

ACECMO/KCMO Liaison Committee
September 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 17th at 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Hosted by: Virtually
Address: N/A

- Attending City of Kansas City
 - Jeff Martin
 - Chad Thompson
 - Dan Ott
 - David Miller
 - Matt Bond
 - Patty Hilderbrand
 - Ralph Davis
 - Travis Kiefer
 - Brian Hess
 - Sriniv Vallabhaneni
 - Jason Waldron

- Attending ACEC
 - Colleen Connor (GBA)
 - Chris Burns (CDM Smith)
 - Agnes Otto (WSP)
 - Steve Wells (Hg Consult)
 - Tony O'Malley (Lamp Rynearson)
 - Linda Rottinghaus (Affinis)
 - Bruce Wylie (ACEC)

- Update on City Manager & PW Director search
 - Council interviews are next week (21st). The Mayor announced that a City Manager will be in place by the first of the year. Four candidates from NJ, GA, AZ, CA.
 - The permanent PW director will be appointed by the new City Manager.

- Consultant Performance Reviews
 - The Water Services Department is anticipating a roll-out of the system by the end of the year. Will be in e-Builder system. Two consultants were selected to participate in the initial trial.

- Plan Review Checklist Subcommittee
 - The subcommittee is wrapping up its comments for submission to the City.
 - The subcommittee for creating a rating system for consultants that submit plans to planning & development will be moving forward.

- Current Legislative Issues (State and National)
 - There is paralysis at both the federal and state levels until after the election and possibly into late 2021.

- City's Approach/Response to Covid 19
 - PW – Currently planning the next annual budget. There appears to be additional significant cuts needed. The Department is looking for guidance from the finance department. The bond program has not been cut yet. The sales tax is anticipated to continue to be sluggish, therefore there are a lot of unknowns.
 - Water – the Department is an enterprise fund (user rate supported), so they are not as impacted by sales tax, however they did similar budget cuts. A proposal has been sent to the EPA to defer some of the I/I smart sewer program deadlines. The Department did not implement its planned rate increase in May, and there is not definitive date on when that will occur. The Department is working on a contingency in case the rates do not go up next year.

- Department Updates

Public Works

- Not a lot of updates due to budget concerns. The Department hired a new parking manager.
- GO Bond Projects – There are quite a few projects under construction.
- Future RFQ/P's include:
 - 22nd-23rd St. (Benton to I-70) - replacement project incorporating streets. RFQ/P in the works.
 - N68th St. (169 to Waukomis) Design build – there is not enough money to do everything, so they are looking for innovative ideas to phase/split the project. They will also look at ideas for the rehab instead of the normal remove/replace. Wilson & Company is preparing the bridging documents, and it will be out before end of the year. \$6M is available.
 - North Oak (42nd to Vivion) Design Build – Wilson & Company is preparing the bridging documents
 - North Topping - study near HS to Elementary - \$50k initial study that will turn into a \$5- \$8m project.
 - North Broadway – \$50k study that will turn into a project.

Buck O'Neil Bridge

- Five teams submitted and all were requested to further develop their proposals on the project. The selection is expected in February 2021, with construction beginning later that year.
 - American Bridge/Parsons Team
 - Lunda Construction Co.
 - Massman-Clarkson, a joint venture
 - Traylor Ames Joint Venture
 - The Walsh Design-Build Team

Water Services

- See attached org chart for recent changes.
- The CIP slowed down, but it is back on track and still matches with what was put out during the NUCA CIP update.
- Mill Creek Green infrastructure. Due date September 28th.

- Large diameter sewer rehabilitation is currently being formulated for RFQ/P. Coming out no later than November. It will include an option for pilot projects for assessment condition technologies and sewer rehabilitation methodologies.
- The water main projects RFQ/P will be out mid to late October. There are 7 large firm projects, and 5 SLBE projects.
- ADA compliance design work for buildings is currently out for RFQ
- The City Council is evaluating quicker procedures for developers to follow when they are addressing development plan comments that come up during Council review.
- The Department just closed public comment on not allowing CMP and permitting some alternative products.

Parks and Recreation

- Parks will have several parkway and boulevard reconstruction projects going into construction next year. But no new design RFPs.

KC Streetcar Authority

- The design consultant for the south extension has been selected. The project has been submitted to FTA for approval of accelerated delivery.
- The north extension won a BUILD grant - \$15M. They are considering all delivery models. It will connect to the existing line at 3rd & Grand, extend over the Grand Viaduct and end at the riverfront at Berkley Park.

Aviation & KCATA

- Not present / no report
- Next Meeting: Thursday, December 17th, 2020