

**MoDOT SW District /ACEC Missouri Liaison Committee**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday, October 13, 2022**

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

SW District Conference Rm. 2/3 & via TEAMS

MoDOT:

Stacy Reese ✓	Shannon Kellner
Kristi Bachman ✓	Marc Lewis
Steve Campbell ✓	Frank Miller ✓
Ray Cook ✓	Laurel McKean ✓
Cindy Dunnaway	John Sanders ✓
Drew Bowman ✓	Warner Sherman ✓
Randall Glasser	Craig Switzer ✓
Johnny Teegardin ✓	Jeff Cremer ✓

ACEC/MO:

Chip Touzinsky, KH, Cmte. Chair ✓  
Nick Correnti, TWM ✓  
Mike Herleth, BMCD ✓  
Holly Lehmkuhl, GBA ✓  
Becky Baltz, TREKK ✓  
Scott Heavin, HDR ✓  
Chris Tepen, Benesch ✓  
Buddy Desai, Hg, Board Chair  
Morgan Mundell, President

1. Introductions

Chip started the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Introductions by attendees were then made.

2. MoDOT Leadership Updates / Key Initiatives

- Safety initiatives - Pushing this omnibus safety package. No. 1 priority - primary seatbelt, etc.
  - Work zones - massive push - lots of inspections in house - looking at typical applications of these and how to make safer
  - Upcoming meetings - unfunded needs meetings - November 14 (Springfield), November 15th (Joplin)
  - Wrapping up a lot of construction projects – a lot of active projects - trying to get 9 structures completed this year, but have opened six so far
  - Are we ready for winter? – Difficult to hire this time of year and have them up to speed for the winter. Been pursuing new staff for months. Big conversation point at the moment
  - MoDOT not as well staffed as they were a year ago

3. District Updates / Staffing Changes - Issues / Concerns

- Steve - Staffing
  - Still trying to get upper-level staff
  - new market rates have helped
  - noticeable difference in turn over (less) than a year ago.
  - 20th is the statewide drilling for trucks

- A lot of shifting of resources across boundaries; makes the drills all that more important
- John - Down four employees (about 10%)
  - March was the last new hire. Several advertisements, but no applicants
  - With the recent market adjustment MoDOT is seeing an uptake in applications
  - May shuffle the consultant projects to make sure they are more balanced
- John T - Authorized to 72, but down a little bit. about 12 down and have advertisements for six engineers, interviews this week.
  - Slowly making ground, not quite ready to get to 72, but maybe stay at 66 for a bit
  - CO allowed district to Advertise interns early
  - MSU picnic for the engineers and got an intern from that event.
- Stacy - 6 TPD's now, will help get through the consultant projects
  - six project managers now
  - a new designer starts on Monday.
  - More interest moving forward.
  - Can only fill so many positions. Not all of them.

#### 4. Trends in Recent Solicitations

- Stacy - Number of bids - about two, maybe 2.6 average.
  - Inflation too - Starting to see that now, above program amounts. Material issues are still out there.
  - Resurfacing and paint is higher and the delay
- Trends in recent solicitations
  - No. of responses - see decreasing number of responses. apparent there are a lot of work on the streets. Need to list 3 firms or need to add advertisement
  - Multiphase projects - Phase 1 - concept, Phase 2 prelim, final design, Phase 3 construction. More than 3 or 4 phases the project gets scrutinized
  - Centralized negotiation - wanting to build a statewide database from the last five years to review and pull data from.
    - Independent Cost Estimate Tool (ICET) - Review of the jobs the last five years. Tracking MoDOT internal projects too.
    - Trying to get away from construction cost % for design fees and get closer to a real-world cost from previous projects based on type.
    - Take PDF info from last contracts and digitize it to create the database.
    - Allow to take a more data driven approach to negotiations, costs per tasks vs. paying a premium
  - Timely fee Submittals
    - Getting the fee estimates in quickly helps the process along
    - Getting revisions from comments back in a timely manner also helps
    - Solicitation with 2 to 3 week fee negotiation window is working well.
    - Trying to speed up the process to get the next phase fee estimate back from the consultant
    - MOU fee negotiations are taking a longer timeframe than it should be

