

Meeting Minutes

ACEC/NC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2016 at 3:00 PM
HDR Conference Room
Raleigh, North Carolina

Attendees:

Barbour, Debbie
Barbour, Victor
Bissett, Jay
Blevins, Scott
Bridges, Daniel
Brooks, Lonnie
Byrd, James
Cook, Steve
Crawford, Ben
Dalton, Josh
Diggs, Davis C.
Flowe, Charlie
Gibson, Glenda
Goodwin, Tom
Heustess, Aaron
Hill, Len
Hiltbrunner, Tim
Hood, Bill
Hyman, Craig
Iagnocco, Michael

Jacob, Paul
Jenkins, Bill
Kelvington, Joe
Lee, Joel
Matthis, Stu
May, Phil
McNeil, Randy
Meehan, Paul
Miller, Bob
Miller, Drew
Nandagiri, Srekanth
Parrott, Tracy
Payne, Matthew
Pearson, Mark
Peterson, Jason
Pope, Allen
Ramirez, Nick
Reid, Willie
Rivenbark, Russ

Roque, Enrico
Samples, Lisa
Sauls, Lane
Simpson, David
Smith, Jim
Smith, Kenny
Swayampakala, Radha
Sykes, Dewayne
Tallman, Tom
Taylor, Gary
Teng, Gavin
Townsend, Dennis
Townsend, Pam
Van Duyn, Meredith
Vick, Frank
Wetherill, Eddie
Winbrenner, Terry
Wood, Michael
Young, Craig
Young, Suzanne

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

- Paul Meehan opened meeting introducing Josh Dalton as the incoming Chair of the Transportation Committee. Paul Jacob will be the Vice Chair.
- Rodger Rochelle, Greg Perfetti, and Robert Stroup attending from NCDOT.
- ACEC/NC Legislative Golf Tournament will be held July 18th at Prestonwood in Cary, NC. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available now. <http://www.acecnc.org/events/details/acec-nc-legislative-golf-tournament-1178>
- A Task Force will likely be formed to look at direction for all subcommittees to better match NCDOT's Reorganization structure.

Legislative Update (Jim Smith)

- HB 988 and SB 786 both deal with repealing the \$500,000 cap on transit funding.
- There is also a bill in the House to repeal the I-77 Toll contract.

Bentley Licensing Issue Update (Josh Dalton)

- Based on an email from Bentley, effective this calendar quarter they have revised the Term Licensing agreement with the following:
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- While these changes are a step in the right direction, we will continue to press for a meeting with Bentley to address all of our licensing concerns.

Rodger Rochelle/Robert Stroup/Greg Perfetti:

- Robert provided an updated copy of “Policies and Procedures for Procurement and Administration of Major or Specialized Services Contracts”. He requested comments from the Industry by close of business 5/19. The plan is to send to the Fast Committee by 7/5 and adopted on 7/29. Robert also provided a Summary of Updates.
- The estimate ranges of 5% on days and 10% on dollars is still the preferred method however Business Units can approve higher ranges (10% days and 15% dollars).
- Robert mentioned NCDOT is currently exceeding Race Neutral Goals through SPSF program.
- Business Unit Heads now have the authority to scope, estimate, negotiate, and issue NTPs. Some Units have already started using this process.
- Limited NTPs can now invoice however this should be a one-time invoice only. If you feel you are close to getting NTP, it is preferred that you wait and invoice under the Task Order.
- Robert will send a list of authorized unit heads for NTP to ACEC for distribution.
- Rodger gave an overview of the proposed Reorganization. Part of the plan is to reduce 49 filled positions through incentives for voluntary early retirement. Cuts from Technical Services are approximately 24%. Transfer 60 vacant positions to the Divisions who will then advertise those positions.
- There is no 6-month requirement for ex-NCDOT employees.
- Rodger stated there is now a review process for selecting which projects will be Design-Build. This should allow for earlier notice regarding DB projects.
- GEC:
 - Still in discussion about whether GEC will be under existing LSA, or a new advertisement/LSA, or use existing LSA until new ad/selection/LSA can be finalized.
 - There are concerns with the Federal Final Rule with using the existing LSA.
 - Approximately 70% of projects will be Division managed.
 - NCDOT will send out letters to existing LSA holders for the East and

- West regions to solicit interest in providing review services.
- Question: How will Divisions balance workloads? Concerns about being passed over on design projects for review projects.
- Statewide Planning and Design Contracts will be extended to 12/31/2016. Expect advertisement for new contracts around 6/1/2016 which will likely be under Roadway due to new pod organization structure.
- Anticipate selection for the Central Division LSA in mid-June.

Subcommittee Reports – Reports Attached

Rail (Bob Baughman)

- Met May 4th – Minutes are still in draft format and not yet approved for distribution.
- Joint ACEC/AGC/NCDOT Task Force on Railroad Coordination on DB Projects
 - Held our second meeting with CSXT on Feb. 24, 2016. Outcome was general agreement on revisions to the advanced questionnaire intended for NCDOT to solicit information from CSXT prior to advertisement of Design-Build projects.
 - Next step is to meet with NCDOT and develop a draft “Best Practices” for railroad coordination on Design-Build projects. An ACEC-NCDOT meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2016.
- New committee members for 2016-2017. Seven resumes received for 3 open positions.
- See handout for additional details (attached)

Design/Build (Radha Swayampakala)

- NCDOT will clarify “paving to the face of guardrail”.
- NCDOT currently has a cash balance of \$1.7 billion.
- Division Project Let limits going from \$2.5 million to somewhere around \$5-7.5 million.
- Programmatic exemptions:
 - Theresa Bruton asked which work codes can be exempted always.
 - The committee questioned whether any exemptions would be allowed by the contractors. Jim will discuss with Berry Jenkins (AGC) to see if they have any suggestions.
- See handout for additional details (attached)

Joint Training (Bill Jenkins)

- Bill and Josh Dalton met with Brenda Moore and Glen Mumford to discuss the new direction of this subcommittee. Paul Meehan mentioned a Task Force will be formed to look at all subcommittees.

Construction & Materials (Jason Peterson)

- Gave a brief overview of the State Human Resources Study.
- Have not heard back from NICET.
- Next meeting in 5/18 in Charlotte.

Structures (Paul Jacob)

- Technical discussion regarding prestressing strands in the top of precast/prestressed members.
- See handout for additional details (attached)
- Drew Miller will be the new subcommittee Chair.

Procurement (Scott Blevins)

- Nothing to report.

Operations (Jamie Byrd)

- 2017 - \$242 million for 17BP projects
- Ron Wilkins is pushing to remove utilities out of projects but does not seem likely due to time required.
- Have not selected a new subcommittee Chair yet.
- See handout for additional information (attached)

Joint Conference (Doug Taylor)

- Key note speaker has been selected: Anita Brown – Director of Institute for Emerging Issues.
- Sessions have been selected as well and include:
 - Cool Project
 - Ethics/Leadership/ Soft Skills/Networking/Communication/Team building
 - Environmental/NEPA
 - Emerging trends
 - Alternative modes of transportation
 - Motivational stories in engineering

PDEA (Michael Iagnocco)

- Still having issues with NTPs from PSMU
- Michael will send upcoming projects (6-12 months) list to Paul for distribution. (attached)
- Wetland surveying issues:
 - PLS required but not clear level of supervision, etc.
 - Working group meeting held. NCDOT/NCBELS will clarify what is required.

Next meeting is August 15, 2016 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Stantec.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.