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Minutes

ACEC/KDOT Liaison Committee Meeting

Virtual Zoom Meeting

February 10, 2021

Attendees:

KDOT: Burt Morey, Calvin Reed, David Lutgen, Mike Moriarty, Scott King, Mike Stringer, 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 working in extreme cold.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Agenda approved as submitted. Calvin noted that item have been added for 'Planning' and 'Field'.
3. Approval of last meetings Minutes: Approved October 22, 2020, Meeting Minutes as presented.
4. Action Item Review(Calvin Reed)
 - a. Update on Online Portal:

From David Lutgen: On Line 1050 form; KDOT is working out the bugs. Consultants will be able to do on line, or submit PDF
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Prompt Pay: as KDOT doesn't have DBE requirements, don't have to do prompt pay.
 - b. Update on Stop Work language concerns:

Calvin emailed handout to group with changes in proposed language. Heidner to present info to ACEC Attorney and also publish in News Letter and ask for comments back by Mid March. ACEC committee members also obtain comments from respective firms regarding language.
 - c. Quality update: Consultant evaluation form update given by Mike Stringer. Others on the task team were Rob Krewson, David Church, Calvin Reed, Brent Tierstrip, Scott King They have a few weeks of testing beginning around February 15th, and then plan to roll out. In use tentatively by Mid March.

Items that will be rated include Program Management, Project Management, Deliverables and Personnel. A screen shot of the format was sent to group by Mike Stringer. **REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM ACTION ITEMS**

- d. KDOT Org Chart. Calvin provided the group with a draft org chart prepared by IT and stated that the chart will be a dynamic document on KDOT's site and will be periodically updated with personnel changes. Heidner will ask for comments from ACEC, with comments sent to Calvin Reed.
 - e. Discussion of current contracts; Calvin provided a summary of current contracts and will periodically update. Currently shows contracts over last few months. Heidner will pass on to ACEC members for review and eventually make part of ACEC newsletter. Comments by ACEC members should be sent directly to Calvin Reed. Brian Armstong and Shawn Turner expressed appreciation for the effort. Calvin plans to track closely and provide updates.
 - f. Steering Committee for 3D Design. Calvin requested ACEC participation in a 3D design task group. Heidner will obtain and provide names to Calvin.
5. Status of KDOT Funding & Update from Burt Morey
- a. Revenue Goals: As of Dec 31, half way through fiscal year, KDOT has received 54% of budgeted revenue, only 1% less than last year.
 - b. KDOT will get about \$84 M in Covid relief funds.
 - i. KDOT anticipated increase local preservation efforts by about \$25 M, and increasing CCLIP/Cost Share/HRRR by \$10 to \$15 M.
 - ii. Anticipated \$37 M goes to motor fuel, \$25 M state and \$12 M to local City/County
 - c. Cleanup Bill read in House and Senate
 - i. lowering the threshold from \$100 million to \$10 million where KDOT can consider alternative delivery,
 - ii. provides an exemption to the requirement that T-Works projects have to have one phase let before moving forward with IKE projects in instances where it's necessary to make use of federal stimulus dollars
 - iii. clarification on the 18% bond cap.
 - d. Lettings
 - i. On track to let \$700 M, about \$130 M more than last year
 - ii. In FY 22, on track to let \$1B
 - iii. Expects future years to stabilize at \$800 M
 - iv. Funding good and stable.
6. Bureau of Local Projects Update; Mike Stringer
- a. Local Bridges: Applications have been received. Awards occurred in Mid December.

- b. CCLIP. Call for projects occurred in mid January. Applications are due March 12th.
 - c. LRSP: 14 Counties signed up for 2021. 0 for 2022. Asked committee to look for opportunities to encourage locals to sign up as it will help them receive HRRR funding.
Howard Lubliner asked for Mike to post map.
 - d. Staff is still working remotely due to pandemic.
7. FHWA Update; Rich Backlund
- a. Pete Butigeg confirmed by Senate as Secretary of Transportation. Stephanie Pollock deputy and was previous CEO of Mass DOT. In that role, she was very multi-modal and brings energy and experience. Expects climate change/resiliency to be an important issue.
 - b. KDOT received Covid funding passed through FHWA
 - c. Continue discussion on MUTCD.
 - d. Expects there to be a focus on racial equity, environmental justice, brownfields.
 - e. Expects to see push on transit and rail.
 - f. They have posted a position for a Transportation Planner.
 - g. Calvin expressed thanks for state workshop on NEPA process.
8. Contracts; David Lutgen;
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 - b. 2020 Overhead Rates: Consultants work on audits and submit to KDOT.
9. Bureau of Road Design Update: Scott King
- a. Transitioning into getting consultants on board for IKE program.
 - b. Working on Performance Based Design Tool. Working with HDR. Will roll out to internal team and then out to consultants.
 - c. Recent Promotions:
 - i. Steve Rockers: New Lawrence office manager
 - ii. Chris Knotts to PMC
 - iii. Fill ET Specialist
 - d. Scott stated that his team is open to 3D Brown bags. Reach out to him if interested.
10. Update from Consultants: Turner
- a. Plans to assist in reviving partnering down to District level.
 - b. Discussed large amount of CEI work. Discussion of ways ACEC/KDOT can brainstorm to ways consultants can provide better response and better service.

