms due to reduced work, cash flow
- Possibly less demand than pre-crisis for offices, lodging, large sports and entertainment facilities
- + Slow rebound in many commodity prices

Source: Author





# **OUR SPEAKER**



#### **TODD CIGANEK**

Executive VP, Information and Data Ops at ConstructConnect

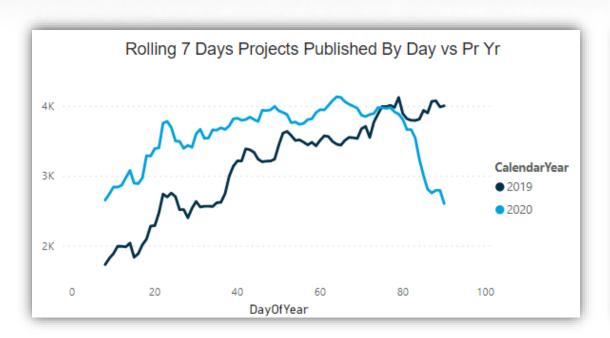
- Todd Ciganek is responsible for the management of all editorial content operations for the U.S.-based and offshore research teams
- He joined the company in 2011 and brought with him more than 25 years of experience in operations management, strategic planning, and editorial content acquisition/development
- Todd is focused on optimizing ConstructConnect's data collection strategy and ensuring that our customers receive the best quality and most accurate construction project information available



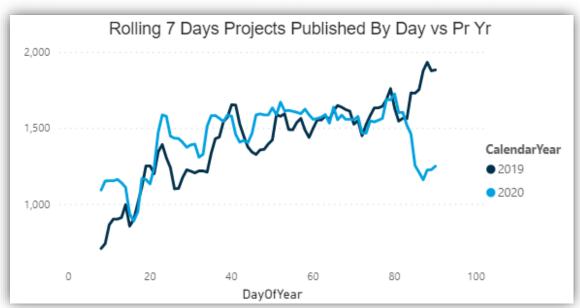


# ConstructConnect's FIRST APPEARANCE Statistics

**U.S. Buildings** 



**U.S. Civil** 



Latest 7 days vs prior 7 days = -27%

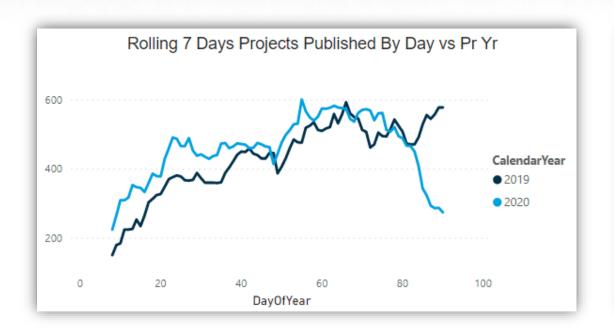
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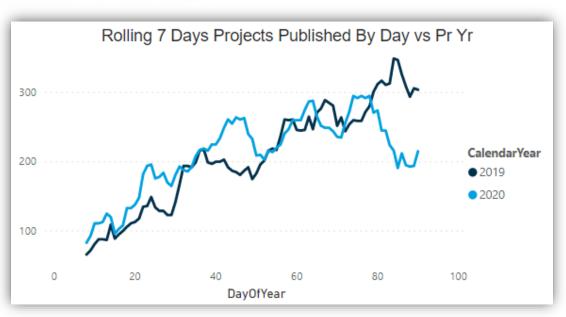


