

Minutes
ACEC/KDOT Liaison Committee Meeting
KDOT, Lenexa, KS
July 26, 2023

Attendees:

KDOT: Scott King, Chris Herrick, Mike Moriarty, Jason Van Nice, Brent Terstriep

FHWA: Richard Jurey, Rick Backlund

ACEC: Scott Heidner, Brett Wood, Jake Borchers, Mark Johnston, Corey Imhoff, Christopher Harker

1. Safety Discussion; Brett Wood gave safety discussion.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of last meetings Minutes: Approved May 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes
4. Status of KDOT Funding & Update (Scott King)
 - a. Several positions have announced permanent assignments
 - i. Secretary of Transportation – Calvin Reed
 - ii. State Transportation Engineer/Deputy Secretary – Greg Schieber
 - iii. Director of Engineering & Design – Scott King
 - iv. Director of Project Delivery – Tony Menke
 - b. The following positions will be advertised and go through an interview process
 - i. Bureau Chief of Road Design – Debbie Tanking is interim
 - ii. Bureau Chief of Construction and Materials – Jason Van Nice is interim
 - c. Infrastructure Hub & BIL
 - i. Several state agencies are receiving BIL money
 - ii. Infrastructure Hub is for all modes and agencies to utilize
 - iii. Vanessa Lamoreaux (KDOT) will be presenting to Economic Lifelines in August on how agencies can access the Hub
 - iv. Hub Team is offering assistance for projects that are funded by BIL
 - v. Website – www.kshub.org
 - d. Project Schedules
 - i. Approximately 21 projects have letting dates that are being shifted
 - ii. KDOT will publish the list of projects impacted & will update project 883 forms
 - iii. KDOT looking for better process to identify schedule concerns sooner to avoid shifting
 - iv. KDOT is engaging the PMC for support with ROW activities
 - v. KDOT suggested consultants reach out to their PM to find out if their projects are impacted
5. Bureau of Local Project (Scott King)
 - a. Section is looking to hire a bridge engineer
6. FHWA Update (Rick Backlund)
 - a. Discretionary Grants
 - i. Big push now to facilitate the discretionary grant money that is available
 - ii. Kansas projects have won several grants
 - iii. FHWA is restructuring their staff to support the grant programs
 - iv. Lots of discussions on going with local partners regarding the opportunities available
 - v. Webinars are available to learn more

- b. Federal Funds Workforce Development Document has been distributed. KDOT and FHWA working together to determine the right level of use
 - c. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI)
 - i. This is a key focus for FHWA moving forward
 - ii. KDOT working to finalize its plan and next steps
 - d. Staffing
 - i. Looking to fill ROW position in local programs. Eric Deitcher is still supporting
 - ii. Catherine Patrick is assigned projects in KDOT Dist 1
 - iii. Ed Thornton is assigned projects in KDOT Dist 5
 - iv. David Do is assigned projects in all other districts
 - v. Staff will be looking to get out into the districts more
 - e. Working to update the MOU regarding Interstate Access Requests
 - f. Starting discussions about re-authorization
 - g. FHWA has a budget narrative workbook; will review internally if this information can be provided to local partners for information on what is expected of projects utilizing federal funds
 - h. Resilience Funds
 - i. PROTECT funds are available through formula dollars and grants
 - ii. Funds can be used to enhance projects to be more resilient; for example funds could be applied to the difference in cost to construct a bridge that provides for a larger storm frequency than is required
 - iii. KDOT
 - 1. Receives \$14M/year in formula
 - 2. Has a consultant on to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP).
 - a. Currently conducting stakeholder engagement as part of the plan
 - b. Plan is anticipated to be completed in about one year
 - 3. David Schwartz & Chris Herrick on KDOT points of contact for more information and/or how to access funds for a project
 - 4. KDOT has pushed about 50% of the first 2 years of funding to later years
 - i. KDOT set to receive \$70M in additional funding from other states' unallocated funding through the August redistribution. KDOT doing preparatory work to receive more funding in future years
 - j. No update on the MUTCD
7. Contracts (Scott King)
- a. Fixed Fee Working Group
 - i. No progress
 - ii. Data analyst that was doing the work is no longer with KDOT
 - iii. KDOT may distribute the DRAFT table for review
 - b. Worked through the hiccups involved in the FY28 Bridge RFQ
 - c. Staffing
 - i. Will be interviewing for an Asst. Contracts Manager, they will be in charge of contracts and invoices
 - ii. LeAnn Oblander will be responsible for PreQuals and RFQs
 - d. Contract Execution and NTP
 - i. Working to get things through the system quicker

