



Meeting Notes
ACEC-Missouri
KCMO Liaison Committee Meeting
 April 5, 2023
 City of Kansas City, MO

ATTENDEES:

<u>KCMO Representatives</u>	<u>ACEC-MO Liaison Committee Representatives</u> (parenthesis denote term end year)
Blake Anderson, Water	Nathan Hladky (23)
Nicolas Bosonetto, PW	Agnes Otto (23)
Cliff Cate	Rob Krewson (24)
Jade Liska, Aviation	Tom Poer (24)
Wes Minder, Water	Jeff McKerrow (25)
Andy Shively, Water	Laura Gray (25)
James Wang, Parks & Rec.	

1. Welcome & Introduction – Agnes Otto

2. Safety Moment

Our safety moment focused on the importance of quality processes and performance in our industry and the celebration of World Quality Month.

3. KC Water – Wes Minder

What’s new in the Water Department

- a. Projects
- b. People
- c. Opportunities/Issues
 - Wes has been at Water Services for a year and a half.
 - Water Staff in attendance with Wes: Andy Shively – Deputy Director, KC Water: Smart Sewer; Jeff Martin - Facilities, Celeste Chaney Tucker – Customer Service & Financial; Blake Anderson – Facilities Design.
 - Staff vacancy rate is under 300 with about 230 being labor class.
 - E-builder System is working.
 - NUCA rollout is next month, May 9th.

- Customer Service System is over a decade old – currently undergoing the procurement process; City looking at system as well.
- Going through a centralization of procurement with City.
- Flood Control and Stormwater groups consolidated under Collections.
- Trying to get away from PIAC stormwater projects that are not as helpful to the city as a whole.
- Challenges with consultants:
 - Consultant staff turnover.
 - Staff turnover at WSD.
 - Delays with scope and fee development especially with sub consultants.
 - Survey is a schedule impact across the board – multiple month delays.
 - Subconsultants are past capacity
 - Are there mentoring opportunities? Maybe but it will add to the fee.
 - A lot of LiDAR at the airport
 - LiDAR still requires a lot of post-processing.
 - City is considering alternatives like drones, etc.
 - Testing and drilling delays are pushing schedules by several weeks, but these are not as bad as survey delays.
 - Have streamlined the ROW process.
 - Public Works - We don't do ROW unless we have 60% plans and construction funding secured. Then we send out letters asking for donations. If we cannot obtain donations or purchase agreement, then move to condemnation.
 - MoDOT has hired Oversight Consultants to review LPA ROW Process– MoDOT states rules have not changed, but they are enforcing more diligently. For example audit logs for 75th and Wornall project have been going on for a year.
 - Water does their own ROW.
 - Parks hires outside ROW agents; Parks uses a lot of design build – very effective.
 - Want to go after more grants, haven't been proactive.
 - Big needs for cybersecurity.
- Only have 2 functioning street sweepers; part of beautification.
- Supply chains – waits are long and prices high; 3 years on switch gears; prices don't seem to be climbing, but not dropping off – “we've adjusted our budgets for water mains and facilities”; delays are the biggest issues; do a lot of DB; trying to preprocure? not necessarily...don't tend to stay in lock step – have to pay storage; do like CMAR and DB for that reason.
- Consultant Reviews – still doing at major deliverable milestones – all staff should be doing them; Jeff Martin gets a quarterly report on the ones completed; If consultants have feedback, “we're open to suggestions...really there to help you”.
- Develop purpose and need and move forward – Wes would like to know if we are changing our minds at 60-90%.
- Only got ARPA funds for weather stations – just now kicking off.
 - Missouri was way behind on issuing ARPA.

- Are rate adjustments being considered: rate increase every year – evaluate every year with CIP; we’ve been able to defer big projects to stay with bond capacity.
- We’d like more timely debriefs. “We are doing those earlier now...once we’ve started scope and fee negotiations.”
- What can we do?
 - “don’t steel all our good people”.
 - Focus the City Council on pro-infrastructure.
- Todd Creek moving forward with treatment plant.
- Rocky Branch treatment plant underway.
- Scope and fee negotiation on water master plan happening now.
- PFOS is a big issue in balancing consent decree on overflow.

4. Round Robin Update with other public sector city leads/staff able to be in attendance – Waldron, Bosonetto, Laurie, Montgomery, Dorch, Liska, Jarrold, Wang, Allen, Gerend

- Aviation - Liska
 - Westside solar – interviews in April.
 - Glycol recycling DBMO (Design, build, maintain & operate) – truck in glycol and recycle.
 - Amazon and air cargo facilities being discussed.
 - Project for hangar development for air cargo being considered.
 - Military and National Guard asking about property.
 - Downtown Airport is breaking records with private jets and FPOs.
 - Taxiway Lima will be built – going to fund ourselves \$8M.
 - This is the last expansion at the downtown airport due to space limitations.
 - Broadway Bridge...some new rebranding and development of West Bottoms.
 - Height studies? FAA not loving it.
 - New Director of Aviation position is now open.
 - Staffing levels all down; residency requirement is a challenge.
 - MCI Airport:
 - TSA has “gone remarkably well”.
 - Need a better way to do trash pickup...have never had this food service level.
 - Did another round of signage.
 - Curb can’t expand a lot; looking for another lot for the limos.
 - 2024 and 2025 (FY25) will be renewing all the contracts for both airports on-calls services.
- Parks & Recreation - Wang
 - \$80M GO bond for parks; working on a 5-year plan.
 - \$20M citywide.
 - \$60 million in all districts, i.e. \$10M for each district – talking to City Council to see what they want.
 - \$4M federal grant from HUD – community park; looking for consulting service.

- Red bridge road...looking for inspectors.
- We're short staffed – looking for LAs and planners.
 - Can't compete with private sector.
 - That's why we're doing more DB.
- On-call for trail.
- If ROW is required, we won't do DB.

- Public Works - Bosonetto
 - Staffing – residency requirement is hurting recruitment; pay is decent; city is great place to work with good benefits.
 - Grants – Acquired \$45M last year for PW infrastructure projects.
 - A lot of bridge money coming out – BRO money coming straight to City...received \$3M last year.
 - Will be applying to BIP grants (20% match).
 - \$4M federal earmark from HUD for 18th and Vine.
 - We're not delivering TIP projects – therefore MoDOT is losing money.
 - Currently Right-sizing projects, cancelling unfeasible projects and sweeping money into viable projects; trying to deliver projects.
 - Managing 150 CIP projects (\$650M); plus the Streetcar (\$350M).
 - Swope Park Bridge came in under estimate - \$10M (engineers estimate) vs \$8M low bid from constructors.
 - Don't see putting a lot of projects out for engineering consultant RFQ.
 - Go back to the why we are building a project and stop scope creep.
 - Projects getting too big and complicated to build.
 - Design to the budget.
 - Design Build has to be the right project...lose a little bit of the control and you're stuck.
 - Redid the PCI – some of these roads just need repaved instead of reconstruction.

5. Plan for Next Meeting

- Agnes will work with Jade Liska to schedule something at the airport.