

Minutes

ACEC/KDOT liaison Committee Meeting

KDOT, 700 SW Harrison St., Topeka, KS

October 27, 2023, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Attendees:

KDOT: Brent Terstriep, Chris Herrick, Clay Adams, Debbie Tanking, Greg Schieber, Jason Van Nice, Jeff Sims, Kevin Palic, Marcia Turner, Mark Hurt, Mike Moriarty, Scott King, Tony Menke

KTA: Kristina Eichkorn

FHWA: Richard Backlund, Richard Jurey

ACEC: Christopher Harker, Corey Imhoff, Jacob Borchers, Kyle Guenther, Mark Johnston, Scott Heidner

- Safety Discussion
- Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda and accepted.
- Approval of last meeting Minutes
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- Status of KDOT Funding & Update
 - KDOT expects to have the pipeline updated by the end of January.
- Bureau of Local Projects Update
 - Ramping up this fall. Look at the KDOT website.
- FHWA Update
 - Safe Street for all, within days of states within the region will receive grants.
 - Discretionary Grants - Asking for some consistency on when grants would come out and language within.
 - Thriving Tech. for complete streets, smart streets Nov. 25th
 - Capacity Builder Nov. 28th
 - Large bridge projects greater than 100 million Due Nov. 27th- (18th Street Expressway
 - MUTCD update 26,000 comments received. Past Due. With a new date of End of Year. Big Emphasis on signing.
 - NEPA NOI Electric Vehicle Charging Networks
 - NBIP Training in Topeka April 25th and 27th.
 - Big use for drones on inspection side.
- Contracts
 - New Assistant Project Managing's Invoices Bonniface Mutuku
 - Bid Express good liftoff. Adjusting internal process on how to review bids received.
 - RFP Transparency and Fairness. Big Emphasis and Concern.

- Number of embedded engineers within KDOT that they cannot hear about upcoming projects. They will be left out of consideration if they feel they knew about this project.
 - Invoice Tool.
 - 10 days away from limited test. Access 24/7 to know where an invoice or contract.
 - One additional step MS Flow Rule Excel and Subject name and that would allow access by the consultant.
 - Consultant Testing 2-4 week test procedure. Let Marcia know if interested.
 - Fixed Fee - KDOT still trying to get a handle on this. But keeping going on an update to the table.
- Bureau of Road Design Update
 - Workspace / Digital Delivery future directions.
 - Going to try and send utility plans earlier. Closer to ROW plans. Ask to stamp plans as preliminary or final with a date.
 - Workspace 12 in delayed from summer. Delayed based off patches. However, Bentley will be moving to yearly updates. KDOT expressed their concerns to Bentley.
- Update from Consultant
 - 3D organized group
 - Digital Delivery Outcomes, focus is on delivering a model, and then growing from there. Focused on Right Sizing. What data needs to be collected for the "Road Map". Inquiring other DOT's.
 - Construction Group Updates. Just continue to meet quarterly. Keep working on issues.
 - See a value in a CE&I group.
 - Alternative Delivery
 - Organizational Change based off seeing the majority of the remaining IKE projects being delivered design bid build (more traditional).
 - Manual will continue and give a play book on how and when to use the different types of DB.
 - DeSoto has been a positive for PDB. Tradition DB on US-69 has been positive as well.
 - Sharing with ACEC meeting minutes from groups and subcommittees. Partnering committees are just shared with the committees.
 - Contract Delays and RFQ selection process. Process is setup but the amount the rfp's bogs down the process. Trying to get a better process to decide to interview only when needed.
 - Local Consults? - update from Planning Update
 - Online Evaluation Form will remain internal.
 - 2024 Meeting in the upcoming weeks? Send any potential conflicts to Scott.
- Bureau of Structures & Geotechnical Services Update
 - New Asst. Design Engineer Dominique Shannon.
 - Bridge Management Engineer Ends today.
 - Peterson Geology lead retired. Has not been filled.
 - Still low on bridge inspection engineers
 - Set aside move to PEC - Michael Ingalls

- Bridge Inspection switching to InspectX electronic system
- Looking for more set aside to be selected in February.
- Had a few recent survey busts where survey comes and pier locations off.
- Low concrete strength
 - Concrete strengths are coming in low and lack of quality control on the producer size. Consultants may be asked to see what we are comfortable with in the design.
- KTA Update
 - Traffic Update
 - Topeka and KC up 6%
 - Emporia to OK down 6%
 - Still down from COVID
 - Cashless Tolling estimated to go live June 2024. Will know for sure know by March or April.
 - Roadway Safety Assessments
 - Burns and Mac looking at ways to add value like HFST and additional signing.
 - A lot of unauthorized median u turns. Will be evaluated to be removed on a site-by-site locations.
- Bureau of Planning Update
 - Traffic down 2%. Still up for the year. Trending back to Pre pandemic levels.
 - Alan Spicier retiring.
 - Local Consults –
 - 9 events 1400 attendees End of January development pipeline. Summary by end of January.
 - Rural Participation in metro areas.
 - RFP to update Strategic High Safety Plan November.
- KDOT Field Update and Bureau of Construction and Materials Update
 - Still a need for more inspectors. Need for more engineers as well. Should have 7 engineers only have 4.
 - What is ACEC doing to recruit engineers? Let's discuss next meeting.
 - Districts still developing the 402's and 1R's for next year.
 - CRS failing across the state. Trying potential issues
 - AWP continuing to update. There is a mobile AWP app. Looking at getting tablets to inspectors.
 - Get with Brent Slade in consultant inspectors.
 - CIT training policy. Inconsistent document. Trying to formalize new inspector certifications.
 - Bridge Set Aside projects need to decide early on the type of MOT.
 - Proctors inconsistent. Need to follow the attention of the program.
 - Inspection RFP at the beginning of the year.
- 2023 Partnering Conference Status
 - 300 attendees. Parking a bit of an issue. Many comments that there needs to be cookies for the after-lunch break.
- Next meeting TBD

- Adjournment