- Deadlines from MoDOT PM's help the consultant prioritize their work
- ORD process & how is it going?
  - Some experience with it, but not all projects
  - District staff is working with ORD on some projects

#### 5/6. Management of Six-Month Outlook / STIP and Unfunded Needs Status

- Six Month Outlook - looking at the next release in November.
  - Best look at that moment in time.
  - Still looking to get experience for their staff too.
- Frank M - New STIP last year under compressed time frame. More money to work with before inflation.
  - Did more work on the system, first time in the rural areas (Joplin and Branson)
  - 11 identified major project
    - Route 52 Railroad underpass in Butler County, FY 27
    - Joplin 7th Street corridor Route 66 with ADA, FY 24
    - Carthage - Route 66 ADA project
    - Joplin 32nd street over RR overpass - Scheduled for FY 27
    - Joplin realigning Davis blvd in FY 24
    - I-44 / 49 interchange improvements - FY 26
    - Republic MM corridor projects FY 24 & 25
    - CC in Ozark - intersections and Ozark has a cost share project
    - I-44 KS Expressway to Route 65
    - I-44 Route 13 interchange improvements
    - Webster County couple of interchanges - FY 25 rail grant project
    - HW 60 ties into BNSF
    - Interchange at Diggins in 25
    - Another project in Seymour in FY 27 - remove at grades, close some at grades, etc.
- Bud - Ongoing work on US60 corridor, between Sunshine and Republic, widening and looking at a variety of intersections
  - James River Freeway - ongoing
  - I-44 and Route MM looking at roundabouts at 266 and acquiring ROW
  - Kansas expressway widening too. ADA, etc.
- Drew - US 60 project. New lanes and frontage roads between 65 and NN around the J interchange - fy27
- Unfunded needs
  - Preparing a new list
    - First two tiers are done and working on third tier in MM
    - Nothing new or a surprise from the past list.

#### 7. 2023-2025 On-Call Update/Discussion

- Solicitations are out, due back on November 15
- No more district categories, more statewide now

- List should be bigger
- Biggest category will be the roadway design
- Going to have at least one team for each category to rate the LOI and score them. Roadway may have two teams and will have district representation on each team
- MoDOT asked for help by spreading the word on the on-call solicitation
- MoDOT said they want to spread the opportunities around and that there is an equitable split
- Diversity statement can be included in the brochure instead of on each three page letter
- Need to include the cover letter with each three page letter and to specify the districts consultant wants to work in

## 8. Future Design Build Projects

As part of the upcoming projects Frank Miller mentioned these projects:

- Bridge Bundle potential design build - not a “for sure” though. A lot of the bridges north of 44 - FY25
- Potential for another I-44 DB

## 9. Consultant Deliverables – Quality/Areas of Improvement

- Simple mistakes where a qc review should have caught the errors
- Do a better job of QC on the plans
- MoDOT is considering a discussion on Quality control in the solicitation and scope of services
- Not meeting the MoDOT established deadline when specifically stated in the Scope of work
- Kristi doesn't mind reviewing at the same time as the consultant if the effort is made to inform the district. Prefer after qc review but if a time crunch maybe do a concurrent review
- Quality of field inspection too. Haven't heard any complaints on recently completed inspection projects
- At beginning of project, during concept, be part of design team and brainstorming process, so before the actual report. Also include traffic in this
- Some PM's like using the Bluebeam Revu feature, some don't
- Development side - be the first point of contact between MoDOT and Developer

## 10. ACEC Updates – President and CEO Morgan Mundell

No update was given from ACECMO

## 11. Other discussion items

No other discussion items were mentioned

## 12. Next Meeting Date & Location – March 2023

It was generally agreed to have the next meeting after the MoDOT TEAM conference. A late March conference will be scheduled. Tentatively March 22, 2023 SW District HQ at 2:00pm.