

MoDOT SW District /ACEC Missouri Liaison Committee

MEETING AGENDA



Wednesday, March 27, 2024

9:30-11:30 AM

MoDOT Southwest District, Springfield, MO & via MS Teams

MoDOT

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Morgan Mundell, ACEC/MO President

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1. Introductions

2. MoDOT Leadership Updates / Key Initiatives

- The Forward 44 project awarded two consultants to lead the environmental study of the corridor (Hg Consult: west section, Garver: east section). Updates are on the project website: modot.org/forward44
- MoDOT staff turnover for FY24 is tracking under last year and projecting 9-10%. Historic turnover for SW District was 20% in FY22 and 12% in FY23. Statewide turnover since 2016 is nearly 90%.
- The proposed STIP is in MoDOT Central Office for review. Project increases have been due to scope changes, not inflation driven. The STIP was adjusted for inflation for FY24, and MoDOT is within a few percentage points from where they estimated.
- The STIP will have more bridge projects and less resurfacing projects.
- There are 300 new projects in the statewide STIP. No new system improvements. Several bundled bridge projects.
- Asset management projects (surfacing and bridge projects) will have estimates updated this summer, due in September.
- MoDOT will be doing a SAFER review of FY28 projects. Moving forward, they will try to assess SAFER earlier in projects as they go through design.
- In April, MoDOT will assess which projects will be designed in-house.

3. District Updates / Staffing Changes

- Open positions include a Transportation Project Designer, Construction Inspectors, and a Construction Technician. Construction has 3 upcoming retirements that will need to be filled.
- The PMs have recently defined their project areas. This is a guide, but there may be times when a project may be moved from one PM to another due to workloads. A map of the PM area assignments is attached.
- A Transportation Planner position was added to help close out LPA projects.

4. ACEC Updates – President & CEO Morgan Mundell

- Current version of the Missouri House budget includes \$727M for the I-44 expansion.
- ASCE Winter meeting celebrated project awards, including MoDOT projects.

5. Trends in Recent Solicitations

- The number of letters for recent solicitations has increased. In general, there are more letters for bridge projects.
- Randall said that there have been some large partnerships (60/40 split) on mid-sized projects recently. He also stated that when a large sub is on a team, rating the project team is difficult.
- There was a discussion on breaking out project work to subs. There are varying opinions on whether subbing out an entire bridge or subbing out a specific discipline is cleaner or easier to review.
- John Sanders presented notes from Jeff Cremer: Statewide is seeing fewer solicitations for large projects and LPA projects need help to get completed.

6. Microsoft Project Updates and Timeline for Industry Training

- All FY25 projects are in the system. Moving forward, each PM will decide if they want consultant assistance with updating the Microsoft Project file for their project. So far, consultants have not been added to projects.
- MoDOT will work to assign licenses in April or May with training available. One license will be provided per company, but MoDOT may consider more than one if a company has a specific need. Training will likely be video-tutorial style.
- PMs will likely be making the schedule in Microsoft Project prior to the contract.

7. Upcoming Planning/Scoping Items

- MoDOT SW District has four planning projects that they submitted internally for planning and design funding. At this time, they do not know which ones will move forward this year.
 - Study and design for Springfield Division Street railroad grade separation and interchange improvements at Route 65. Interchange and overpass could be separate projects or done together.
 - Corridor study in the Joplin Metropolitan Area to consider a new West Corridor and Interstate designation of Route 249.
 - Corridor operations study for Route 65 between Warsaw & Buffalo. \$50M with passing lanes and intersection improvement options.
 - FY25 and FY26 Bridge Plan Estimates
- If not funded, there may still be some high-level scoping work done in-house, including the Routes 60/37 corridors between Monett and Arkansas and Route 171 from Kansas State Line to Joplin.
- Several upcoming scoping items.
 - Sign truss inspection on major routes (Craig)
 - MSE wall inspections and inventories (Shannon)
 - High Mast Lighting for 3 interchanges (2 in Springfield, 1 in Joplin)

8. Future Design-Build Projects

- 2025 Bridge Bundle (Shannon Kellner is the Project Director).

- 2028 Bridge Bundle. \$40M-\$50M in west-central areas.

9. Latest Information on I-44

- Kristi's portion of I-44 (between Missouri Rte 13 and US Route 65) widening to 6 lanes is shovel ready. There was a public meeting in March.

