



ACEC/MO | City of Kansas City, MO Liaison Committee

Meeting Minutes | December 2021

Date: December 2, 2021

Time: 2:00 to 5:00pm

Location: KCI Aviation Admin Building, 2nd Floor Training Room (601 Brasilia Ave)

Invitees:

ACEC/MO: Stephen Wells (Hg Consult), Chris Burns (CDM Smith), Kristen Leathers-Gratton (Affinis), Agnes Otto (BMcD), Rob Krewson (Benesch), Julie McNiff (Jacobs), Tom Poer (HNTB), Morgan Mundell (ACEC President)

Public Works: Mark Montgomery (Acting City Engineer), Chad Thompson (Assistant City Engineer)

Water Services: Matt Bond (Deputy Director), Jeff Martin (Chief Engineering Officer), Sriniv Vallabhaneni (Smart Sewer Office)

Parks & Rec: None

Aviation: Jade Liska (Deputy Director)

Streetcar: None

KCATA: None

Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity (CREO): Andy Atkins

AGENDA

2:00 – 3:30 | Regular Meeting

1. Introductions
2. Future Funding Opportunities/Plans
 - a. Morgan Mundell, ACEC/MO, provided a legislative update from Jefferson City. Several bills currently being filed to repeal the gas tax passed last year. There is also talk of using left-over COVID money to remove the tax.
 - b. Chad Thompson, Public Works, indicated that there have been internal conversations about additional projects and that they are working on recommendations.
 - c. Matt Bond, Water Services, indicated that they are working with MDNR and have expressed concerns with DNR's ability to process an increased number of projects.
 - d. Jade Liska, Aviation, expressed similar concerns with FAA.
3. ACEC/MO Updates (Morgan)
 - a. Morgan provided updated information related to COVID Vaccination requirements and current court cases. This led to a roundtable discussion updating everyone on what the individual firm policies have been, etc.
4. KCMO Updates (Org Changes/Projects/Initiatives/etc.)



- a. Public Works – City Engineer and Associate City Engineer positions have had interviews but have not been selected/announced. Public Works continues to struggle to fill many positions including Project Manager. Have started to plan for upcoming round of PIAC funding. Should have better handle on upcoming projects by Spring. An RFP should be released soon for the Wornell & 63rd Street intersection.
- b. Water Services – Matt, Jeff Martin and Srini Vallabhaneni all provided updates for their respective departments.
 - i. Matt reported that the Department has a new Director as of Monday – Wes Minder will take over for Terry Leeds. They have also recently lost three engineers and they are seeing prices increase on their recent lettings. The Department will also have a Wastewater Bonding Initiative set at \$750M and are hoping to be on the April 6th election date. Asking for support from the ACEC community. The City is expecting some of the leftover COVID money but are waiting until 2022 to hear what/if projects that might include. The Department is also working on a Climate Protection Plan to meet the goals of energy neutral by 2030 and carbon neutral by 2040. There will be a study effort on developing a plan for meeting those goals. The next Design Professionals Quarterly update will be on December 7th and will include DBE goal setting. Next CIP Rollout is scheduled for March 30th.
 - ii. Jeff reported that an RFP was out for the Biogas Renewal Project. They will also do a lead pipe inventory RFP (they don't think they have any but want to make sure). The Water Main Replacement RFP was recently pulled in order to update the risk assessment and get council approval on the projects. RFP should be out in January. There are also a couple of Transmission Main projects at the Downtown Airport and along Hardesty.
 - iii. Srini reported on a recent RFP to do digital strategies and data analytics and the storm water collection project at 63rd & Daniel Morgan Boone. In January, he is expecting the RFP for the annual sewer rehab for forced mains (3-year contract) and the Dykes Branch Relief Sewer. In March, they are expecting a Design-Build project along Santa Fe as well as 30+ projects to come out of the COVID relief funds.
- c. Parks & Recreation – No report
- d. Aviation – Jade reported that Melissa Cooper was just named the new Deputy Director. He also indicated that they are busy evaluating the idea of a new solar farm on airport property.
- e. Streetcar Authority – No report but there was a short discussion on the new projects. Kimley Horn is doing the redo of the Northland Streetcar Feasibility Study and they have an RFP on the street to relook at an E/W corridor.
- f. KCATA – No Report.
- g. Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity (CREO) – Andy provided a quick update the goals setting process. The City has concerns about DBE availability. They are also rewriting the Title 6 rules to meet the new requirements.

3:30 – 3:45 | PPE & Briefing

3:45 – 4:45 | Tour of KCI Terminal