



Meeting Minutes

ACEC-Missouri - MoDOT STL District Liaison Committee

November 13, 2024 | 9:00-11:00 AM

MoDOT St. Louis District Headquarters
1590 Woodlake Drive, Chesterfield, MO

Conference Room 325 and Teams Video Conference

MoDOT Attendees:

Tom Evers, Assistant District Engineer
Jeff Bohler, District Design Engineer
Nicole Kreisel, District R/W Manager
Jeff Cremer, Central Office Design

ACEC/MO Liaison Committee Attendees:

Kandi Spraggs, WSP
Amy Touchette-Brown, BFW
Joel Weinhold, Geotechnology, UES
J.C. Murray, AECOM
Matt Johnson, TranSystems
Jason Schreckenber, CDI
Todd Welz, Quigg Engineering
Brett Brooks, EDSI

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions

- Began the meeting with self-introductions.

2. MoDOT Staff Changes since last meeting (Jeff Bohler)

- Heather Copeland is the new City PM replacing Alvin Nieves-Rosario who replaced Randall Glaser as the Central and SW Design Liaison.
- Cody Snow is the new North Design Team supervisor, he replaced Dan Savageau who became the new North PM replacing Lisa Kuntz.
- Jordan Dalaviras is the new Franklin/Jefferson Area Engineer replacing Stephen O'Conner after his retirement.
- Tim Pickett is the new SE District Design Engineer replacing the retired Eric Krapf.
- Logan Rogers is the new RR Coordinator replacing Larry Sheperle who retired.
- Travis Tomson is the new statewide Survey Coordinator replacing Jim Copeland who also retired.
- Jason Saey is the new State Assistant Chief Counsel – Project Development
- Joe Jones has returned as the Assistant Highway and Safety Engineer replacing John Nelson who replaced Nicole after her retirement.
- Greg Leary of the RR group is a new Central District PM

3. Tom Evers Update:

- MoDOT St. Louis Transportation update will be held on Tuesday, November 26th.
- Tom plans to encourage Project Managers and Area Engineers to attend.
- Following the update portion there will be a presentation of the Blueprint for Arterial and the Gateway to Safer Roadways released by East-West Gateway.
- Currently SL District is not using on-call very frequently.
- SL District has discussed focusing increased efforts on public engagement, even in situations where traditionally none was required.

4. Consultant Update (Jeff Cremer)

- Traffic impacts are an issue to the public due, in part, to construction fatigue.
- Communications on RFQs should be back to normal after a brief interruption.
- There is a planned roll-out of MoDOT's project scheduling tool prior to the end of the year. This will start with St. Louis District for STIP projects. Licenses will be issued to individual project managers at consultant firms.
- The standard engineering contract language that included "duty to defend" indemnification language has been revised to remove and converted back.
- In the first quarter of 2025, new insurance requirements will be in place. The insurance requirements may differ based on contracted project.

5. Break for Director Announcement

- Ed Hassinger selected as the new Director

6. SL Design Update (Jeff Bohler)

- Consultant should submit electronic files upon completion of the project to the PM.

7. SL Right-of-Way Update (Nicole Kreisel)

- Right-of-Way has had some recent Issues with last minute changes to easement areas during negotiation. This should be avoided, if possible, since it disrupts the process.
- Allow for ample review time of Right-of-Way Plans by the Right-of-Way group.

8. Major Project Update (Jeff Bohler)

Updated

I-55 bridge rehabilitation project from Lindbergh to I-44. - \$63 million. KCI. Year 2.

- With RR delays and the girder damage and replacement at I55 NB over the UPRR the project wont complete until probably October 2025.
- 80% complete.

Work on north end of project complete

Work on south end ongoing and will complete by end of this year.

Work in the middle around River Des Peres, UPRR and Koeln ongoing. NB 55 over UPRR expected to complete and traffic switch spring of 2025 followed by SB UPRR

Updated

I-55 Design-Build KCI \$206,000,000

Completion date December 2026

NTP 1 date 8-14-23

NTP 2 date 2-2-24

Design – 84% complete

Construction/Project Admin – 25%

Overall Project – 30% Complete

Temporary Barrier wall installed NB and SB 55 from US 67 to north of Pevely Road to allow median work.

Median drainage completed from 67/55 interchange to Rt. Z

Mainline paving nearly complete from 67/55 interchange to just north of Manley Quarry Bridge.

Permanent Barrier Wall construction in median began November 8th.

Southbound I-55 ramp to NB US 67 has been permanently closed, so all traffic exiting to US 67 now utilizing Exit 174 (formerly SB I-55 to SB 67 Ramp). Both roundabouts at 55/67 have been completed except for tie-in work.

Stage 1 bridge deck and approach slabs complete at Third Street, Central Avenue, and US 67. Scheduled to place concrete for bridge deck over McNutt Road on 11/15/24. Drilled shafts for intermediate bent under construction at Joachim Bridge along with pile driving operations.

Stage 1 MSE wall construction has been completed at Third Street, Central Avenue, and US 67. Stage 1 MSE wall construction at Herky Horine Road, expected to complete the week of 11/10/24.

Offer to purchase R/W at Revelle Trucking has been made awaiting response from property owner. Trying to schedule meeting with property owner at Viper Trailer to discuss Permanent Drainage Easement needs. Assuming R/W acquisition is completed, scheduled to begin construction in Spring of 2025.

10. ACEC Update & Update from Fall Meet (Kandi Spraggs)

- Dave Simmons & Spencer Robinson provided updates on I-70 and I-44.
- SW District plans to have an open house on December 18th for consultants to meet new staff and staff in new roles.
- Statewide Industry Update will be in Jeff City on November 20th.
- Changes in MoDOT standard Engineering Services contract was discussed at the fall meet.

11. Other/ Next Meeting

- Next Meeting is set for February 19, 2025, 9-11am
- J.C. mentioned that the STL Work Zone Awareness Run is scheduled for April 19th