

**ACEC-Missouri / MoDOT Kansas City and Northwest District  
Liaison Committee  
Friday, March 5, 2021  
10:30 am – 11:30 am  
MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDING:** In addition to the committee members listed below, more than 41 other ACEC-MO members attended this virtual meeting.

**MoDOT Attendees:**

Perry Allen	Rich Shipley
Jim Burgess	Dave Silvester
Mark Fisher	Troy Slagle
Jeff Hardy	Griffin Smith
Debbie Huffman	Mark Sommerhauser
Matt Killion	Juan Yin
Allan Ludiker	
Jodie Puhr	

**ACEC/MO Attendees:**

Tawn Nugent  
Agnes Otto  
Julie Sarson  
Anne Schroer  
Kevin Wallace, Cmte. Chair  
Barb Wells  
Morgan Mundell, President  
Dawn Hill, Staff

**1. Introductions**

**2. MoDOT KC District**

- a. District Engineer comments
  - i. Engaged in winter ops – pothole repair
  - ii. Thanked a maintenance worker for the long hours through the storm
- b. Progress of STIP updates
  - i. Updating the STIP – Griffin to speak more
  - ii. Getting prepared for commission
  - iii. Unfunded needs update
    1. Tier 1 - \$500M
    2. Tier 2 - \$2B
    3. Most have been updated and under review
  - iv. Staffing across the board has been an issue
    1. Struggling to hire in
    2. Worst Dave has seen it
    3. Keeping them also an issue
    4. Increased pay would help, but not the complete solution, needs to be interesting work
- c. Major project updates
  - i. Buck O'Neil – presented to commission
  - ii. Massman/Clarkson/HNTB
  - iii. Good design, gets a lot of what they wanted
  - iv. Lots of opportunity for enhancements
  - v. Contract is signed

- vi. Media play – don't understand limitation of money, ICON would be a \$400M structure today
- d. Upcoming consultant projects
  - i. Developing list based on new STIP
  - ii. 2 identified with more to come
  - iii. Looking at end of April
    - 1. 210 – I-435 to I-35 4 bridges
    - 2. Intersection imp at 291 and 58 interchange – not telling what type (Jody)
    - 3. Additional covid funding in 23 and 24
    - 4. If more funding maybe more jobs
    - 5. Most MOUs are for surveying, may have to do ROW as well
    - 6. Mark Sommerhauser (ITS on-calls)
      - a. Asset Management
      - b. Staffing and operations support
      - c. Have not been using on-call but will start over next 6 months
      - d. No response for CISCO staffing support RFP
      - e. KDOT hired 2 full time consultant engineers
  - iv. Commission needs to approve anything new
  - v. May look at 2025
  - vi. If more funding comes along things could look very different
  - vii. ADA not a design build in KC – will be grouped projects under Jody Puhr – 5 groups
    - 1. KC may consider using on-call depends on the size of the group
    - 2. Each bundle about \$1M+
  - viii. I-70 DB
    - 1. Perry pushing hard to get there
    - 2. Hope it becomes real soon
    - 3. Will likely hire an owner's consultant
- e. Overall consultant performance feedback
  - i. Overall went well last year – but a lot of things were in progress
  - ii. Does not think it will go as well this year with jobs being new
  - iii. MoDOT seems to like Teams best
  - iv. Perry sat on core team meetings, thought they were well coordinated, very efficient
  - v. Mark S – Core team discussion. TMPs it is important that it is not a 30-page study document, should be a 1.5-page exec summary, something for a media relations person – seen a great improvement, but would like to see more
- f. Potential impact to District funding due to change in bridge ratings (Functionally Obsolete vs Poor)

### 3. MoDOT NW District

- a. District Engineer comments
- b. Progress of STIP updates
  - i. MoDOT did not update last year
  - ii. Unfunded needs - working with planning partners
  - iii. NW received some additional \$ to help with their asset management
    - 1. Focused on low volume roads
  - iv. Also struggling to hire
  - v. Several design positions were interviewed for and turned them down
  - vi. Struggling with survey

- vii. Spring bundle has gone away, could be more
- c. Major project updates
  - i. I229 EA still going on - working closely with City of St. Joe, dealing with new leadership since City Manager left
  - ii. FARM Bridge Program – RFQ is complete, working on 1 on 1s
  - iii. Mid-MO ADA DB
- d. Upcoming consultant projects
  - i. Troy meeting with bridge division Monday to see what they can package up and send out
- e. Overall consultant performance feedback
  - i. Very pleased with bridge bundles
  - ii. Struggling since FTP was taken down
  - iii. Need to find a new way to transfer information back and forth
- f. Potential impact to District funding due to change in bridge ratings (Functionally Obsolete vs Poor)
  - i. Impacts the BRO projects on the LPA side

#### **4. ACEC/MO**

- a. Latest legislative updates
  - i. Watching licensure bill, not concerned yet
  - ii. Bill dealing with the procurement of concrete – still reviewing
  - iii. HB 1044, SB 262 – 262 may hit this week, next week spring break
- b. HQ considering adding upcoming RFPs to website
  - i. district not aware of this
- c. Project invoicing delays
  - i. Issue is in MoDOT's court
  - ii. Impact of COVID
  - iii. MoDOT is trying to address the issue – need to work with the PM
  - iv. Perry wants to collect the outstanding and approach it form a group

#### **5. Misc. Discussion**

- a. Transition to Open Roads
  - i. Timing of workspace?
    - 1. Not moving to it yet
    - 2. May have slowed down due to COVID
  - ii. Test projects?
- b. MoDOT not in person yet
  - i. Still following CDC guidelines
  - ii. Working towards herd immunity
  - iii. Not talking about it yet
  - iv. Business will change, more technology use

#### **6. Set next meeting date**

- a. June – Work with Carla to schedule