

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



**Thursday, November 16, 2023
1:00–3:00 PM**

**ACEC
Missouri**

**Missouri Department of Transportation
830 MoDOT Drive (Blue Room), Jefferson City, MO**

AGENDA

ATTENDING:

MoDOT Attendees:

Jeff Cremer
Bryan Hartnagel
Kenny Voss

ACEC/MO Attendees:

Kevin Fuller, CMT
Bob Gilbert, B&W
Vicki LaRose, CDI
Chris Linneman, EFK Moen

Aaron McVicker, McClure
Melissa Rettig, Hg Consult
Anne Schroer, TREKK Design Group
Frank Weatherford, TranSystems

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Introductions and MoDOT staff changes.
 - Jim Smith retired and going to FHWA
 - Jen Becker taking over NE District Design Liaison
 - Laura Ellen NW and KC District Design Liaison
 - Llans Taylor is the new Transportation Planning Director
 - Natalie Roark will retire and go to the FHWA at the end of the year.
2. I-70 and I-44 Updates.
 - I-44 – Shortlisted 4 firms, interviews to occur after Thanksgiving
 - Construction starting in the next 3-4 years
 - Patrick is working on a messaging strategy
 - I-70 – Projects 4A, 4B, and 4C could be either Design-Build or Design-Bid-Build
 - Not many Design-Build projects in the pipeline outside of I-70
3. Updated MoDOT Consultant Services 6-Month Outlook.
 - Updated list expected around the 3rd week of December. There will be a short term tapering off of consultant needs due to no new projects added in the last STIP update. Lance Taylor reported to Kenny that MoDOT is 1400 miles short on their maintenance miles needed to meet their asset management goals
4. Diversity Scoring Criteria / Implementation.
 - The change from pass/fail to a scored item for workforce diversity only applies to the new On-Call solicitations, and is not planned to be implemented for regular project solicitations
 - Jeff will be in the room when the On-Call scoring team scores those letters and will report back at the next meeting how that process went.
 - Consultants mainly want to know what MoDOT wants to see in our text so that we can maximize the points we get.
 - MoDOT wants to hear how consultants are performing outreach to recruit new diverse staff
5. MoDOT Considering Current Workload in Selections.
 - MoDOT only considers workload after the top 2-3 consultants have been narrowed down in the selection process. Then they look at overall consultant MoDOT workload and recent wins.

6. Construction Services – set up Liaison Committee.
 - MoDOT was apprehensive about creating a new liaison committee that would involve many of the same MoDOT people on this committee and the Consultant Liaison committee. The discussion ended with trying to have the construction services discussions during those two meetings and revisit in the future if needed.
7. Construction Phase Support – has this been put on hold on solicitations?
 - MoDOT will no longer solicit for both design and construction services in the same letter
 - Discussion concerning consultants who won a project with a “construction services may be included” clause in the solicitation letter. Some Districts are still utilizing those consultants to perform the construction services work. Other Districts are taking the new policy to mean that they should re-solicit for construction services, even when a consultant was already under the understanding that they would be performing that work. Kenny will check on this.
8. Traffic Control Subs – any movement on limitation of liability for Prime firms?
 - MoDOT is pausing their previous push to require consultants to follow EPG traffic control guidance for any field check and/or survey work. MoDOT understands this has caused complications on the consultant side with liability insurance and opens up new safety concerns with our regular field personnel.
 - MoDOT still expects consultants to follow MUTCD guidance when performing work in the field.
9. ORD Use Issues – set up a mutual users group.
 - Everyone agreed this is a good idea. ACEC-MO to reach out to Steve Atkinson to possibly get this going.
10. Standard Contract Revisions.
 - MoDOT is waiting on comments from the ACEC group who is reviewing the new language.
11. MoDOT Project Scheduling Update.
 - All internal FY25 projects are to be added to the data base by the end of 2023 (to be done by MoDOT PM's)
 - MoDOT has 100 consultant licenses to be able to distribute
 - Discussion on how to distribute licenses if MoDOT provides more than 1 per firm.
 - 1 per office – may not be a good method, considering some firms may have many offices and few MoDOT projects, while others may have one office and many projects.
 - Distribute by number of MoDOT projects – may be hard to keep track of
 - End result is that MoDOT may stick with one per firm to start with, and will evaluate as this process gets rolled out
12. Other Discussion Items.
 - Bid prices have been leveling out
 - The last of the Governor's Focus on Bridges projects is to be open in December and will meet the 2023 goal for having all completed
 - LPA Projects – keep pushing to get LPA projects out to bid on schedule. MoDOT is continuing to look for ways for MPO's and RPC's to help the LPA's through the application, design and construction processes
 - The new On-Call solicitations are expected to be announced by the end of December
 - New statewide geotechnical drilling solicitation will be coming out soon
 - MoDOT understands the need to introduce new consultant Project Managers in solicitation letters. They suggest listing a familiar seasoned PM in the letter who will act as a guide for the new less-seasoned PM listed in the letter. MoDOT prefers this to a bait & switch on the PM role.
 - Bridge Load Rating project

- 10 year program. 9 of the 10 consultants for the Large Structures package are under contract. The Routine Structure contracts are in negotiations now.
- MoDOT and Feds are happy with progress so far
- Consultants will be supplemented with additional load rating assignments each year for 3 years. After 3 years, MoDOT will re-solicit for new consultants.

13. Next Meeting – February ??, 2024, virtual or in-person?

- Prefer an in-person meeting. Date to be coordinated through Dawn and Dave.