

Minutes
ACEC/KDOT Liaison Committee Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Aug 18, 2021

Attendees:

KDOT: Calvin Reed, David Lutgen, Mike Moriarty, Mike Stringer, Brent Terstriep, Bob Henthorn, Greg Schieber, Steve Bass, Clay Adams, Tony Menke

FHWA: Rich Backlund,

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.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Agenda approved.
3. Approval of last meetings Minutes: Approved May, 2021, Meeting Minutes with noted corrections.
4. Division of Engineering and Design Changes (Calvin Reed)
 - a. Dave Lutgen will move to project manager in BLP. KDOT has asked PMC to step in and assist with roll, as it can happen quickly and they are already engaged with IKE projects.
 - i. Calvin noted that he contacted Scott Heidner and Shawn Turner when this came up. There were concerns and comments from the ACEC board, and a meeting was held to discuss concerns. (letter outlining initial concerns attached) It a subsequent ACEC board meeting, Calvin reviewed those concerns, and noted in this meeting that KDOT could accommodate most of those concerns. General discussion from group, in particular:
 1. Marcia would not be able to fill this roll.
 2. KDOT will restrict PMC access to information as much as possible.
 3. KDOT acknowledges the concerns over competitive advantage, and there are PMC preclusions on IKE projects. PMC will be allowed to be a sub on projects not managed by PMC.
 4. Envisions PMC being out of this roll before end of year.
5. Action Item Review(Calvin Reed)
 - Construction Inspection Working Group
Update from Tony Menke and Greg Scheiber:

1. KDOT developing methods to track anticipated long term and short range CEI needs.
 2. Short Range: Spreadsheet for anticipated staffing needs on a district level. Plan is to update when early or late start dates are known. Anticipate this being available after 1-R Lettings in Jan-Feb.
 3. Long term method anticipated being available in 4 to 8 weeks.
- Fixed Fee Working Group
Update from Calvin Reed:
 1. Discussed KDOT is looking at how it will allow for contracts with higher hourly rates, then lower fixed fee. The issue is KDOT has never monitored loaded hourly rates. Discussed consultants giving history of consultant contracts, salary and OH over last 5 years. Firms agreed this should not be a problem. Scott Heidner recommended Calvin reach out to a cross section of firms.
 - Fixed Fee Working Group
Update from Mike Stringer:
 1. Ready to go. Hopefully before next meeting
 - Stop Work Order
Update from Calvin and Scott Heidner:
 1. Sentiment is progress is being made and neither side is particularly happy, which is a good indicator it is balanced.
 - KDOT Phonebook
Update from Calvin and Heidner:
 1. Updated on line on KDOT web site. ACEC will provide a link in Newsletter.
 - PPP Loans
Discussion with Calvin, Rich Backlund, Scott Heidner and others:
 1. ACEC suggested that a joint committee be formed to discuss issue. Heidner noted that this is a number 1 priority on a national level, and a number of KS ACEC firms has expressed concerns. Brian Armstrong noted ACEC Mo worked with MoDOT to address concerns. After discussion, Rich Backlund

asked that we bring a list of 'asks'. Heidner stated ACEC group will discuss further and bring back list of 'asks'.

6. Status of KDOT Funding & Update from Calvin

Funding is good.

Local consults on IKE program happening this fall. Asked ACEC to assist with feedback.

7. Bureau of Local Projects Update; Mike Stringer

Project updates: Off System Bridges have selected projects, waiting on approvals. Will issue call for projects for Ks Local Bridge Improvement Program soon. Call for projects for HRRR. CCLIP Award letters have been sent.

Staffing updates. Judith Tyner has retired. Dave Northrup and David Lutgen hired as PM.

Asked ACEC to assist with spreading the word to sign up for LRSP. 20 signed up for 2021, none for 2022.

8. FHWA Update; Rich Backlund

FHWA staff can now travel, have to social distance.

Participated in ACEC Wichita.

Raise grant applications closed July 17th.

MUTCD: have received 25,000 comments.

Looking at potential follow up projects. Polk Quincy is one and working with KDOT and Topeka.

Infrastructure bill may have funds to increase staffing.

A number of conferences in October, including ACEC, APWA and KTE.

9. Contracts; (none)

10. Bureau of Road Design Update: Steve Bass

Everyone after Oct. 1 to use new KDOT work space.

Staffing: Steve Louder starting next week. Gary Barlow has retired. Ryan Barnett new metro engineer for Bonner Springs.

New Lawrence office building complete.

Projects: Finalizing TWorks and starting IKE. Steve Rockers will be the PM for US 69 Design Build.

11. Update from Consultants: Turner

Previous discussion of CEI committee, PMC concerns and PPP. Dave Kocur had question regarding when KDOT Environmental Process is engaged.

12. Bureau of Structures & Geotechnical Services Update; Bob Henthorn

Bureau down 2 EA's.

Looking into bridge hit near Junction City.

There have been 2 or 3 bridge hits per week recently.

Oct 15 is KSU Bridge Conference

Performance construction spec coming out.

13. KTA Update; Jacobsen

July traffic up 19% from 2020. About 3% below 2019.

Transitioning to cashless tolling

Letting contracts for next year.

RFP underway for roadside toll collection.

Staffing: Cody Vanderbeard has joined from BNSF Construction. Chris Ericson from City of Topeka

New office under construction in Topeka. Should be completed next fall.

14. Bureau of Planning: Moriarty

Statewide travel up 10%, and is back to 2019 levels.

Staffing: James Stewart, new GIS manager. Working to fill 2 or 3 other positions in GIS.

15. KDOT Field Update: Brent Terstriep,

Working on finalizing CEI spreadsheet and will track with this fall FY Bridge set aside due this week.

FY 1R projects being set.

6 emergencies repairs within last few months.

Issues with retention, but seeing applications for open positions.

Looking at corridor plan for K254

Getting ready for Local Consult

CCLIPS for district announced

Program for advanced purchase of ROW: Working with Planning to create program. Pilot program to address old narrow 60 foot ROW. Howard Lubliner asked question about capturing crash data for selected projects.

16. Bureau of Construction and Materials Update, Tony Menke

Previous discussion of CEI committee work

Starting to see contractors not getting work done this year. More this year than in the past.

Constant changes to staffing. Added E2

Working on AASHTOware implementation. Hope to implement before next construction season.

CIT: Everything is virtual, except performance test.

17. 2020 Partnering Conference Planning, Howard Lubliner

Discussed conference planning. Set for Oct 12.

Agenda finalized.

ACEC partnering panel will discuss how effective partnering can be.

18. Adjournment