

Minutes
ACEC/KDOT Liaison Committee Meeting
Eisenhower State Office Building, Topeka, KS
February 13, 2019

Attendees:

KDOT: Brent Terstriep, Catherine Patrick, Ron Seitz, Scott King, Steve Bass, Mike Stringer;
Chris Herrick, Sue Eiseman, Mark Hoppe, Mike Moriarty, Julie Lorenz (Invited Guest)

FHWA: Rick Backlund, Rusty Simerl, Chris Bruntz

KTA: David Jacobson

ACEC: Adam Stodola, John Riggins, Shawn Turner, Rob Krewson, Jim Tobaben, Jonathon
Tronson



Agenda & Minutes

1. Intro by Interim Secretary Julie Lorenz
 - Called for the need to close the “Bank of KDOT”
 - Discussed press conference that would announce potential funding of unfinished T-WORKS projects by Governor Kelly’s budget
2. Approval of Agenda – Ron Seitz
 - It was moved and seconded to move item #4 to the end of the agenda (after Item #14 and approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Approval of last meeting’s minutes – Ron Seitz
 - It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2018 committee meeting. Tabled upon review by the group. Motion carried.
4. Action Item Review – Ron Seitz
 - Completed
5. Local Project – Stringer
 - C-Clip by end of the month - 5M for 1st year funding
 - High Risk Rural Roads selections current
 - HRRR and OSB – First come first served for programming
 - Local Road Safety Plan – Advocating counties to sign up. 2018 filled 2019 almost. Four counties (pilots) are completed.
 - Monday of this week (2/11/19) BLP Memo for Non highway use of ROW. Link on the website.

- KCHA – NACE (National Assoc of County Engineers) conference in mid-April in Wichita at Century II.

6. FHWA Update – Rick Backlund

- Changes in staff – Construction Doug Doherty has been assigned for all districts except 1. Chris Bruntz is focused on design side and maintain District 1.
- Project Delivery Team (Rusty). Functional and programmatic. Process reviews. Program Development Team (Ed Thornton) – Process reviews.
- Leadership changes – for Nominee for Administrator - Nicole Nason. Head of NHTSA and worked in Secs office and commerce and State Depts. Focus in testimony was rural and safety issues. Hopeful the formal vote will be soon. Brandy Hendrickson (previous INDOT) Deputy Administrator.
- NACE – Tom Everett (Exec Director) and will be addressing.
- KTEC - Chief Innovation Officer Tony First will be addressing as FHWA representative.
- Consolidated Bridge grant applications still in works. No timetable.
- An org chart was requested by the committee. Rick will provide.
- Rusty Simerl– Reviews – Project documentation (Construction). HQ directed review re: utilities and their location and re-location. Maintenance review ongoing as well. INFRA Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Infra-Grant came out December due March.
- Chris Bruntz will take on Consultant Services.
- Two Build Grants – Hays 6M and 14M for Turner Diagonal. Current solicitation out.

7. Contracts – Seitz

- David Nagy has retired from KDOT – Still no permanent replacement. Advertised since mid-December. Seitz has been filling in on a temporary basis. Jim Richardson (KDOT Retiree) has agreed to help on a temporary basis starting in two weeks. Already started the process. Debbie Tanking has been assisting with Road Design.
- Put on hold: Lump Sum contracting and discussion with Contracts Task Force.
- Working on online pre-qualification form (1050). Hopefully by the end of the year. May need volunteers to assist(consultants)
- Shawn Turner addressed contract language regarding warranties/guarantees.

8. Bureau of Road Design Update – Scott King

- Partnership with KTA. Thomas Rhoads/Rex Fleming – I-70/Turner Diagonal – Announcement in March for PMC to assist. KTA/KDOT/UG/FHWA/Developer – Build Grant 14M in Federal Funding. D/B administered by KTA. Substantially complete by November 2020. North point is developer of 1M SF warehouse adjacent.
- Alternative Delivery – KDOT interested in how any legislation may effect. KDOT is working with representative of ACEC, KCA, and Heavy Constructors to develop procedures to utilize Alternative Delivery and when it's appropriate. "Another tool in the Toolbox"
- TWORKS restart – Refreshing contracts currently – All at some stage in design
- Staffing – 4 EA opening, 2 ETech, 2 Squad Leaders. Trying to staff back up.

9. 3-D Design – Scott King

- Continued efforts.
- 3D models are distributed with Electronic Submittals. Contracting community likes.
- Kickoff Meeting scheduled for next week (2/18).

10. Update from Consultants – Adam Stodola

- Contract Language
- Bridge Squad Leader Meetings – Scheduled quarterly

11. Bureau of Structures and Geotechnical Services Update – Mark Hoppe

- No major changes in staff. Lost some in Geology. Haven't filled open positions.
- Embedded consultant for set-aside has been working well. If any complaints, please forward.
- Set-Asides – Finishing up 2019 (58). May for 2020 (57). Using Fed Funds so procedures are followed and not always quick turnaround.
- Looking at Open Bridge modeling.
- Geology is going farther using 3D geology showing formations minimizing rock cuts, etc.
- Advanced Geotechnical Investigations – STICK funding? Working with Floberg.
- Discussion regarding bridge repair plans (Terstriep). Increase in Communication on plan development/schedule/issue resolution. Same goes for Emergency Repair plans (Eiseman). Quick turnaround is expected. Please accurately communicate availability.

12. Legislative Update – Scott Heidner

- No Report

13. KTA Update – David Jacobson

- Project Updates – Traffic is down slightly 0.5%. Commercial is up.
- Toll increase in October – Revenues are doing fine as a result despite traffic decreases.
- Pushing the use of Electronic tolling. (+8% in December vs 2017)
- Opened up East Topeka ORT Plaza in the Fall of 2018. About 1.7% violations system-wide. Cameras will be eventually in all exit lanes.
- Kellogg East – 68% complete. Ahead of Schedule
- ORT at Southern Terminal will be completed in 2019.
- Truck Parking and Mgmt system – Increase truck counting and wrong way monitoring system – New vendor and testing – Increased signing soon. Will wire to incident management center in Wichita.
- Two initiatives (LTNS) – Expansion of Truck parking (Towanda done, Study for Topeka underway) – Alleviate trucks parking on ramps
- Finished round 2 of bridge raising. Costs were under projections. Round 3 underway soon.
- Referenced Turner Diagonal – KTA excited about partnership.
- Discussion re: KTA involvement with KDOT in Truck Parking and Mgmt – Different Technologies are being used for monitoring but data sharing is same.
- Commercial Vehicles increase 5%.
- Herrick asked about Truck Parking at vacant Service Area near East Topeka.
- Jacobson provided examples of what other states are doing with tolling.

14. KDOT/ACEC Partnering Conference Summary – Riggins

- October 22nd is the date for the Partnering Conference.
- The committee will meet for the first time soon. Ideas to Stephen and John.

15. KDOT Funding - Patrick

- Overview of the Task Force report
- The committee was able to sit in on Governor Kelly's Press Conference announcing the positive impacts on KDOT from her budget.

16. Adjournment – Ron Seitz

- 2019 partnering committee meetings will be as follows;
 - February 13, KDOT office, 11am – 2pm
 - May 14, Burns & McDonnell office in Kansas City, 11am – 2pm
 - August 21, Garver office in Wichita, 11am – 2pm
 - October 23, KDOT office, 9am – 12pm
- Other business
 - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.