



Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023 | 9:00-11:00 AM

MoDOT St. Louis District Headquarters
1590 Woodlake Drive, Chesterfield, MO

Conference Room 325 and Teams Video Conference

The Meeting was Called to Order by Chairman Scott Smith at 9:00 a.m. Attendees were:

MoDOT Attendees:

Tom Evers, Assistant District Engineer
Jeff Bohler, District Design Engineer
Cindy Simmons, District Planning Manager
Jeff Cremer, Central Office Design

ACEC/MO Liaison Committee Attendees:

Scott J. Smith, Lochmueller Group, Chair
Linda Moen, EFK Moen
Mike Erdtmann, GBA
Howard Gotschall, Hanson
J.C. Murray, AECOM
Todd Welz, Quigg Engineering
Kandi Spraggs, WSP
Amy Touchette Brown, CDG
Joel Weinhold, Geotechnology

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions :

- To begin the meeting, we formally introduced ourselves.

MoDOT Staff Changes since last meeting (Jeff Bohler) :

- Shellie Daniels retired last month and Laura Ellen is the new KC and NW Design Liaison.
- Jonathan Barnes has transferred from SL to the CD as their Right of Way Department Manager. Nicole Kreisel is covering SL until the position is filled.
- Mike Meinkoth from MoDOT's Environmental Division retired and the position has been advertised.
- Kim Trainor, NE Project Manager has been named the I-70 East Project Director. The I-70 West Project Director position has been advertised.
- Expecting Commission changes in the coming months. Only 2 are under their limitations, and one vacancy. 4 new commissioners may be announced.

2. Tom Evers Update :

- MoDOT Transportation update will be Nov 21 at the Maryland Heights Community Center at 8:00 with a social or possibly a DBE mixer following presentation or a legislative update. PM's and other MoDOT staff will be introduced and encouraged to stand during their introduction.
- District Staffing:

- Maintenance: Is well staffed and ready for a possibly harsh winter.
- Professional: Doing better but could use more staff.
- Construction: Not doing better and still short staffed.
- I - 270 North Design-Build - December 11th end of project ribbon cutting is planned.
- I-55 Design Build construction kick off will be early 2024.
- I-70 Design Build - Two teams have been shortlisted for central portion. Please refer to the Design Build website for up-to-date solicitation information.
- I-70 Cave Springs Interchange is set to be completed in spring or summer.
- I - 270 bridge over Conway Road set to be constructed next year. Expect significant traffic issues.
- I-44 corridor – Study solicitation will be going out soon and will be broken up into two contracts.

3. Consultant Update (Jeff Cremer) :

- MoDOT on-call solicitation is out and LPA solicitation will be out soon. Two new additional categories have been added. Firms that missed out in the last round will be able to submit as well as all other firms interested in the new categories.
- Solicitations: Diversity - was Pass/Fail will now be scored.
- Consultant prequals are being reviewed monthly. These must remain current in order to perform work for MoDOT.
- MoDOT Consultant Contract – looking at insurance requirements. This is currently under review. The new language should provide more flexibility. Expecting update early 2024.
- Rolling out a new project scheduling tool. Microsoft Project is currently being beta tested internally by MoDOT and by several consultants. For now, MoDOT will provide one (1) license to each consulting firm. Every project on the STIP will ultimately have a schedule. Hope to have real time measurements on project progress. Consultant will be tasked with keeping the schedule updated. Training will be available through MoDOT-U. Looking at early 2024 for implementation.
- On-call's: St. Louis district has shifted to using the on-call for a component of a project vs using for a small project. Not seeing any drop in use of the on-call. LPA on-call will likely go from \$100K to \$200K soon.
- Firms can compete in both. Updated Consultant Needs list to be published in December. RFQ's: Look for PE and CE/CI to be split up on upcoming solicitations.

4. SL Design Update (Jeff Bohler) :

- Construction work hours have been expanded. Ability to work earlier and later/during rush hour -especially on arterial roads. A new works zone reporting tool will start collecting data.

- Regarding traffic control a full set of traffic control plans is required for contractors. TA's must be included in the plans.
- TA's – Cannot have any reference to TA's in the plans; please do not reference them.
- Traffic control and implications for consultant liability insurance is still being discussed.
- Look at EPG for survey guidance for use of TA's. For further questions follow up with Jeff Bohler.

5. Major Project Update (Mike Castro) :

- I-70 Fairgrounds to Cave Springs Design Build. Millstone Weber. \$51 million. Completion date Nov 27, 2024. 50% complete.
- Riverview/I-270. \$ 35 million. Walsh Construction, Millstone major subcontractor. Working in coordination with IDOT Chain of Rocks. Completion date December 31, 2026.
- I-55 bridge rehabilitation project from Lindbergh to I-44. - \$63 million. KCI. Year 2. Completion Date December 2024. 50% complete.
- JB Bridge – \$50 million. KCI. Stage 1 was completed last fall. Tentatively switching traffic and normal traffic configuration should be complete the week of Thanksgiving.

6. Other/Next Meeting :

- Is it possible for PE or CE on-call?
 - JC: It would be difficult due to the \$200k cap although KC is currently piloting a multiservice on-call.
- Question for Cindy Simmon regarding LPA RFQ solicitations: Is there anyway the LPA's can use the same template. Some have 3–5-page requirements others have 20 plus or unlimited page requirements. This affects the Go/No Go decision for many consultants.
 - CS: There is a template for LPA's. Some choose not to use them.
- Is there a rule for receiving a certain number of letters or it will be resolicited?
 - JB: Yes the rule is three. If you submitted a letter that was resolicited, there is no need to resubmit.
- Can we get more details on scoring qualification letters?
 - JB: Tom Montes runs the show. Jeff Bohler recuses himself from scoring. Letters are scored individually and then discussed as a group. Consultants backlog is factored into the scoring (score may get knocked down if already doing a lot of work with the district).
- Can we get more feedback on our letters on how we matched up with others?
 - Jeff Bohler will look into this and discuss with the PM's.
- Next Meeting on January 10 at 9:00 am at MoDOT St. Louis Headquarters.