



## AGENDA

### **ACEC-Missouri**

#### **MoDOT Kansas City and Northwest Districts Liaison Committee**

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Virtual Meeting

#### MoDOT KC District Representatives

Chris Redline, District Engineer  
Perry Allen, Assistant District Engineer  
Susan Barry, Assistant District Engineer  
Jeff Hardy, District Design Engineer  
Mark Fisher, Area Engineer  
Matt Killion, Area Engineer  
Rich Shipley, Area Engineer  
Allan Ludiker, Project Manager  
Debbie Huffman, Project Manager  
Jodie Puhr, Project Manager  
Patrick Hake, Project Manager  
Mark Sommerhauser, Project Manager

#### MoDOT NW District Representatives

Marty Liles, District Engineer  
Troy Slagle, Assistant District Engineer  
MoDOT Central Office Representatives  
Shelie Daniel, Design Liaison Engineer  
ACEC-MO Liaison Committee Members  
Tawn Nugent, Chair, TREKK Design Group  
Agnes Otto, Burns & McDonnell  
Anne Schroer, GBA  
Brian Kidwell, Garver  
Julie Sarson, Burns & McDonnell  
Linda Rottinghaus, Affinis

### **1. Introductions**

ACEC Missouri liaison committee members and MoDOT staff introduced themselves.

### **2. District Engineer Comments**

#### NW - Marty Liles

- Troy Slagle is now Assistant District Engineer
- Shannon Kusilek is now District Design Engineer (was District Planning Manager)
- More changes coming in financial services department.

#### KC - Chris Redline

- Looking to fill District Planning Manager as Griffin Smith is no longer with MoDOT
- Patrick Hake is new Project Manager
- District is understaffed in general, specifically for snow events
  - Will need to make changes in routes to accommodate number of staff available
  - Public will notice difference in service as snow removal will take longer
- Staff is mostly back in office.
- Temper expectations for funding generated by SB262
- Annual estimate updates will be important to understand capacity of program

### 3. Major Project Updates

#### KC

##### Buck O'Neil Bridge Design-Build Project

- Going well; construction has begun in the river
- Recent archaeological finds were interesting development

##### I-70 Corridor Study (Paseo to Manchester)

- Hoping to get consultant under contract soon

##### I-29/I-35 PEL

- Selection should be announced soon

#### NW

##### I-229 Environmental Study

- Study on-going; still working on preferred alternative
- Hoping to make recommendation by end of 2021

##### Flood resiliency projects

- Committed to FHWA to get these completed by the end of the year
- Includes three east-west crossings of the MO River floodplain
- Ready for letting in January and April

##### Taking Care of the System projects

- Just selected consultants to help with 6 bridge replacements

##### Potential Bridge Bundle Design-Build project

- more info coming later this fall
- estimated to include 30 bridges in eastern counties of NW District
- Project has not gone through Project Delivery Determination yet
- Similar type of bridges as FARM bridge bundle

##### FARM Bridge Bundle Design-Build project

- Beginning construction before the end of the year on NW bridges

### 4. STIP/Unfunded Needs Updates

#### KC

Just getting started on the programming process. Inflation will account for some of the funding increase forecasted from SB262. Project estimates will be updated by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Updating STIP process will provide a better idea of needs after complete. District also needs Planning Manager in place prior to confirming list.

I-70 is biggest unfunded need for District. Corridor study from Paseo to Manchester recently awarded to consultant will better define cost. Next priority will be on I-70 from Manchester to Blue Ridge Cut Off. This section is currently on Tier 3 list, Improvements are anticipated to include replacing all pavement. RFP for corridor study could be out Spring 2022. District

commented that these types of projects are aligned for design-build process but will keep design-bid-build option available until more information is available.

## 5. Upcoming Consultant Projects

Solicitation schedule

All Districts will follow common schedule of releasing solicitations on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning in November. MOUs will not fall on this schedule. Process currently being followed in St. Louis District will be included in EPG as a best practice.

Look-ahead list

Districts will have better idea after completing STIP process. Each District will provide similar list as St Louis District provided.

## 6. Consultant Performance Feedback

KC

- Deliveries have been good in general
- Addressing consultant issues individually as needed
- Tight bids mean quality design
- Important to be hitting project schedules and budgets

NW

- Selections are very competitive
- PMs overwhelmed with debriefs with unselected consultants
- District would have been comfortable with top 3 on all projects
- Good problem to have for MoDOT

## 7. On-Call Contracts

This time next year on-call solicitations will be advertised to allow for contracts to be executed by the time the current 3-year contracts expire in June 2023.

KC

- Expect more survey MOUs
- Haven't used on-call contract for design services very much

NW

- Process going well
- Used on-call for slide projects recently

## **8. ACEC-MO**

Too early to tell results of fuel tax refund and anticipated forecast of revenue.

MoDOT understands that federal vaccine mandate does not apply to MoDOT staff. Consultants commented that it applies to those firms with direct federal contracts.

## **9. Open Discussion**

TEAM conference in Lake of the Ozarks; too early to tell how many MoDOT will send; presentations have been submitted

ADA Transition Plan

### NW

- Process going slow
- Time consuming for right-of-way staff especially
- Using public forum to talk with property owners in group setting – haven't been comfortable with this approach during pandemic

### KC

- Making progress
- Urban area is going better than rural area
- Not planning on issuing an ADA design-build project - projects will be advertised through solicitations not MOUs

## **10. Next Meeting**

To be scheduled for February