

**Missouri Department of Transportation (HQ) / ACEC Missouri
Liaison Committee Meeting**



**Monday, August 12, 2024
1:00-3:00 PM
via Zoom**

**ACEC
Missouri**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Attendees:

MoDOT Attendees:

Jeffrey Cremer
Bryan Hartnagel
Ed Hassinger
Eric Schroeter

ACEC/MO Attendees:

Mike Banashek, Horner & Shifrin
Dan DeArmond, WSP
Buddy Desai, Hg Consult
Dave Diestelkamp, ABNA
Kevin Fuller, CMT
Rob Krewson, Benesch
Chris Linneman, EFK Moen
Anne Schroer, TREKK
Frank Weatherford, TranSystems
Morgan Mundell, ACEC/MO President

2. MoDOT Staff Changes

- Ed Hassinger discussed Director Patrick McKenna's resignation announcement last week. Consultants should continue with business as usual until any official changes are announced.

3. Project Scheduling Tool Implementation

- Jeff Cremer stated that the licenses for the project scheduling should be sent out to consultants with current MoDOT projects in the next few weeks. Expecting implementation in September/October. MoDOT will provide training (some combination of live/video/pdf). MoDOT will show ACEC a preview of it during the Consultant Liaison Committee meeting on 8/29. Consultants will be expected to update all project schedules once per month. Consultants will only be able to see their own project schedules.

4. Legislative Items

- Transportation Projects Affected by Governor Parson Budget Changes:
 - i. Ed noted that commission approved \$14.6 B STIP, largest MoDOT has ever approved. Section 4B in the new STIP has the General Revenue additions to the STIP. The GR additions this year are more wide ranging in project type and locations (I-44, Route 67, other routes).
 - ii. Eric Schroeter mentioned that MoDOT plans to have a better idea of the proposed scheduling for I-44 projects by the end of August. All projects are in different state of development, MoDOT working to determine how to best handle each.

- Primary Election Results:

- i. Morgan gave an update on the election primary results from last week. Kehoe won the Republican governor primary and has been a champion of transportation funding.

5. Latest News on I-70 Projects

- Project 1, Project 2, Boonville to Rocheport Updates: Eric mentioned Project 1 is under construction, barriers are up along I-70. Project 2 is having one-on-one meetings with the 3 shortlisted companies. The Design-Bid-Build project has been awarded to a consultant team and negotiations are underway.
- KC Section Results: The Commission awarded Project 0 at the Commission meeting last week. MoDOT is working with the selected contractor to get under contract.
- Any Additional Design-Bid-Build Sections: The I-70 team is busy with the recent selections and is evaluating the remaining sections for project delivery type.
- The Bridge Office is no longer planning to dedicate one structural liaison to the Improve I-70 project. It will be handled by multiple structural liaisons mostly broken up by their current areas.

6. Lump Sum Contracts Pilot

- Eric mentioned that MoDOT is communicating with FHWA to see what MoDOT's options are to allow this and what the fee negotiation process can be like. Want to make sure they are following FHWA requirements. Kenny Voss is leading this effort.

7. What is the Forecast for More GR Funds for Transportation

- Ed stated that MoDOT does not provide suggestions to the legislature for any use of general revenue funds. The legislature does this on their own at their discretion. MoDOT does focus on updating the state's Unfunded Needs list. Approximately 90% of the projects funded by GR have been on the Unfunded Needs list. This list also includes Multi-Modal projects, which has resulted in many airport, pedestrian and other multi-modal projects getting funded through GR.

8. Update on Consultant Services 6-Month Outlook

- Jeff mentioned MoDOT is close to releasing a new 6-month outlook. And in the future MoDOT hopes to release 12-month outlooks.
- Two initiatives MoDOT is working on related to this – organizing the new legislative projects and prioritize determine delivery mechanism/schedule for next two years of the STIP.

9. DE-43 Standard Contract Terms/Conditions – March 2024 Updates

- ACEC and MoDOT will continue to discuss the changes to this document. ACEC appreciates any advance notice of changes. Jeff sent Morgan an itemized list of changes to the DE-43 in the past year and will continue working with ACEC on notification of changes. Jeff will be meeting with chief counsel office next week and a new draft is expected to be released this fall. Morgan noted that the indemnification language added in March is an item that ACEC members want to discuss in more detail. The chief counsel office is taking a fresh look at all language in this document and some changes have been made without input from Jeff. One of the newer requirements for professional liability COI's to name MoDOT and its employees is being removed from the DE-43 for future updates.

10. MoDOT Bentley ORD User Group – ACEC Representative Inclusion

- ACEC will provide a name of one individual to join the MoDOT ORD user group meeting

11. Other Discussion Items

- General discussion on workload and staffing needs of both MoDOT and consultants.
- Bryan Hartnagel – MoDOT is working hard staying on-track of the schedule for the routine and large load ratings currently underway. Dave Koenig is working on supplements to the bridge load rating consultants for the next year of work. MoDOT has made good progress on obtaining and collecting data for the local agency bridges that will be load rated in the coming years.
- Frank Weatherford mentioned the merger of TranSystems and Gannett-Fleming last week.
- Jeff reminded the group that all ACEC firms should regularly check the prequalification list to make sure you are up to date on all documentation needed
 - i. [Consultant Prequalification List | Missouri Department of Transportation \(modot.org\)](https://www.modot.org/consultant-prequalification-list)
- Jeff asked that ACEC continue to do what they can to work on LPA projects and help deliver them on-time.

12. Next Meeting – November 19, 2024 from 9:00-1:00 AM at MoDOT in Jefferson City.