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ACEC-Missouri

MoDOT Northwest District Liaison Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Virtual MS Teams

MoDOT NW District Representatives

Troy Slagle, Assistant District Engineer
Shannon Kusilek, District Design Eng.
Austin Hibler, District Const. Engineer
Jose Rodriguez, Area Engineer
Greg Bolon, Maint & Traffic Eng.
Joyce Reynolds, Project Manager
Richard Orr, Project Manager
Brian Rosenthal, Project Manager
Michael Marriott, Project Director

ACEC-MO Liaison Committee Members

Mike McKenna, Affinis
Scott McDonald, Veenstra & Kim
Chip Touzinsky, Lochmueller Group

1. Introductions (5 min)

Shannon Started the introductions.

Thank you Mike and Chip for leading this meeting in Ozzy's absence!

2. Assistant District Engineer Comments (5 min)

Troy mentioned they are working on the budget since MoDOT's fiscal year is July 1st through June 30th. He mentioned there might be funding for low volume roads again. NW Dist. is watching closely because they have a lot of low volume roads and would stand to benefit from this funding. He mentioned they just finished up with the Spring safety meeting along with employee safety training.

3. General District/Project Updates (10 min)

Shannon talked about adding a few projects to the STIP. One of the bigger projects is I-35 between Cameron and Lathrup. This section of highway needs repair. Also added a couple of safety projects, near HWY 71/I-29 extending the left-hand merge in FY2025 and US-169 & Route FF with geometric improvements, tight radii, and pavement markings.

NW District has a total of 7 bridges in a bundle of 4 and 3. Shannon is confident the bundle of 4 bridges will be going out to consultant design soon. FY2027 has a couple of bridges that will be going to consultant likely in the fall or winter.

MoDOT anticipates needing consultant survey help on a few projects doing center line survey. MoDOT has LIDAR in the area.

4. STIP/Unfunded Needs Updates (10 min)

Shannon said there was not a lot of change. Some projects got moved up a Tier. One example was the bridge for I-35 & Route BB was moved from Tier 3 up to Tier 2.

5. Upcoming Consultant Projects (6 Month Outlook, Alternative Delivery, On-call, etc.) (10 min)

6. Consultant Performance Feedback (10 min)

Overall things seem to be going well with the consultants they are using. Currently using 12 different consultants in NW Dist., they like to spread the work around. Can tell the seasoned consultants in comparison to the new ones. There is more work with the new ones bringing them up to speed. Prefer not having to hold the consultant's hand through projects. They like how quickly the consultants are turning around a quality set of plans.

The survey department can get frustrated at times not getting the deliverables in the format they expect to see.

Rick Orr asked a question to the consultants weather we felt it was better to have the boundary survey included in the original scope even though it may not be needed or leave it out and scope it later if it is needed. Chip and I agreed that the supplemental route was better for a couple of reasons. 1. You would know better what you are scoping once the needed project ROW is set. 2. Knowing it might happen quite a bit after final design, the consultant would be in a better position to scope the work with more accurate billing rates and hours.

7. ACEC MO / MoDOT HQ Liaison Committee Updates (10 min)

None provided.

8. Next Meeting (Fall 2024 to be scheduled by new chair)

New Chair will be appointed over the summer by the new ACEC Missouri Chair – Bob Gilbert. The new Liaison Committee chair will then schedule the meeting for the liaison committee to meet in the Fall of 2024.