



## Meeting Agenda

### ACEC-Missouri - MoDOT STL District Liaison Committee

February 3, 2022 | 2:00-3:30 PM

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

Teams Video Conference

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#### MoDOT Representatives:

Tom Blair, District Engineer  
Tom Evers, Assistant District Engineer  
Laura Ellen, Central Office Design  
Jeff Bohler, District Design Engineer  
Mike Castro, District Construction Engineer

#### ACEC/MO Liaison Committee Members:

Dan DeArmond, Chair, WSP  
Linda Moen, EFK Moen  
Tom Lohman, Horner and Shifrin  
Howard Gotschall, Hanson  
Mike Erdtmann, GBA  
J.C. Murray, AECOM  
Don Wichern, Bartlett and West  
Buddy Desai, Hg Consult  
Nate Leach, Prairie Engineers

#### Agenda Topics

##### 1. Introductions (3min)

##### 2. MoDOT Staff Changes since last meeting (Jeff Bohler, 5 min)

- STL North Area Engineer still open
- Advertising for PM in each District
- Julie Stotlemeyer retired; Ashley Buechter taken over
- Bill Dunn – structural resource manager
- Angela Cole – new central office reviewer

##### 3. Tom Blair Time (10 min)

- on for a few minutes – snow & press conference – GSITE

##### 4. Tom Evers Update (10 min)

- Staffing changes significant; usual turnover 13%, projected is 18% for 2022
- High turnover from amongst 0-5 year staff
- Award of I-70 Cave Springs; MoDOT worked hard to get over the 'customer feedback' issues on that project.
- PMC (Project Management Consultant) may be needed due to PM shortage at MoDOT (planning and design)
- Prelim Draft STIP may get posted; either way, Draft STIP will be posted in May (Prelim Draft is meant to showcase what could be done with SB 262 in place)
- Consultant support on traditional projects: consultants can best help MoDOT by ensuring the delivery team is communicating well with MoDOT and subconsultants.
- MoDOT may have construction surveying needs over next five years with growing construction program.
- Bidding environment: material costs, labor shortages are spiking bid prices on some larger projects (short-term, roughly 8-10% range, some upwards of 20%). Still too early to say if corrections are short-term or not.
- MoDOT's most recent call: \$18M over \$151M program (about 12%). For FY22, about 6% over to date.
- EPG Topic – SL District may choose to deviate; work with the MoDOT PM to determine if an item is flexible and the comfort level of the Engineer of Record. ITS is a good example for deviations from current EPG.

**5. Consultant Update (Laura Ellen, 10 min)**

- Consultant budget of \$60M for current year, projected to go \$70M, \$90M, \$100M over next 3 years
- New consultant position being created in Jefferson City; Laura going to LPA side, new position will serve as centralized negotiations under Kenny Voss
- On-call solicitation will happen in fall of 2022 (Oct-1) and LPA (Nov-1) both out for six weeks
- Current usage being reviewed – may consider category changes, feedback is welcome
- PPP loans – position at MoDOT – 2 overhead rates if you have a forgiven PPP loan- in the year you used the forgiveness (2020 or 2021) retroactive on past projects. Consultants should send in an adjustment to open contracts (not re-opening contracts). Consultant’s responsibility, but an audit may identify.

**6. SL Upcoming Consultant Opportunities (10 min)**

- See six-month outlook
- Draft STIP will cause update to outlook for road and bridge projects, likely March/April timeframe
- For engineering services, a sub to a sub is not allowed; survey, traffic control or non-engineering services, sub to sub work should be shown as a direct expense.
- Request for an email blast when outlook gets updated – Laura says yes!

**7. Major Project Update (Mike Castro, 10 min)**

- See [www.I-70csfg.com](http://www.I-70csfg.com) for Cave Springs project
- I-270 – about \$60M in construction this year
- I-64 at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street – split diamond about 80% complete, wrapping up fall 2022
- I-44 at Meramec – project complete
- JB Bridge Rehabilitation - \$50M in improvements, traffic impacts starting in April, complete in December, with second stage mirrored for 2023
- Route 364 Muegge Road – awarded for \$20.5M, construction just beginning

**8. Other/ Next Meeting**

- June TBD, Jeff Bohler will check internal schedules and send out some options