



**ACEC – Missouri: MoDOT STL District Liaison Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

MoDOT St. Louis Headquarters  
1590 Woodlake Drive, Chesterfield, Missouri  
Conference Room 325 and Teams Video Conference

**The Meeting was Called to Order** by Chairman Buddy Desai at 2:00 p.m. Attendees were:

**MoDOT Attendees:**

Tom Blair, District Engineer  
Tom Evers, Assistant District Engineer  
Mike Castro, District Construction Manager  
Cindy Simmons, District Planning Manager

**ACEC/MO Liaison Committee Attendees:**

Buddy Desai, Chair, Hg Consult  
Linda Moen, EFK Moen  
Mike Erdtmann, GBA  
Howard Gotschall, Hanson  
J.C. Murray, AECOM  
Todd Welz, Quigg Engineering  
Lisa Kramer, Prairie Engineers  
Tom Lohman, Horner and Shifrin  
Scott J. Smith, Lochmueller Group

- 1. Introductions:** To begin the meeting, we formally introduced ourselves.
  
- 2. MoDOT Staff Changes (Tom Evers):** Tom presented the following changes in MoDOT staff since the last meeting:
  - Eric Kopinski moved from I-270 moved to I-70 Program Director.
  - Niall Jansson is backfilling I-270 North.
  - Randy Hitt is backfilling Construction Liaison.
  - Heather Copeland is coming back to LPA group.
  
- 3. Tom Blair Update:**
  - MoDOT had meeting with Public Works directors to discuss using LPA funds. The meeting, held virtually, was hosted by EWGW and may have recording available in the near future. The main issue is that obligated LPA funds must be spent or they will be reallocated.
  - Draft STIP is not adding many new projects due to inflation. Also moving some projects to later years.
  - Had discussion on Draft STIP. Tom B. suggested that people should comment.



- Discussed that Legislative added projects to the STIP.
- Commission meeting on July 12 in St. Charles County. Blair requested a good attendance.

#### **4. Tom Evers Update:**

- Awarded amount for FY23 is over by \$85M which is 35% over programmed funding. Statewide awarded contracts are 20% over programmed.
- Relative to the programmed amount, bids have gone up and down month to month.

#### **5. Consultant Update (Tom Evers):**

- Scope & Fee is taking too long to negotiate. 6 months vs. 3 months. Suggest consultants to contact MoDOT to discuss estimate. Communication is important.
- Communication has dropped from consultant to MoDOT. MoDOT PMs are sensitive to this issue.

#### **6. Major Projects Update (Mike Castro):** Mike presented the following project updates:

- \$900m in active construction contracts
- PMCM @ Muegge interchange is going well.
- JB Bridge is 80% complete with painting on girders. Starting the WB painting.
- I-70 DB - Zumbuhl Interchange is a little further along than Cave Springs Interchange. North Outer Road starts this summer.
- Riverview Improvements is going slowly due to settlement of fill required.
- I-270 DB - 2 bridges remain to be constructed. There are 2 major closures scheduled. Project is on schedule to be completed at end of year.
- Industry meeting for Safety DB is scheduled for July 6.



## 7. Other Business / Next Meeting

- Buddy Desai provided update on ACEC
  - ACEC/AGC are sponsoring a joint fundraiser for Kehoe.
  - Ed Hassinger provided update on MoDOT at the ACEC meeting last week.
  - Teams are developing on I-70 re-evaluation RFQ.
  - They have been issues with subs getting paid by primes.
  
- Next meeting on September 12.
  
- Action Item: Have Jeff Bohler set up the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Welz, Quigg Engineering