1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chris Marsengill, Moffatt & Nichol

2. **Consultant Relations Committee Subcommittee (SC) updates (see individual SC meeting minutes for full report)**

   - **Bridge & Structures:** Tom Tran – Gresham Smith & Partners
     - The SC is working on guidance to assist with environmental permitting issues related to bridge construction
     - A draft was sent to Environmental Services for review; further discussion is planned for the September 2016 Bridge SC meeting
     - The SC is also reviewing reinforced concrete pier and CONSPAN structure implementations

   - **Engineering Services:** Michael Moseley – ATKINS
     - The SC discussed increasing the completion of post-construction evaluations; only 12 have been completed to date
     - Plans submittals to Engineering Services are still falling behind schedule
     - Missing pay items and issues with Special Provisions are still a significant cause of change orders on construction
     - Concern was expressed over the fact that GDOT communication fiber is not included in a typical utilities locate (811 call)
     - The GDOT Standard Specifications will be updated in November; current Supplemental Specifications will be incorporated

   - **Environmental:** Wendy Dyson – ATKINS – A recent MOA includes significant changes in the process for preparing and submitting reevaluations and minor changes

   - **Materials:** Tom Hruby – NOVA
     - The SC has a few new members
     - A Geotech-based LRFD training class is scheduled for September 15, 2016; slots for 20 people
     - Research results on the effectiveness of LRFD should be available this month
     - Revisions are in progress for UST & HazMat guidelines to improve efficiency
     - Performance-based specifications have been discussed; this SC is not necessarily the appropriate author but will be one of many reviewing those involving materials

   - **Preconstruction Awards:** Michael Thomas – Moffatt & Nichol
     - Deadline for nominations is August 15, 2016
     - Only one nomination received to date
     - Reminder: owner must submit nomination

   - **Procurement:** Davietta Jenkins – CH2M Hill
     - Consultant contracts for FY16
       - 561 contracts and task orders; previous record 511
       - $286 M value; previous record $171 M
     - Phase 1 submittals will be disqualified if consultants “drop” unsolicited information into the white spaces of responses; more specific rules to follow
     - Reference checks are time consuming and GDOT may begin utilizing a tool like Survey Monkey to improve efficiency
• Program Delivery: Jeff Church – STV
  o A standard project status/history report is being developed
  o Once complete, the report will be added to the OPD website
  o The report is setup such that it can be used as an agenda for monthly status meetings
• Roadway Design Policy: Chris Marsengill – Moffatt & Nichol – SC has not meet since the last Transportation Forum
• Traffic: Todd DeVos – Wolverton & Associates – No Update
• Utilities: Jeff VanDyke – HNTB – No Update
• CEI: Ed Hill – Atkins No Update

3. **Discussion Topic:** What is “value” in transportation design; how far will folks go to achieve it?

• What constitutes value from the owner’s perspective?
  o Meeting schedules and milestones
  o Expertise
  o Trust that project will be delivered
  o Safety
  o Cost
  o Quality
  o Public benefit
  o Resourcefulness/relationships
  o Client Satisfaction

• What constitutes value from the engineering firm’s perspective?
  o Cost
  o Client satisfaction
  o Clear scope of services
  o Well-defined schedule
  o Big picture concentration

• What are reasonable metrics of value?
  o Number of change orders – design and construction
  o Maintained budget & schedule
  o Staff availability vs. funding trends (GDOT)

• Bigger picture: both the GDOT and transportation community share a major responsibility in delivering quality and maximizing the benefit of State Funding

4. **New business**

• A question was raised regarding SB 366 resurfacing during the next Session, and Michael Sullivan stated that he is not aware of any activity and he does not expect any.

• QBS at the local level was discussed, and Michael Sullivan noted:
  o First step is to educate local governments, because may think QBS is a more onerous process than fee-based selections
  o The second step is legislation requiring QBS for engineering services at all levels of government

• North Fulton Transportation Referendum
  o ACEC is engaged in advocating and education campaign; $500,000 commitment
  o ACEC is seeking financial support from engineering community
  o $600 M in transportation projects including MARTA, roads & bridges