Meeting Minutes

ACEC/NC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
Monday, February 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM
Arena Club West, PNC Arena
Raleigh, North Carolina

Attendees:
- See attached Sign-In Sheets 1-4

Welcome and Opening Remarks:
- Paul Jacob opened the meeting
- Paul discussed the ACEC Transportation Consultant Questions Survey that had previously been provided by email. The NCDOT Chief Engineer had requested this feedback from the consultant industry. Completed surveys can be dropped at the back of the room. There are blank surveys available if anyone wants to complete the survey before they leave today.

Speaker
- NCDOT – Chris Werner, NCDOT Technical Services Director
  - NCDOT is pushing innovation for both preconstruction and construction – Asking “Why” Questions
  - Goal is to improve communication between NCDOT and PEF’s.
  - Secretary’s goal to Improve Program Delivery and reduce cash balance
  - NCDOT has accelerated 350 projects and added 144 new projects to the 10-yr STIP
  - Secretary is considering bonding to maintain spending thresholds
  - Technical Services group moving to more managing personnel and consultant oversight
  - New Focus on Scope, Schedule, Budget & Quality
  - Change to POD’s to manage project from NEPA through construction to help maintain project commitments
  - New Team – Environmental Policy Group – approximately 6 people, may include non-engineers, more planners) – will perform fatal flaws of NEPA documents.
  - Secretary’s new expectations for NEPA documents (average time of delivery):
    - CE reduced from 51.7 months to 12 months
    - EA reduced from 65.2 months to 24 months
    - EIS reduced from 86 months to 36 months
  - Continuing to solve Project Delivery
  - PEF Rates – utilization of CRS system to improve efficiencies
    - Utilize reasonability assessments
  - Limited NTP’s as a tool when needed during negotiations
  - Holding project review meetings monthly with PM’s.
  - Wants to modify scoping process to lean more on prioritization
    - Project ATLAS – using GIS data for tabletop analysis
  - Identify points of disruption
    - Standardize scope language
Subcommittee Reports – Reports Attached

Procurement – Mark Acuff
- No update at this time

Design/Build – Daniel Bridges (Scott Boyles)
- Minutes of the most recent sub-committee meeting were discussed, but not available at this time
  - Southern Wake Expressway status
  - Recent Progressive Design-Build projects
  - ROW – Survey procedures
  - Recent adjustments to Conflict of Interest statements
  - Utility Conflicts – 3rd party buy-in
  - AGC Legislative Update
  - Shortlist philosophy
  - Next meeting is May 1, 2018

Project Delivery – Jamie Byrd
- Minutes of the most recent sub-committee meeting are attached
- Items were previously discussed by guest speaker, Chris Werner.

Construction & Materials – Robbie Walker (Jeff Thatcher)
- Minutes of the most recent sub-committee were reviewed (see attachment)
  - New Trainee Program (rates and requirements)
  - NCDOT’s Market Rate Study
  - Pilot Study for use of fixed billable rates
  - Industry meeting is 2/27/2018

Structures – Kevin Austin
- Minutes of the most recent sub-committee meeting were reviewed (see attachment)
  - Upcoming Workshops
    - Geotech – 5/16/2018, Scott Hidden, spread footings
    - Temp Bridges – October 2018
    - Bridge Inspection – May 2018
    - Deck Closure Pours
    - PCI Conference
    - 2/26/2018 – Kickoff for 1st group of bridges under LSA work
    - POD’s manage I, R, & U projects
    - Using embedded PEF’s for load ratings and shop drawing reviews

Joint Conference – Craig Hyman
- Conference is September 17/18, 2018
- Evaluating limiting attendance to facilitate better flow/movement
- Propose four 1-hr sessions with four separate tracks; 1. Project Delivery, 2. Cool Projects, 3. Environmental, 4. Economic Development
- Evaluating Division Engineer round table discussion

Question from Industry – What can PEF’s do to help? – Chris wants capacity, critical thinking skills, bring ideas to help NCDOT, innovation, communication.
• Evaluating keynote speaker options
• Will include a talking tour of DTR

Other Business
• Jim Smith
  o Federal – Trump’s Infrastructure Program short on ideas and detail
  o State – Short session begins mid-May 2018
  ▪ Secretary’s recent presentation ‘Build NC’
  o Invitation – Department of Commerce will host trade delegation in mid-March. Opportunity for PEF’s to participate. Contact Jim Smith if interested
• Paul Jacobs
  o Sponsors for today’s meeting
  ▪ AMT
  ▪ STV
  ▪ EL Robinson Engineering

Next meeting is May 21st, 2018 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at PNC Arena West.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 PM.
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40. Bob Miller
41. Wael Arlaqt
42. Russ Riverbanks
43. Jeff Moore – KH
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48. Eddie Morocco
49. Chris Haire
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52. Demaine Steele
53. Jack Cowser
54. Elise Mill
55. Lauren Threlkeld
56. Debbie Garbo
57. Sam Cullum
58. Randy McVeigh
59. Steve Coole
60. Jeff Wines
61. Tre Dugal
62. Nick Romer
63. Jeff Thatcher
64. Tracy Frazzott
65. Lisa Samples
66. Walt Gray
67. John Sloan
68. Dave Taylor
69. Steven Temel
70. David Simpson
71. Tom Hepler
72. Sreekarith "Sunny" Nanda Siv
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