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Minutes

ACEC/KDOT Liaison Committee Meeting

HNTB Corporation, Overland Park, KS

May 18, 2022

Attendees:

KDOT: Tod Salfrank, Calvin Reed, Burt Morey, Chris Herrick, Bob Henthorne, Scott King, Greg Shieber, Tony Menke, Clay Adams, Brent Terstriep, Marcia Turner

FHWA: Richard Jurey, Rick Backlund

KTA:

ACEC: Scott Heidner, Jake Borchers, Dave Kocour, Jim Tobaben, Brian Armstrong, Brett Wood

1. Safety Discussion; Calvin Reed gave safety discussion.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Agenda item added regarding the timing and distribution of meeting minutes
3. Approval of last meetings Minutes: Approved February 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes
4. Distribution of Meeting Minutes (Clay Adams)
 - a. Meeting minutes will be distributed for review once the DRAFT minutes are completed in lieu of waiting until the next meeting
 - b. Official approval of the minutes will remain an agenda item
5. Status of KDOT Funding & Update (Burt Morey/Calvin Reed)
 - a. Update was provided regarding current funding
 - b. Further announcement regarding BIL funding is anticipated for July
6. BIL Local Consult Meetings Recap (Calvin Reed)
 - a. KDOT has concluded four meetings (one virtual) to discuss BIL funding with Local Communities
 - b. Recap was provided regarding the meetings
7. Bureau of Local Project (Tod Salfrank)
 - a. KDOT has brought on a consultant to develop a planning tool to assist local communities in planning/identifying priorities
 - b. Staffing
 - i. Asst Roadway Team Lead – Bill Legge
 - ii. Bridge – Donna Schmidt
8. FHWA Update (Rick Backlund)
 - a. Federal aid funding has increased ~30% from last year
 - b. There are a lot of discretionary grant programs
 - c. Numerous updated standards and guidance have come out this year
 - d. New Buy America information came out 5/13; named Build America Buy America (BABA)
 - i. Includes construction materials
 - ii. A number of temporary waivers are available
9. Contracts
 - a. Fixed Fee Working Group (Brian Armstrong)
 - i. ACEC Board has reviewed the information provided by KDOT and will be providing a response today

- b. Contracts (Marcia Turner)
 - i. Update was provided regarding the contracts section and processes
 - ii. KDOT is discussing what the RFQ format will be for the FY27 bridges. It is anticipated that the projects will be sent as one RFQ and consultants given the opportunity to select the projects to propose on – this is similar to the FY24 process
 - iii. Staffing
 - 1. Kristi Reickert will be starting part-time June 1
10. Bureau of Road Design Update (Scott King)
- a. Update was provided
 - b. FHWA is committing \$20M/yr for BIM advancement; KDOT is looking to access this opportunity
 - c. Updated CONNECT Workspace has been sent out
 - i. Noted the current KDOT workspace is for version 10.08; current Bentley is version 10.10. Any work done by consultants in 10.10 will need to be converted to 10.08
 - ii. It is anticipated that the next Workspace update will be version 10.10 – anticipated Summer 2022
 - d. Standard Drawings are being updated to ORD
 - e. Staffing
 - i. Open position for squad leader in Lawrence office
 - ii. Open position for Pavement Design Lead
 - iii. Searching for EAs and ETs
 - f. Lawrence office is moving buildings – anticipated July/August
11. Update from Consultants (Brian Armstrong)
- a. Appreciation for posting upcoming CEI RFQ's to the website
 - b. Calvin will continue to provide updates through ACEC as needed. Intent is to utilize similar website for design RFQ's
 - c. East Kellogg – Progressive Design/Build
 - i. Burt provided an update on the project
 - ii. An independent firm will be utilized to provide cost estimating reviews
 - d. Updated TMP Guidance is coming out soon
12. Bureau of Structures & Geotechnical Services Update (Bob Henthorne)
- a. Update was provided
 - b. Anticipate announcing list of FY27 bridges the first week of June
 - c. Pilot Project (Polk-Quincy) for 3D implementation of geology information
 - d. Staffing
 - i. 4 ET positions open
 - ii. 3 EA positions open
13. KTA Update
- a. None
14. Bureau of Planning Update (Chris Herrick)
- a. Update was provided
 - b. Working on EV program and preliminary plan
 - c. RFQ anticipated soon for standing up a Carbon Reduction Program
 - d. Staffing
 - i. Carla Anderson – State Safety Engineer (Part-Time)

- ii. Open Position for GIS/Safety Analyst
- iii. Open Position for Safety/Engineering Planning Section Head

15. KDOT Field Update (Brent Terstriep)

- a. Update was provided
- b. KDOT is moving around inspection staff due to construction project schedule changes based on contractors
- c. Important for Consultant Inspectors to communicate openly with KDOT staff
- d. KDOT continues to need additional support for inspection staff
- e. KDOT is looking to hire more administrative staff to assist with paperwork to allow inspectors more time in the field
- f. KDOT CEI Contracts (Greg Shieber)
 - i. KDOT looking at different ways to bolster staff
 - ii. Anticipate using similar embedded inspectors next year similar to what is being done in District 5
- g. Is a dedicated CEI Liaison committee needed to work through issues?
 - i. ACEC Board will discuss

16. Bureau of Construction & Materials Update (Tony Menke)

- a. An update was provided
- b. In the midst of AWP roll-out; anticipated complete next week.
- c. KDOT moving up lettings of some 1R projects to help with inspection workload
- d. CIT Program
 - i. KDOT is running low on instructors and will be looking to consultants to help proctor exams
 - ii. Testing schedule has been extended into June, looking to increase the number of test dates
 - iii. Classes will likely not start until Nov this year
 - iv. Shortage of SuperPave certified inspectors
- e. Fuel and Asphalt indexes are the highest they have ever been
- f. Important to use current bid averages for cost estimates

17. 2022 Partnering Conference (Brett Wood)

- a. An update was provided
- b. Working to secure speakers/topics

18. Next meeting is scheduled for August 16 at WSP office in Wichita.

19. Adjournment