#### **ConstructConnect's FIRST APPEARANCE Statistics**

#### **Canada Buildings**



#### **Canada Civil**



Latest 7 days vs prior 7 days = -39%

Latest 7 days vs prior 7 days = -4%

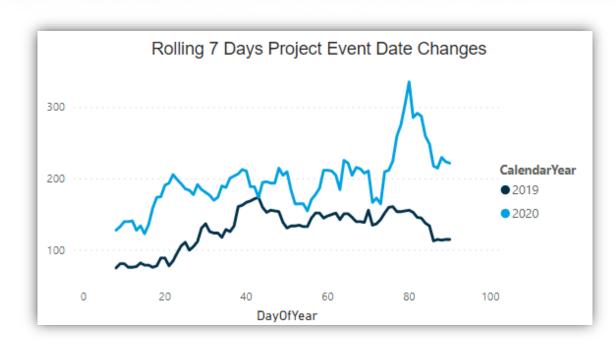




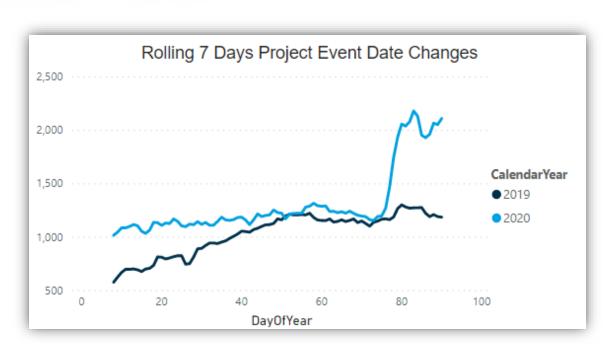
#### **ConstructConnect's CHANGED STATUS Statistics**

**U.S. Pre-Bid Meeting Date** 

**U.S. Bid Date** 



Latest 7 days vs same 7 days a year ago = +93%



Latest 7 days vs same 7 days a year ago = +89%

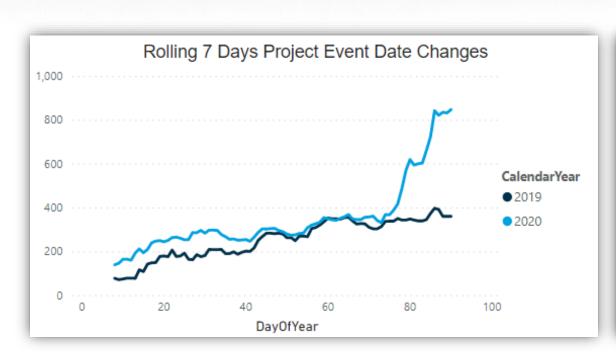


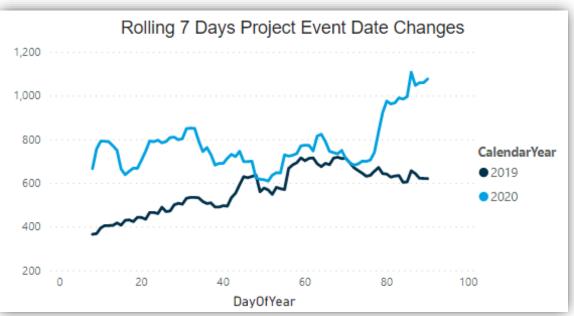


#### ConstructConnect's CHANGED STATUS Statistics

#### **Canada Bid Date**

#### **Canada Start Date**





Latest 7 days vs same 7 days a year ago = +135%

Latest 7 days vs same 7 days a year ago = +73%





#### **ConstructConnect's Pre-Bid information**

#### 318 Projects with Mandatory Pre-Bid Meetings March 18th to 20th

- 290 of those projects updated (91.2%)
- 183 Held Meeting as scheduled (63.1%)
- 41 meeting dates were extended (14.1%)
- 48 meetings were cancelled (16.5%)

#### Bid Dates were also checked on those 290 projects

- 232 of the bid dates remained the same (80%)
- 30 extended bid dates (10.3%)
- 28 of the bids were cancelled (9.7)





# **OUR SPEAKER**



#### **ALEX CARRICK**

Chief Economist at ConstructConnect

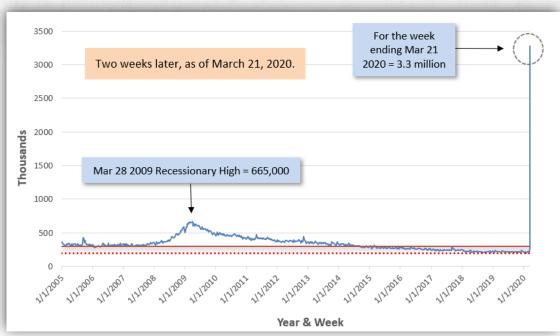
- North American Chief Economist since 1985 for ConstructConnect and CanaData
- Online analyses are a popular feature of the Daily Commercial News and Journal of Commerce
- BA in Economics from the University of Western Ontario and an MA in Economics from the University of Toronto





