



AGENDA
ACEC-Missouri

MoDOT Kansas City and Northwest Districts Liaison Committee Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Virtual & KC District Office Boardroom

MoDOT KC District Representatives

*Chris Redline, District Engineer
Jeff Hardy, Assistant District Engineer
*Matt Killion, Assistant District Engineer
Joseph Hinton, Assistant to the Dist. Eng.
*Debbie Huffman, District Design Eng.
Mark Fisher, Area Engineer
*Ericka Ross, Area Engineer
Ben McCabe, Area Engineer
*Rich Shipley, District Const. Eng.
*Allan Ludiker, Project Manager
*Heather Barrows, Project Manager
*Mark Sommerhauser, Project Manager
*Jodie Puhr, Project Manager
*Christopher West, Project Manager
*Sean Domingo, Project Manager
*Karlee Covington, Project Manager

MoDOT NW District Representatives

Marty Liles, District Engineer
Troy Slagle, Assistant District Engineer
*Shannon Kusilek, District Design Eng.
*Austin Hibler, District Const. Engineer
*Michael Marriott, Area Engineer
Tonya Lohman, Maint & Traffic Eng.
*Joyce Reynolds, Project Manager
Richard Orr, Project Manager
Brian Rosenthal, Project Manager
MoDOT Central Office Representatives
Shelie Daniel, Design Liaison Engineer

ACEC-MO Liaison Committee Members

*Anne Schroer, Chair, GBA
*Brian Kidwell, Garver
*Julie Sarson, Burns & McDonnell
Linda Rottinghaus, Affinis
*Matt Spencer, Hg Consult
*Ozzy Bravo, Parsons

- 1. Introductions (5 min)** Attendees designated with (*) above
- 2. District Engineer Comments (5 min each/10 min total)**

Chris – commissioners have rolled off and two new commissioners. State Constr Mat engineer retires; trying to fill.

Big inflation across state. Last award was \$27M over statewide. Last year was \$127M over. Major DB projects that aren't in our district still affect our district.

KC district – down about 170 staff, a lot in maintenance. Doing well in design, a little dicey in construction. Advertising jobs every day; just not getting candidates.

Construction candidates are hard to find; construction management degrees can start at technician level and move up.

NW district – Shannon says concerns filling positions, including a couple in design. Maintenance positions are down statewide.

Lot of project overages this year may roll into 2025 STIP. Trying now to resurface roads but took it on the chin with price increases. Big hit financially. Last bid opening had one job rejected. Commission finally said enough to the price increases. Sometimes only get on bidder on projects which is unusual. NW doesn't have many paving companies. Also using On Calls more – survey, construction inspection RFPs.

Solicitation out currently in On Call – we will be able to select statewide.

Rich describes a 10-consultant package being evaluated now. Anne asks if you're getting good response from consultants – not getting scope and fee in a timely manner? Consultants and MoDOT are both understaffed, and this slows things down. Takes a long time to get under contract (6-9 months currently). Debbie says there are more staff involved on MoDOT's side so this takes longer.

Sidewalk projects like to have the same consultant do the construction inspection. If there are problems in the field, it is better communication to have the designer on board. Some projects are written with a phased approach, additional services can be added later, such as construction inspection.

3. General District/Project Updates (5 min each/10 min total)

MoDOT is hosting an OpenRoads session at the district office in November, notification came from district and Central Office. Debbie is not aware of a district wide email distribution list to send the information to consultants. Anne said ACEC/MO sent the notice last week. She will ask Dawn if a distribution list can be shared with KC District.

Shannon asks how many consultants have transitioned to OpenRoads. Matt says that most people have used it but with different levels of proficiency.

4. STIP/Unfunded Needs Updates (5 min each/10 min total)

Shannon talks about 2023 NW – crammed two-month process into 3.5 weeks. Increase in fuel tax and transportation bill, programmed a lot of projects – resurfacing. Folks in rural districts complain and road surfaces. New revenues coming in will be eaten up by inflation over the next several years. 30% over program in NW District.

Unfunded needs list – 12 projects at Tier 1 were programmed into STIP. Just met with planning partners and prioritized improvement list. Updated Tier 2 level also.

