

Minutes
ACEC/KDOT Liaison Committee Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Oct 13, 2021

Attendees:

KDOT: Calvin Reed, Mike Moriarty, Mike Stringer, Brent Terstriep, Greg Schieber, Steve Bass, Clay Adams, Tony Menke, Scott King

FHWA: 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.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Agenda approved.
3. Approval of last meetings Minutes: Approved August, 2021, Meeting Minutes with noted corrections.
 - a. Shawn and Howard will move off Committee. Brian Armstrong will move to co-chair.
4. Division of Engineering and Design Changes (Calvin Reed)
 - a. PMC will review solicitations only, and not overhead rates.
 - b. Bill Haverkamp announced second retirement and will work on interim bases.
5. Action Item Review(Calvin Reed)
 - Construction Inspection Working Group
Update from Tony Menke and Greg Scheiber:
 1. Work in progress as KDOT is developing methods to track anticipated long term and short range CEI needs.
 2. Hope to complete by end of year. Will have a good handle on it in 2022.
 - Fixed Fee Working Group
Update from Calvin Reed:
 1. Discussed KDOT is looking at how it will determine contracts.
 - PPP Loans
Discussion on unforeseen impact of PPP loan forgiveness.
 1. Consultants have formed task group to state 'asks'. (letter is attached in notes)
 2. KDOT provided draft of letter responding to consultant 'ask' letter. (Oct 8 letter attached in notes)
 3. General discussion from Turner and others from ACEC on unfairness of unforeseen consequences.
 4. General discussion from Reed and others that KDOT is working with Federal Highways and need to take into account fairness to all firms.
 5. Consultant group will respond to draft KDOT letter.

6. Status of KDOT Funding & Update from Calvin

Funding is very good.

7. Bureau of Local Projects Update; Mike Stringer

Consultant Evaluation form did get launched in September.

Project updates: HRRR applications due. LRSP need to sign more counties up. Deadline is March 15, 2022.

Staffing updates. Added Dave Northrup and David Lutgen. Added two ET's.

Mike Stringer announced his retirement Jan 1, 2022.

8. FHWA Update; Richard Jurey

Getting ready to fill vacancies.

Infrastructure bill will be up for vote in October. May have funds to increase staffing.

Chris Brunce will work in office of infrastructure.

9. Contracts; Reed.

Recently advertised for contracts manager position. Engineer preferred but not required. Hope to get filled next month.

Will separate PMC from KDOT's roll. PMC will develop RFP's.

Marcia Turner primary KDOT lead.

Ben Aviscus PMC for RFP development.

10. Bureau of Road Design update: King

- a. Nat Velasquez new pavement design leader. Delbert Ramsey new technician. Continue to recruit.
- b. Down to four squads. A lot of retirement coming up in next couple of years.
- c. Refreshing 3R policy again. Amy Rockers is working on this.
- d. Fencing Policy: Working on update.
- e. Reminder for consultants: KDOT PM and consultant PM need to be talking.
- f. Will be able to give a NTP prior to agreement if urgency is approved by KDOT PM.
- g. More project announced in local consult by end of year and KDOT will decide which they will do in house.

11. Update from consultants. Turner

- a. Referred to previous discuss on PPP and CEI working groups.
- b. Discussed that TranSystems is requiring COVID vaccine.

12. Bureau of Structure and Geotech: No update.

13. KTA Update; Jacobson

Dealing with supply chain issues and no bids on some projects.

Some materials not getting quoted and some materials 6 month lead time.

Aluminum at all time high.

Working on interoperability across the nation.

As we go through with RUC study, may not be an issue.

14. Bureau of Planning: no update.

15. KDOT Field Update: Brent Terstriep,

Working on borrowing help. Shifting between Winfield and Pratt.

Appreciates multiple consultants working in area.

CEI needs: Trying to pin down contractor start dates.

Turning in 402's on time to get 1R's in pipeline.

Local consults went very well with District input.

Using traffic count oriented map to compare to roadway and ROW. Used it to help prioritize local consult.

Working on clear zone safety improvement program to potentially gain additional funding for improvements. Narrow ROW holds back projects. Need to allot time for acquisition.

16. Bureau of Construction and Materials Update, Tony Menke

Previous discussion of CEI committee work

Looking for construction inspection help.

Begin to bundle inspection projects for consultants.

Following year, trying to move 1R lettings up in year, and hopefully bundle to get consultant help.

Have added people to help with AAshtoware and training.

Schieber: Exploring e-ticketing on asphalt. AAshtoware begins March 1, CMS will be turned off.

17. 2020 Partnering Conference Planning, Howard Lubliner

Feedback from conference was that it went well and content was good.

Brian Armstrong stated he thought it went well.

Calvin Reed stated he thought it went well, and hopes that it will be in person next year.

18. Adjournment