

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SE)  
and ACEC/MO 2021-22 LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**May 12, 2022  
1:00 PM - SE SK District Conf Room**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting commenced at 1:03 PM

- Welcome and Introductions
  - See attached list of invited attendees
- ACEC Missouri Updates – Jason Dorhmann
  - Missouri legislative update
    - Legislative priorities this year consisted of initiatives to not repeal the gas tax
      1. Gas tax is mostly secured
    - Redistricting will take majority of time this week
    - Met with advocates of transportation such as Dave Schatz and Lt. Governor Kehoe
  - State of the state
    - Session ends tomorrow
- MoDOT SE District Updates
  - Funding
    - MoDOT is watching the budget closely
    - Seeing a lot of inflation, around 4 to 5%
  - Staffing
    - Bridge division discussing not doing any plans in the future and hiring everything out.
    - Percentage of work going to consultants is estimated to reach 50% in the SE District in the new program/STIP
      1. Have about 400 projects in the STIP
    - Immediate needs are construction inspection and traffic, only two engineers left in traffic
    - SE district is better than most districts in Missouri for staffing
      1. 25 positions open
        - i. 5 construction
        - ii. 2 traffic
        - iii. 1 design
        - iv. Remaining positions are on the maintenance side
      2. Park Hills is in the worst shape for staffing and PE's
    - Struggling to staff Design/Build Projects
      1. Discussed if Progressive Design Build has been used with any of the consultants in Missouri

2. This delivery type appears to be a way to get the project going with less MODOT staff
  3. Project is with consultant initially, but they have a contractor to team with and submit a fee later
  4. MoDOT asked ACEC to review the linked TRR document and provide MoDOT feedback  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0361198118822315>
  5. KDOT just began its first Progressive Design Build
- Construction inspection is needed in the SE District
    1. MoDOT asked those around the room who has capacity and how they could staff up for the needs. Many responded that they provide CM services elsewhere, but the District was too big and the project too infrequent to provide stable needs to hire. Others mentioned that they do LPA inspection and are full with that work.
    2. MoDOT plans to bundle construction inspection with design contract to drive consultant inspections. The thought process is to provide longer lead times for the construction inspection needs to allow planning or hiring.
  - o Unfunded needs list
    - T1, T2 and T3 -> Programmed a study on each T1
- General Discussion Topics
    - o Major project updates
      - Benji P.
        1. Chester Bridge went to expand footprint of EA
          - i. RFP coming out June 16<sup>th</sup>
          - ii. Starting to meet with teams
          - iii. Everything is on schedule for now
          - iv. budget is \$232 million (programmed amount)
    - o Upcoming solicitations (See list provided during meeting)
      - Benji P.
        1. MOU for Bootheal Bridge
          - i. QM role and concrete checks
          - ii. Asking from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023
        2. Four Bridges coming in July and good chance construction inspection will be included
        3. Study for traffic on Route 60
          - i. Two phase approach
            1. Traffic study/plans
            2. AJR will likely be needed for ramps
        4. Route 62 Border Bridge with Arkansas over the St. Francis River
          - i. Railroad on one side
          - ii. Boat ramp on the other
        5. Route 51 Bridge over St. Francis River
      - Tim P.
        1. Letting couple of Bridges late June/early July in AA Butler
        2. EOY 2022 another round of bridge packages (4-5 bridges)
        3. After July 2022, going out with an MOU with ROW negotiations and construction inspection included (looking to put in a roundabout)
          - i. Consultant would need appraisers
        4. In the fiscal year 2023, putting out 40% of his work. By fiscal year 2024 it could be as much as 60% of the work
      - Dave W.
        1. Always going to have bridges
        2. Soliciting for signal replacement

- 3. Cost share projects are now the responsibility of local entities much like LPA projects
  - 4. City of Jackson has a cost share project for a roundabout coming out
- Pete B.
  - 1. 2 Bridge packages
    - i. Geotechnical done in house
    - ii. 2 bridges have been surveyed
- Mike
  - 1. MoDOT will try to bundle work together to make it easier on consultants to plan and keep people busy
  - 2. CM staffing in the SE has more people on their staff than the SL district and a much smaller program
- Kevin
  - 1. Ingram Road overpass out includes full inspection RE oversight
  - 2. Have a lot of superpave inspection for next year
  - 3. Difficulties are knowing contractor schedules
- Craig
  - 1. Traffic signals in Poplar Bluff will be coming out in the next 6 months
  - 2. Looking at intersections on 412, 57 in Sikeston, 93 and 67 (more on this intersection in December)
- On-call Needs
  - Inspection jobs filled from 6-month outlook
  - MoDOT would not look poorly on any firm subbing construction services out.
- LPA program updates
  - Trying to solicit twice a month
  - Tripling money with the TAP
    - 1. Due date for TAP is July 15<sup>th</sup> unless on MoDOT system, then June 30<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. \$3.1 million for SE district
    - 3. BRO funding changed but BF program bumped SE back up to just above funding from last year
    - 4. Funding now goes to the district instead of the county
- Consultant Capacity (short and long term)
  - So far, MoDOT SE district is seeing the same amount of consultants respond to RFP's
  - Other districts are seeing less response
- Conference Attendance for SE District staff
  - Depends on what is available and what PDH's are needed
  - Send people to TEAM and some training statewide
  - Usually attend Traffic Safety Conference
  - AGC is a good one for construction that MoDOT attends
  - No active APWA in the SE District

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

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