

Minutes
ACEC/KDOT Partnering Committee
Topeka, Kansas
February 8, 2007

Present were David Comstock, Steve Hileman, Sandy Tommer, Karla Waters, David Church, Ron Seitz, Mike Hess, Neil Rusch, Freddie Simmons, Rick Kreider, Jim Kowach, Mel Chapman, Scott Uhl, Tom Swenson, Jerry Younger, Dave Kocour.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 7 , 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Seitz reported on the Local Projects Committee. They have not met since the last meeting, but will meet before the next meeting. The Spring meeting with the counties start next week. The direction of the management of the Local program and the need to make sure that all available federal funds are used each year will be discussed. We are looking at trading of funds between counties and the use of advanced construction also. There was no report on the Revolving Funds.

Kowach reported on the LRTP. The Transportation Symposium in Manhattan .A list of suggested improvements was received. The LRTP should be completed this year.

Kowach reported that the cash forecast shows the remaining CTP projects can be funded. We **MUST** maintain the current schedules and budgets on the projects. CTP has less than 75 projects remaining, but many are large projects. The FY 10-12 pool of projects is being developed to use available federal aid.

Kowach reported on Performance Measures. The scope, budget and schedule are critical to the measures. The Performance Measures are available on the website for review.

Kowach reported that the IDE had not met. The CADD Standards Manual is being finalized. The draft will be reviewed by ACED and review people are needed.

Kowach reported on the Electronic Plans Working Group. The pilot projects using Project Wise is still working out the bugs. All new projects will use Project Wise. We are still looking at mylar as the preferred way to store plans because of its stability and durability. We will be looking at electronic storage for a future way to store plans.

Bowen reported on FHWA activities. The continuing resolution expires February 15. Congestion and its affect on the economy for freight movement is a area of concern. The Office of the Inspector General is looking at executive compensation and has sent letters to 24 firms nationwide to gather information. Locally a review of consultant management was completed and 6 recommendations were presented to KDOT. KDOT concurred with the recommendations. A review of construction project documentation

was completed. We must pay on documented amounts, not on estimated amounts for the projects.

Heidner reported that there were no proposals in the Legislature this year to transfer funds from the CTP. This was the first time in several years that a transfer was not proposed. It looks like in 2008 there may be a proposal to fund a new highway program. The funding of education from KTA revenue appears to be dead. A graduated driver's license is in the House and may be passed. A primary seatbelt bill has been introduced but most likely will not get out of committee. A graduated gas tax for border area was introduced. It would allow for a 1 cent difference with the border state's gas tax. It is felt that people will drive to the other state if there price difference.

David Comstock was presented a plaque and thanked for his many year of service to the Partnering Committee.

Younger reported on several topics. The November 28, 2006 letter set the expectations for all future projects. We will be developing a process to review executive compensation after the new Chief Council is appointed. Phase I of the LRTP is completed and Phase II will be completed this year. Transportation needs are the top 3 issues of the locals. Economic development and growth will carry more weight in the future. Over \$11 billion in needs were identified and funding sources will be investigated.

Swenson reported that the Planning Committee of the Annual Meeting will have a firm agenda in the May meeting.