10. Consultant Deliverables – Quality or Areas of Improvement

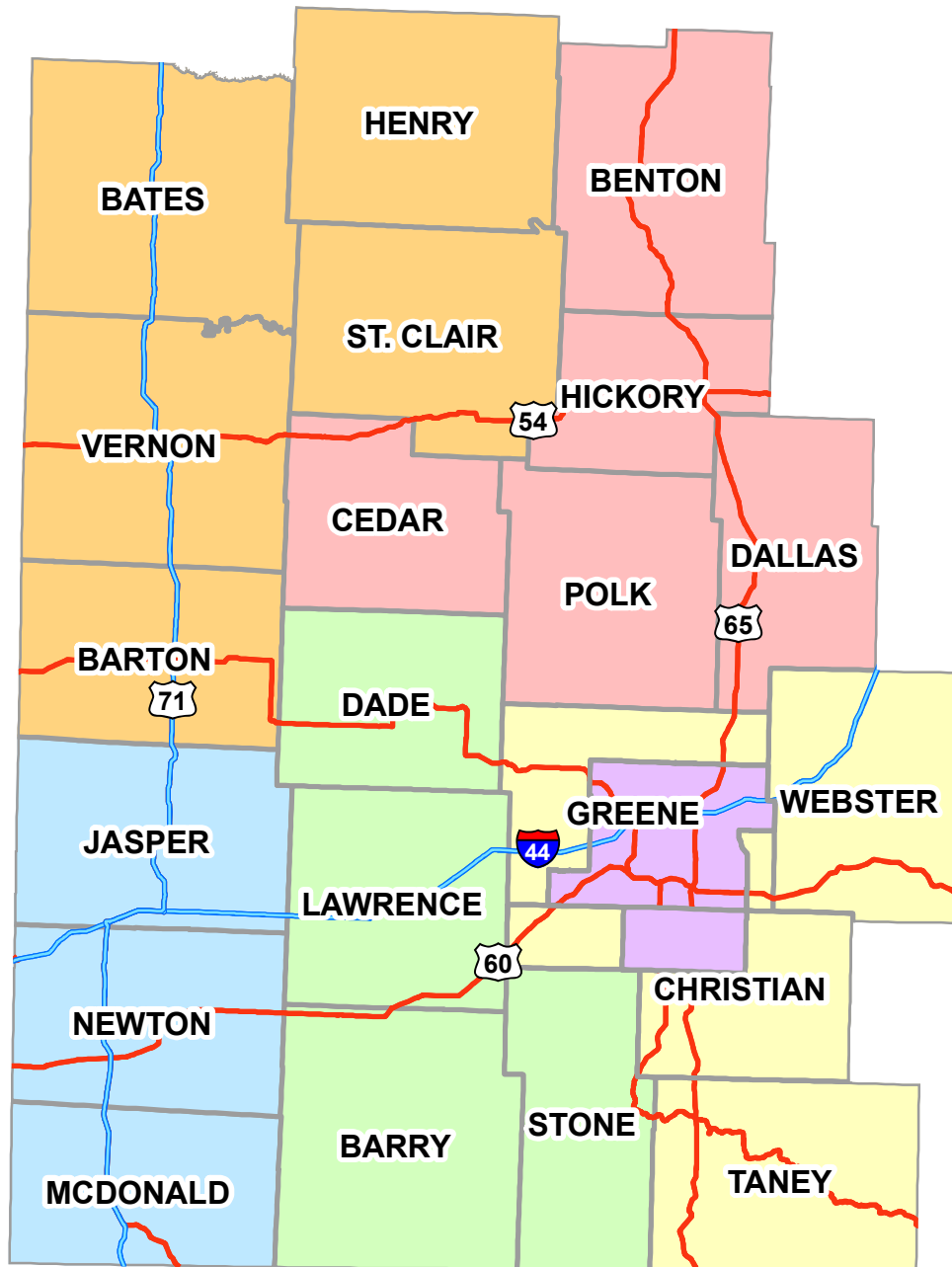
- PMs are appreciative of consultant assistance when help is needed.
- PMs are appreciative with consultant help with STIP updates.
- MoDOT is looking to expedite their scope/fee reviews. Consultants are sending in timely scope/fees, but there is a slow-down with the MoDOT process.
- For LPA projects, the closer consultants can follow the EPG checklists, the faster the process can go.

11. Next Meeting Date & Location

- The next meeting will be held in September/October 2024.



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