Matt talks about KC District – meet and finalized list last week, will be going to public in December. Both rural and urban. Funded I-70 Paseo to 40 Highway. One project in Tier 1

- \$139M I-70 next phase. BRW is in Tier 2, moving at grade signals and building new freeway. Other pavement reconstruction projects in Tier 2.

Chris says BRW grant was awarded to KCMO and MoDOT will participate. I-70 estimates went way up. Another unfunded need – City is submitting for grant for I-35 and Beardsley. Relocation of I-35; just submitted.

Anne asks about ADA transition plans. Six jobs in urban KC Area, moving forward. MoDOT has until 2027. MoDOT doesn't have staff to do all the project – need boundary surveys and ROW. Surveys are getting harder to get in the timeframe needed. Big issues are going to be entrances, things like that. Trying to simplify as much as we can, knowing that adjustments will be needed in the field.

Transition plan was provided to FHWA in early 2000s, everything on MoDOT ROW needs to be up to ADA standards. Challenge is sometimes that MoDOT is not sure of ROW – what they own and what they don't.

Matt asks about the Lid project – study has to be approved by MoDOT and FHWA. Bigger role for MoDOT? Chris says that DT Council moved it to Port to manage. MoDOT gave them a list of considerations. Any questions should be resolved early. Who from MoDOT will be assigned to that? Karlee will be the representative.

**5. Upcoming Consultant Projects (6 Month Outlook, Alternative Delivery, On-call, etc.)
(5 min each/10 min total)**

229 was supposed to be done in 2.5 years but took 4 years. Good alts but MPO had issues with them. MPO had their option, and would move forward with that – required ROW, haz mat. Stalemate but included in the EA study process. No champion for the project at the city. Big issue was getting rid of the freeway to open up the riverfront for development. Tried to keep everything on the west side of the railroad tracks. Last spring, got a new mayor and new council. Did not want to talk about it until 2023. City was not looking to improve between the bridge and the tracks. Rehab the structure is not the best approach. Four alternatives at public meeting couple of weeks ago. A lot of people like the alignment but the four-lane facility makes it hard to get off the freeway and get into downtown.

East Locust Creek Reservoir (Roy Blunt Reservoir) – flood protection, getting the EA done, will be in phases. Work with county to relocation roads and five new bridges. Big projects were going to bid last Friday but the estimates came in a lot higher, hoping to bid next month.

DB project to do bridges on east side of district. Wilson in OE, field work finished, in PE phase, working on RFP. RFQ in spring, RFP next summer. Package with 34 bridges in 7 eastern counties. Rural bridges, combination of replacement and rehabs. \$30M project.

KC District – Jodie describes the 291 North Env Study – Bridge over MO River. Being placed in STIP in 2026-27. Env work will be out soon. May have RSAs out to consultants in next six months. Safety improvements.

Alan's I-70 Second Tier EIS – public outreach, env fieldwork is complete. PDD is scheduled for the next few weeks. If DB, RFQ June next year, RFP in September.

Six month look ahead? Jodie says we will be working on this but so many unknowns right now. Beginning of next year would be a better time to put this out.

Upcoming NW work in ADA improvements. Redeck packages for bridges, might be out in March/April. Some On Call needs also.

KC – ROW department has needs – negotiation work, this is new for consultants.

6. Consultant Performance Feedback (5 min each/10 min total)

Mark S said that Trans Mgmt Plans are getting better, especially Public Info Plan. Things need to be very specifically described. More jobs are stacking on top of each other. 2023 NFL Draft and 2026 World Cup, KDOT funding coordination. Understand the importance of the TMP. Good coordination – ten work zones setting up the first week in May after draft. TMP is not an extra submittal, it should be very easy to read for our public involvement people.

Debbie and Jodie talk about the importance of QAQC. MoDOT does not have the time to do this. Needs to be done by the consultant prior to submittal.

7. Discuss Committee Format (Possibly split NW & KC) (5 min)

KC vs NW? Committee is supposed to meet quarterly. Rotate to NW? Shannon says they're flexible. Matt likes the idea of breaking it up between KC and NW. Always pushing on time, would be good to have more in depth dialogues with each district. New chairs are appointed in June/July – could be then. Anne will keep dialog going and discuss with ACEC/MO if we decide we want to move forward with splitting.

8. Next Meeting (Early 2023)

Potentially in-person at NW District w/ virtual option