# **U.S. Initial Jobless Claims Weekly**





#### **Articles:**

The Economy under COVID-19: Notes from the Trenches

14 Sure Bets & Other Thoughts Concerning Our Unfolding World

Data sources: Federal Reserve & Bank of Canada / Chart: ConstructConnect-CanaData











# Stock Exchanges - Performance of Key Indices -

March 31, 2020

					Latest month-end	Per cent change, latest versus:			
INDEX	52- week low	52- week high	Year ago Mar 29, 2019)	Month ago (Feb 28, 2020)	closing prices (Mar 31, 2020)	52- week low	52- week high	Year ago	Month ago
Dow Jones Industrials NYSE (^dji)	Mar 23 20 18,214	Jan 17 20 29,374	25,929	25,409	21,917	20.3%	-25.4%	-15.5%	-13.7%
S & P 500 NYSE (^gspc)	Mar 23 20 2,192	Jan 22 20 3,338	2,834	2,954	2,585	17.9%	-22.6%	-8.8%	-12.5%
NASDAQ (^ixic)	Mar 23 20 6,631	Jan 24 20 9,451	7,729	8,567	7,700	16.1%	-18.5%	-0.4%	-10.1%
S&P/TSX Composite TSX (*gsptse)	Mar 20 20 11,809	Jan 22 20 17,667	16,102	16,263	13,379	13.3%	-24.3%	-16.9%	-17.7%

NASDAQ has (barely) climbed out of 'bear' territory. The other 3 indices are down by about a quarter from their highs. Even after a steep slide, NASDAQ is even with last year.

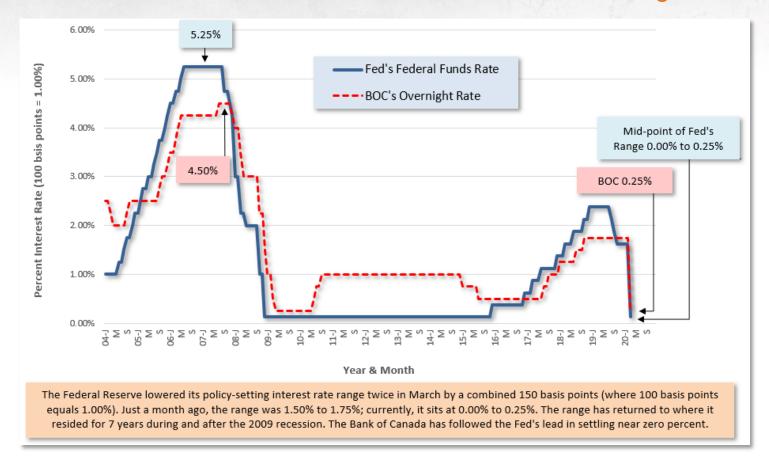
Data sources: New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Standard and Poor's (S & P), National Association of Security Dealers Automated Quotations (NASDAQ), Toronto Stock Exchange (TSE) and Reuters Table: ConstructConnect-CanaData





# **Central Bank Key Policy-Setting Interest Rates**

Federal Reserve's Federal Funds Rate & Bank of Canada's Overnight Rate



Latest data points are for March 31, 2020
Data sources: Federal Reserve & Bank of Canada / Chart: ConstructConnect-CanaData





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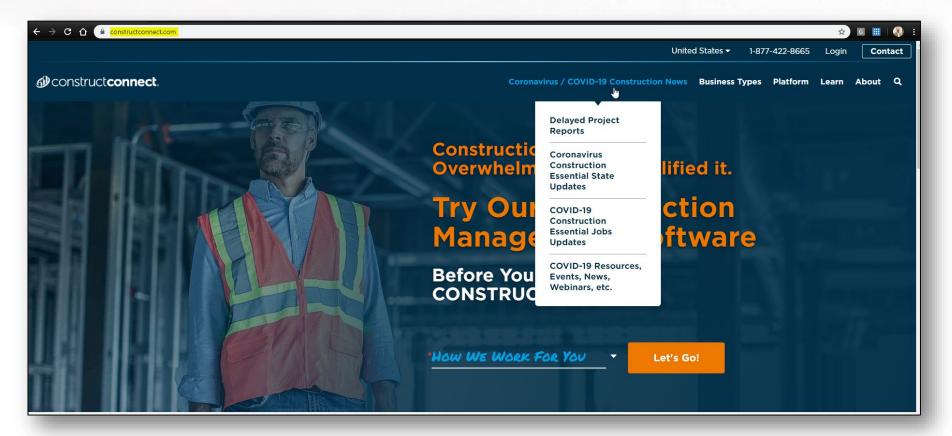