11. Bureau of Structures & Geotechnical Services Update; Bob Henthorn
 - a. A number of bridges have been hit recently.
 - b. Working on bridge manual
 - c. Working with PMC on FY 25 Bridge geology
 - d. FY 26 Bridges: Should have list out shortly
12. KDT Update; Jacobsen
 - a. Bridge raising program; Have raised over 50 Bridges. More planned as one bridge upstream has been hit twice.
 - b. Traffic and Revenue: Had been down 15 % to 20 % in November. Commercial traffic increased 9% in Nov/Dec. Had planned on 20% revenue hit, but doing better than that. Comfortable with moving forward with some design and construction projects.
13. Bureau of Planning: Moriarty
 - a. Recent Hires;
 - i. James Brickell Getting up to speed with traffic simulation and plans to rebuild that competency.
 - ii. Retention and promotions: Have restaffed data collection and traffic equipment repair.
 - b. Field Staff testing at I70/US 75
 - c. During pandemic 10% reduction in traffic. Varies between 7% and 30%.
14. KDOT Field Update: Tierstip
 - a. 2021 1R's have been completed. 2022 1R's reviewed with Areas last Monday. Had to reduce by 40%.
 - b. Accelerated goal of \$530 M. Funding others as funding becomes available.
 - c. Bridge set aside going well.
 - d. K14 Lets this month. TWorks project, \$80 M estimate
 - e. Creating map for districts on projects. Working with areas and MPO's so that proper projects are discussed at local consults.
 - f. Working with consultants on 1R's and others.
 - g. New Construction Engineer at El Dorado Office.
 - h. Discussion from Turner, Reed, Teirstrip, Menke and others regarding large amount of CEI work, tracking upcoming work, providing consultant inspectors in a start date window, and ways that consultants may be able to serve KDOT better on CEI. Turner asked if KDOT was interested in forming a task group on CEI. Reed and Heidner will work with Joe Drimmel at ACEC to get consultant names for task group.
15. Bureau of Construction and Materials Update, Tony Menke
 - a. Sue Eiseman has retired.
 - b. AAshtoware has been delayed and will be deployed in November.
 - c. D1 expected to utilize 2 to 3 time more consultants than previous years.

- d. Will need consultants on increased CEI work for next few years.
16. 2020 Partnering Conference Planning, Howard Lubliner
- a. Update on Conference. Planned for October. Hopefully will be in person, but will do virtually if needed.
17. PPP Loan and Forgiveness, Calvin Reed
- a. Estimated 50% of engineering firms have taken PPP loan. Working through how that will be repaid or possibly forgiven.
18. Fixed Fee Calculations, Calvin Reed
- a. Looking a policy on how fixed fee contracts are sometimes negotiated, with goal being a consistent and transparent policy.
 - b. Fees range from 10% to 14 %, depending on Overhead rate. Max according to feds is 15%.
 - c. ACEC will provide task group for input.
19. Legislative Update, Scott Heidner
- a. UEIA; University Engineering Initiative. Goal to assist in getting enough engineers in labor pool. \$10.5 M to engineering colleges, has to be matched. Working with KSPE.
 - b. HB 2120; Tax reform to except transportation projects. Not hopeful it will pass
 - c. Senate 1603; Constitutional amendment to prohibit sweeping KDOT funds. Sponsored by Hildebrand, probably wont get support.
 - d. IKE: Amount governor swept from KDOT is lowest it has been in a decade. Does not appear legislature will increase.
 - e. Dave Kocher and Brett Wood were introduced as new committee members.4186
20. Adjournment