- ii. KDOT may not give NTP if the contract is not ready to execute within 30-60 days
 - e. Invoice Backlog at the end of the fiscal year; KDOT team pushed through a lot of invoices
 - f. KDOT/ACEC furthering discussions regarding Lump Sum contracts, ACEC board to provide talking points for KDOT internal discussions
8. Bureau of Road Design Update (Scott King)
- a. KDOT will be moving to AASHTOWARE Project (AWP) cost estimating; looking to have in place this fall
 - i. Lanny Campbell, Debbie Tanking and Mark Hurt are leading the effort
 - ii. System will populate bid items in templates and pull cost based on size and location of project
 - iii. System is web-based; KDOT will provide access when its ready
 - iv. KDOT is already using for 402 projects and it is going well
 - b. Workspace
 - i. Information is available on the KDOT CAD Website
 - ii. KDOT is wrapping up the current workspace updates
 - c. Digital Delivery
 - i. KDOT is having multi-disciplined discussions regarding digital delivery
 - ii. Project Delivery is engaged and provided insight on what they want
 - iii. KDOT had a recent webinar with FHWA and EDC
 - 1. 3D development is the goal for projects
 - 2. Ultimately want information for construction and into asset management
 - iv. KDOT will be looking to develop a Road Map and then may look for grant assistance
 - v. KDOT hosting Innovative Technology Summit in Salina, Aug 1-2
 - d. Staffing
 - i. 3 Road Squad Leader positions are open
 - ii. Ryan Bowman recently promoted to Road Design Leader
9. Update from Consultants (Brett Wood)
- a. Partner Groups/Subcommittees
 - i. 3D Modeling Group
 - 1. ACEC discussing with KDOT (Mike Dillner)
 - 2. Group should be more than just 3D – should include ProjectWise, Printing, Plan Production, Digital Delivery
 - 3. Several ACEC firms have volunteered to be part of the group; will conduct consultant-only meetings ahead of meetings with KDOT
 - ii. Construction
 - 1. Three of the Four groups have had initial meetings
 - 2. Groups are scheduled to meet quarterly
 - b. BidExpress is coming soon for KDOT RFQs
 - c. KDOT does not have current concerns with program funding related to the current construction pricing
 - d. Construction Inspection
 - i. ACEC concerned with consultant selection for a project to conduct the PreCon meeting and then KDOT re-advertising for inspection work
 - 1. KDOT acknowledged that is undesirable, recent occurrences were unavoidable due to timing of internal decisions

- ii. Additional Districts will be looking to use embedded inspectors similar to District 5; RFP may come out in November
 - e. Alternative Delivery (Scott King)
 - i. KDOT is working to update the manual; the updates are part of the working group meetings
 - ii. DRAFT version of the manual will be ready to send to contractors/consultants soon; KDOT may utilize the subcommittee for distribution
 - iii. KDOT is using the Colorado Model to select projects for Alternative Delivery
 - f. Blue Book (Scott King)
 - i. Book is currently being updated and will be released in early 2024
 - ii. KDOT working to streamline the process
- 10. Bureau of Structures & Geotechnical Services Update (Scott King)
 - a. Mark Hurt is transitioning into his new role; interviewing candidates for his previous role
 - b. KDOT continues to look for Bridge Inspection support
 - c. PEC was selected as the new Bridge Management Assistant; they will bring road design staff to support projects as needed
- 11. KTA Update
 - a. None
- 12. Bureau of Planning Update (Mike Moriarty & Chris Herrick)
 - a. Traffic is up 1.2% for the month and 1.3% for the year. Traffic volumes are back to pre-pandemic level
 - b. Building GIS Team, including LiDAR support
 - c. Local Consult Meetings
 - i. First 2 weeks of October
 - ii. Have had discussions with District staff regarding priorities
 - iii. Meetings will be similar to past years
 - iv. There will be a multi-modal breakout session
 - v. Booths will be set up at each event for discussion with local agencies
 - 1. NEVI
 - 2. Local Programs
 - 3. Hub
 - 4. FHWA will provide grant information
 - d. Crash Data Dashboard
 - i. Dashboard is GIS based
 - ii. Provides all crash data within the area of request
- 13. KDOT Field Update (Brent Terstriep)
 - a. KDOT is not seeing an increase in staffing level with the increase in starting salary
 - b. Will be adding an entry level EA (entry level Engineer) position in all District 2 construction offices
 - c. Joe Ausilio is the Dist 2 interim Construction and Materials Engineer
 - d. District 1 is the only district with a surveyor. (All other 5 District surveyor positions are advertised.)
 - e. Districts are developing FY24 set-aside & 1R projects
 - f. Construction Phasing
 - i. KDOT is spending a lot of money on unofficial detours with local agencies

- ii. May need to re-evaluate the use of detour vs. closure
 - iii. May be able to use PROTECT funds to help with project costs
 - iv. Cost of the detours should be considered early in the project
 - g. Testing some VRAM for paving and sinusoidal rumble strips along centerline
 - h. Finalizing priorities for heavy rehab projects
 - i. Districts have met with cities regarding CCLIP, some traffic studies are recommending a reduction from 4 lanes to 3 lanes; cities are reluctant to do so as funding is based on number of through lanes (reduced from 4 to 2 in this instance). KDOT is reviewing changes to the formula to address the issue
 - j. Turnback for spur routes; KDOT has a program in place, current payment is \$400K/mile
 - k. Wayne Gudmonson (District 4 Engineer) will be retiring soon; looking to have replacement in place shortly to provide some overlap
14. Bureau of Construction & Materials Update (Jason Van Nice)
- a. KDOT has a lot of open positions within the bureau
 - b. KDOT is working with the PMC regarding consultant inspection
 - c. KDOT reviewing the CIT Program
 - i. Most classes are now online
 - ii. Performance testing is still done in person
 - iii. Reviewing the trainee program in hopes to get certifications quicker
15. 2023 Partnering Conference (Mike Moriarty)
- a. October 26, 2023 at Townsite Plaza in Topeka
 - b. Registration anticipated to be open in Mid-August
 - c. Agenda is a good mix of updates, policy and projects
 - d. May host a social hour after the conference
16. Next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2023 at KDOT
17. Adjournment