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# CONSTRUCTION ECONOMIC WEBCAST SPRING 2020



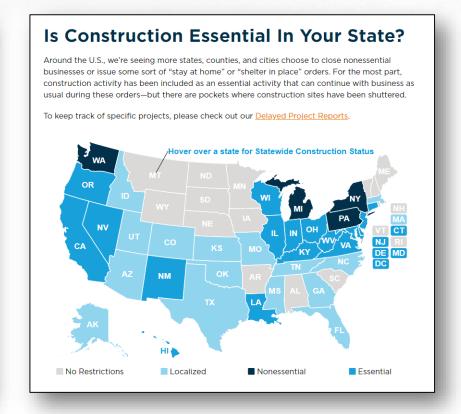


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#### **■** Construction Deemed Nonessential \*Exception for public infrastructure, housing, and healthcare projects Michigan New York Pennsylvania Washington **■** Construction Deemed Essential No Statewide Order, but Some Localized Restrictions With Construction Deemed Essential Alabama Alaska Arizona Colorado Florida Georgia Idaho Kansas Maine Mississippi Missouri Montana North Carolina North Dakota North Hampshire Other Shutdowns All district and county maintenance offices closed until March 30, All PennDOT Closed until March 30. Construction was halted on all but two high priority projects and March 18 bid lettings were postponed until March 25 Disneyworld, Disneyland and Disney California Adventure have halted activity on both public and private property until further notice. Employers had until March 23 to secure their jobsites, now only skeleton

#### **Construction Activity Report**





A similar map is being developed for Canada.

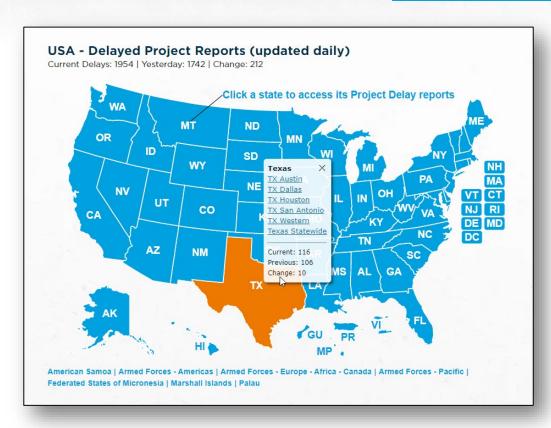




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#### **Delayed Projects Report**





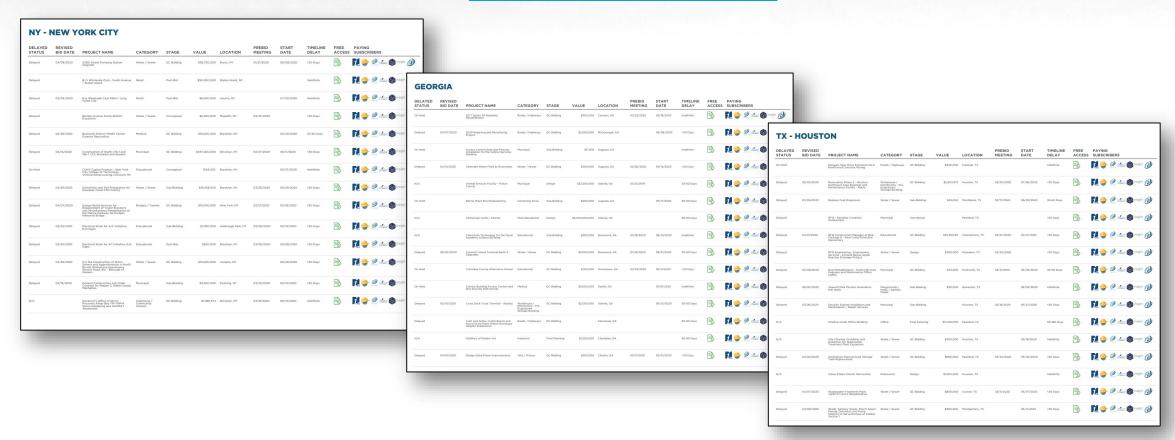




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# **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



