



AGENDA
ACEC-Missouri

MoDOT Northwest District Liaison Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

10:30 am – 12:30 am

Virtual & NW District Office Boardroom

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

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

- Marty Liles
- Joyce Reynolds
- Brian Rosenthal
- Shannon Kusilek
- Linda Rottinghaus
- Matt Spencer
- Brian Kidwell
- Ann Schroer
- Anne announced her leaving the ACEC group, there will be a new person taking over for Anne. Anne announced she is leaving GBA and going to TREKK.
- Marty brought up that we broke the meeting up separately and that he thinks that is a good idea.

2. District Engineer District/Project Updates

- Marty says that workforce continues to be a problem.
- There looks to be continuing workforce issues based on the new influx of money.
- Marty gave a little bit of history of how the funding showed up. Said that they were kind of caught off guard.
- I-70 can impact this district based on workforce.

- The 100M pavement program for rural routes will flow into this district.
- Biggest challenge from last year was that it effected the prices from contractors. It was not just the amount of work, but it was also how fast everything had to get done. Basically one year, to complete everything.
- Marty does not have a good idea on how they are going to spread out the work. Not just minor roads, it's roads under 1000 ADT. Means they can use the work on higher volumes, but then they have to share the money with more districts.
- 492 CL miles out of the program last year. Went a little over budget.
- 229 – study is continuing. FED review and approval is the next big hurdle. Final public meeting in June. The next big challenge is funding it.
- Money for it can come out of the statewide bridge pot. 56M for that.
- The city is now on board with the alternative – now they are eager to see it move forward.
- STIP is not completed yet. Having a tough time reconciling that the FY23 is so far over the budget. June is commission date, possible final STIP revisions, might eliminate or push some projects. Waiting to see how the Governor money comes down and how it plays out. Minor roads might give us 18 months or so to complete. If this is coming out of general revenue, then it needs to be appropriated every year, so that's the hurry.
- Are you seeing bid prices coming down at all? A little, but nothing too much. At least they are stabilizing a bit.
- Looking at physical years, overall bridge projects for the year are 12% over. Resurfacing is at 28% over. Safety projects are 60% over. Other categories (east locust) are 14% under.
- Biggest cost change is from the asphalt.
- Contractors are very busy.
- Bridge DB may 23 DB online only.
 - i. We have had 4 public meetings, no pushback on them trying to finalize all of the RFP books.
 - ii. Incorporate lessons learned. Doing the hydraulics as a baseline for everyone, purchasing it ahead of time.
 - iii. Fixed price variable scope.
 - iv. We have had 4-5 bridges close in the past year, just before they are going for letting.
- Staffing-wise they are down 65-75 people. Design/ROW/Survey down 4? Most of the lacking people are from maintenance.
- They have seen some people returning to the workforce on the professional side. Still having a hard time getting college graduates. Biggest problem is capacity. MoDOT does not have the positions open. Two interns coming to this district.

- Authorized 496 employees, hold a percentage to cover the salary adjustment. District has no capacity to staff new hires.
- Shannon – more money spent this physical year than they have ever had in this district. 178M.
- FY 26 bridges.
- 11 bridge redecks went out to consultants in 4 different projects, bid in 2 combinations.
- Dabbling in the CEI. Blount rez.
- Marty thinks more CEI will be coming out.
- Bridge project will be let in the next 6 months.
- 229 thinking it will be 4-5 years out. It's in a little bit of a holding pattern. It would be nice to be done in a few years.
- Challenges with workforce with new projects forming along I-70.
- Consultant needs spreadsheet should be updated in May.
- Should have projects in the first 3 years of the STIP out there. Right now the 2026 bridges should have RFP out this fall.
- Feedback? Are there things we can do to make this better for you?
- Troy could retire at any time. There is a lot of potential retiree's at any time, hard to plan for. Most of them are on the construction and program delivery side. Start seeing some changes on the design side. There are 5 people eligible in the next 3 years.
- Area engineer that was vacant on the west side, Jose Rodriguez just took over the job. Starts next week.
- 229 to do the preferred alternative we would need to decommission the interstate.

3. Next Meeting (TBD w/ New Committee Chair)