

MoDOT SW District /ACEC Missouri Liaison Committee

MEETING AGENDA



Monday, October 16, 2023

12:30-2:30 PM

MoDOT Southwest District, Springfield, MO

MoDOT

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1. Introductions

2. MoDOT Leadership Updates / Key Initiatives

- *Greg Chapman is the new an Assistant District Engineer.*
- *Kim Hickey is the new District Administrative Officer.*
- *Llans Taylor is the new Planning Director.*
- *MoDOT is currently assembling the internal I-44 team. They plan to select two team members from Southwest, Central, and St. Louis Districts. Folks currently selected are Eric Turner and Kristi Bachman (SW) and Preston Kramer (CD).*

3. District Updates / Staffing Changes

- *SW District is currently down one TPD position but hope to fill it in the next few weeks.*
- *They have hired 3 new employees since last spring.*
- *A previous intern is now doing a co-op and working as a 1000-hour employee.*
- *District staff are currently working on STIP project updates.*
- *District would like to add a lot of asset management projects to the STIP.*
- *The first three low-volume-road bids came in so well that they got approval to get a fifth project.*
- *Bids for projects this summer came in very high, but they did not have inflation included in the estimates. Since then, lettings have leveled off. The District is 1% over the programmed amount and last year they were 20-25% over. The low-volume-road projects came in much lower than anticipated which resulted in the 1% over. Without including the low-volume-road projects, they were 8% over the programmed amount.*
- *September lettings had the new inflation numbers.*
- *They are advertising for an LPA planning position. There are currently 130 active LPA projects.*

4. Trends in Recent Solicitations

- *A few projects have had three letters of interest, and one had twelve. Overall good letters and selections are tight, with the top letters only a few points apart.*

- *It was recommended to QC letters for spelling errors.*
- *It was recommended to reference MoDOT's SAFER document in letters of interest.*
- *Shannon has a project coming out within the month: Route 52 in Butler, relocating the railroad (SR0081).*
- *Kristi has a solicitation coming out 10/18: Sunshine Street, it is a signal improvement and realignment project.*
- *The peak of postings have dropped off from a year ago.*
- *MoDOT PMs said that they want firms to reach out to them during the solicitation period to get a better understanding of a project.*
- *Once Stacy signs the selection, notifications to all firms can be sent and it can be posted on the MoDOT website.*
- *The language for scope/fee turnaround will be revised for upcoming solicitations.*
- *78 projects (FY24-28) have been sent out to consultants (54% of construction cost).*
- *170 projects (FY24-28) have been left in-house (46% of construction cost).*

5. Feedback on the STIP Update Process Utilizing Consultants

- *Frank will send out training materials if available.*
- *Bridge-only costs are now added to the updates.*

6. Upcoming Planning/Scoping Items

- *SR0120 – Bridge over Table Rock Lake in Eagle Rock, repair or replace.*
- *Route FF – Intersection improvements at Weaver Road in Battlefield.*
- *SR0080 – Study for the Carthage Interchange (\$125M) to convert MO 249 and a portion of MO171 to I249 for economic development and a Joplin western corridor project (\$125-\$150M) to improve congestion.*
- *There is no plan to add any rural projects, but some urban projects may be added.*
- *They are still working on Route 171 from Kansas down to Joplin in pieces. Route Z intersection may be an interchange or a roundabout.*
- *They are on-track to complete the ADA projects on-time.*

7. Future Design-Build Projects

- *Shannon said the bridge bundle (J7P3485) is a potential design build project. The determination will be in mid-November. 12 bridges are mandatory and 6 are optional. Tentative schedule: FY25 project. Owner Consultant (early '24), Advertise (Oct '24), RFP ('25). The schedule could be accelerated.*
- *Rte 13/44 interchange will be a design-bid-build instead of design build.*
- *The week of 10/17, District will have a meeting with Dave Simmons to identify any potential design build projects.*

8. Latest Information on I-44

- *I44 Purpose and Need Solicitation will come out 10/19. It is a high-level environmental project. The original study will be posted. It likely will not include any surveying or geotechnical work but could include some traffic analysis. The project will be broken out into two sections. Melissa Schepeler is assembling a team. There is no money for the project yet.*

9. Consultant Deliverables – Quality or Areas of Improvement

- *Obtaining the A-Date on-time is critically important for projects. Section 106 work must be done on-time and the desired A-Date in the RES must also be accurate to keep projects on schedule.*

10. Other Discussion Items

- *MoDOT is funding positions at the Corp of Engineers and looking at doing the same at SHPO office to review permits.*
- *The amount of consultant QA/QC hours have seemed high, and yet they still see several comments on plans.*
- *Key personnel that are on letters of interest should remain on the project if possible.*
- *All FY '25 projects will be in Microsoft Project by the end of the year. MoDOT will be providing 1 license to each consultant.*
- *Construction Inspection will no longer be included in solicitations, as of a few weeks ago. All projects that went out with construction inspection included will continue as planned.*
- *MoDOT LPA has increased the on-call cap from \$100k to \$200k. MoDOT does not plan to increase their on-call cap from \$200k, but there may be some traction in splitting out engineering and construction.*

11. Next Meeting Date & Location

- *The next meeting will be held in late March 2024.*