

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



**Thursday, August 17, 2023
1:00–3:00 PM**

**ACEC
Missouri**

- MEETING MINUTES -

ATTENDING:

MoDOT Attendees:

Jeff Cremer
Bryan Hartnagel
Ed Hassinger
Jerica Holtsclaw
Travis Koestner
Zach Osman
Kenny Voss

ACEC Missouri Attendees:

Buddy Desai, Hg Consult
Dave Diestelkamp, ABNA Engineering, Cmte. Chair
Kevin Fuller, CMT
Vicki LaRose, Civil Design, Inc.
Chris Linneman, EFK Moen
Anne Schroer, TREKK Design Group, Inc.
Kevin Wallace, HNTB Corporation
Frank Weatherford, TranSystems Corporation
Srinu Yanamanamanda, CBB
Morgan Mundell, ACEC/MO President

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) MoDOT Staff Changes:

There have been several retirements both at Central Office and at District Leadership levels. MoDOT is continuing to add staff for the I-70 Progressive D-B Projects. Looking for a Deputy Project Director.

2) KC Inspection Services Pilot:

Would like to have a “pool” of inspectors that could move from project to project depending on schedule demands and weather delays. This still needs to be discussed/cleared with FHWA; possibly could be implemented next (2024) construction season.

3) Standard Contract Revisions:

Microsoft Projects Scheduling is going to be required for ALL projects in the STIP:

- Training MoDOT staff in October/November
- 4-5 consultant firms are beta testing software now
- Every firm will get one license and must use this software license for MoDOT projects (even if a consultant uses MS Project now they have to use the DOT provided license due to State firewall issues)
- Projects will be updated at a minimum of once per month
- Will start with SFY2025 projects.

4) MoDOT Project Scheduling Update:

Updated STIP has been approved/released. Many contractors have asked for accelerated schedules due to the excellent weather this construction season.

5) Construction Lettings/Inflation Update:

Inflation has leveled off considerably, but asphalt costs are still very high. There will be a significant increase in project lettings with a \$1B+ of GR funding added to the program of \$1.8B.

6) MoDOT On-Call Update:

The majority of the selected firms' contracts are in place. A supplemental advertisement will be out August 18 for additional firms to be added to the various pool of qualified firms.

7) MoDOT Consultant Services Contract Reviews:

Significant change – Diversity Category; this has been a pass/fail selection item but now will be scored as with other selection criteria.

Note there are changes coming on how traffic control is handled, and the risk associated with firms taking this on as a straight pass through.

8) Updated MoDOT Consultant Services 6-Month Outlook:

This has been delayed but should be released tomorrow, August 18, for all firms to review and begin planning for their teams. The next meeting of the Consultant Advisory Committee should happen soon, but no set date as of this meeting.

9) MoDOT FY Invoicing Deadline:

Invoice processing has been backed up due to the end of the year closeout (June 30) – hope to get caught up soon. The use of “Missouri Buys” has been set aside as the state is moving to “MOVERS” software. Training and use for the MoDOT Team will take at least through the end of FY24 and is a 3-year implementation plan so don’t expect any impact to consultants in the near future.

10) New 5-Year STIP Approval – Summary:

See #5 / scheduling above.

11) Lump Sum Contracts:

This is still under review and having discussions with other DOT’s on their opinion of utilizing LS, and for what type of projects.

12) MOU Limit Increase:

The Leadership Team still feels that \$200K cap is still adequate for what the intent of this program has been set up for.

13) LPA MOU Limit Increases:

The LPA Program cap has recently been increased to match the MOU \$200K cap.

14) Progressive Design-Build for I-70 Projects:

Governor’s Roadshow was August 14-15; August 24 Industry Meeting schedule for 1st D-B project for Columbia to Kingdom City; August 28 to September 7 will be Public Meetings across the state. MoDOT will not outsource Program Management-feel they can handle internally. The Columbia D-B will be followed by the Wentzville/STL project, then one of the KC area projects. \$20M under contract already for environmental services and pavement analysis.

15) Update on I-70 and Opportunities for Consultants to Help:

See above and attend Industry meeting and public meetings for more details (as well as the website).

16) Changes in Consultant Insurance Requirements:

Re-evaluating requirements including auto insurance requirement.

17) How is MoDOT Looking at Firm Capacity / Workload in Selections?:

Yes, it is being reviewed and evaluated as part of the selection process. The consideration is based upon consultant staff assigned to the project rather than overall amount of contracts consultant has.

18) Other Discussion Items:

Please engage your subs in key negotiation meetings and project review meetings! Help your LPA’s to get their projects to construction ASAP! Rail Safety will be a focus this year and moving forward – have \$50M for this from GR for Commuter Rail – Freight Rail will be next focus.

19) Must deliver on GR funded projects – on schedule/on-budget!

20) Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2023, from 1:00-3:00 PM at MoDOT.