

**Minutes**  
**ACEC/KDOT Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**May 12, 2021**

Attendees:

KDOT: Burt Morey, Calvin Reed, David Lutgen, Mike Moriarty, Scott King, Mike Stringer, Nick Squires ( for Brent Terstriep) Bob Henthorn, Greg Schieber, Steve Bass, Clay Adams, Tony Menke

FHWA: Rich Backlund, Richard Jurey

KTA: David Jacobson

ACEC: Scott Heidner, Shawn Turner, Howard Lubliner, Brian Armstrong, , Jim Tobaben, Dave Kocour , Brett Wood

1. Safety Discussion; Calvin Reed gave safety discussion about outdoor activities for Memorial day.
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Agenda approved as submitted.
3. Approval of last meetings Minutes: Approved February, 2021, Meeting Minutes as presented.
4. Division of Engineering and Design Changes (Calvin Reed)

Bureau of Traffic Safety Technology split in half and reorganized. Part now in Traffic Engineering and part in Planning and Development.

Physical Changes: Local projects moved from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Fiscal moved to 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Action Item Review( Calvin Reed)
  - Construction Inspection Working Group

Update from Shawn Turner and others: Members are Greg Schieber, Tony Menke, Brent Terstriep, John Cooper, Jason Hoskins and Shawn Turner.

    1. Discussed developing general projections of upcoming work load.
    2. Brent developed spreadsheet for anticipated staffing needs on a district level that could be used by other districts.
    3. Discussed difficulties in staffing asphalt inspection and possible ideas.
  - Fixed Fee Working Group

Update from Calvin Reed: Members are Calvin, David Lutgen, Heath H, Tim Russell, Shawn Gilhorn, and Mike DeBacker.

1. In a fact finding stage.
  2. Discussion of how we can account for risk.
  3. Looking at other state models.
  4. Shooting for end of the year to make recommendations.
- Consultant Review Process Working Group
    - Update from Mike Stringer:
      - Received feedback from internal rollout. Developer working on issues.
  - Stop Work Order
    - From Calvin: Spoke with Carmen. Language still being reviewed by ACEC and attorneys. Heidner-ACEC doing a thorough review.
  - KDOT Phonebook
    - From Calvin: Working on automating the process.
  - PPP Loans
    - From Calvin: Decision made by USDOT and FHWA that loan forgiveness should be accounted for in 2020 and 2021 OH rate for indirect cost.
    - Heidner: Chris Brown from FHWA will formalize documents.
6. Status of KDOT Funding & Update from Calvin and Burt Morey
- Funding is good. Motor fuel tax has stabilized. State budget has reduced transfer by \$68 M.
- Looking at scenarios for stimulus so KDOT can be in best position to utilize. Includes modernization and expansion.
- Discussion of when KDOT and FHWA will be back in building due to pandemic.
7. Bureau of Local Projects Update; Mike Stringer
- Staffing updates. Judith Tyner has retired. Dave Northrup hired as PM.
- Program updates on Off System Bridges: HRR: CCLIP. Able to add additional funding or projects to each.
- FAST act expires September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anticipates reauthorization.
- LRSP: Signing up counties. Would appreciate encouragement of Counties to sign up.
8. FHWA Update; Rich Backlund
- FHWA currently teleworking.
- RAISE discretionary grants open until July 12. \$1 B available. Applications have more stress on safety, environment and climate change.

9. Contracts; David Lutgen;
  - Working on updating on line.
  - Currently, consultants have 3 to 5 email contacts. Talking about one general KDOT email they manage within their organization.
10. Bureau of Road Design Update: Scott King
  - Pushing Tworks and IKE project to completion.
  - They are down to 4 squads...had 10 squads several years ago.
  - Thomas Hussah promoted to division leader in Lawrence. Steve Rockers is office manager.
  - Any new project after Oct 1 will require new Bently work space.
11. Update from Consultants: Turner
  - Previous discussion of CEI committee work.
12. Bureau of Structures & Geotechnical Services Update; Bob Henthorn
  - Provided staffing updates.
  - Updating specs on polyester polymer bridge deck overlays due to issues. Availability of resin has been an issue and has led to extreme prices.
  - Discussion of other supply issues due to pandemic.
13. KTA Update; Jacobsen
  - Commercial traffic up 2-14%.
  - March revenue up from previous year.
  - Budget process in June.
  - Have put projects back on books that were delayed.
  - Beginning transition to cashless tolling.
  - Issuing RFP for roadside toll collection system.
14. Bureau of Planning: Moriarty
  - April traffic up 55% compared to last year.
  - Discussed personnel changes. Kyle G. now GIS. Tim Burton replaced Dan V.
  - Discussed they may expand imbedded support.
15. KDOT Field Update:
  - Brent T. not available. Nick Squires gave D5 update.
  - Discussed projects, including 1 R overlays, and accelerated gold projects.

Pavement maintenance underway, and taking cores for future IKE passing lane.  
Discussed personnel, including two new EA's.

16. Bureau of Construction and Materials Update, Tony Menke

Previous discussion of CEI committee work

17. 2020 Partnering Conference Planning, Howard Lubliner

Discussed conference planning.

Discussion of conference being same week as K-State conference. Will leave the same for now.

18. Adjournment