

# Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

Via Zoom

## Attendance:

### MoDOT

Kristi Bachman  
Steve Campbell  
Ray Cook  
Cindy Dunnaway  
Randall Glaser  
Shannon Kellner  
Marc Lewis  
Frank Miller  
John Sanders  
Bud Sherman  
Craig Switzer  
Johnny Teegardin

### ACEC/MO

Becky Baltz, TREKK Design Group  
Nick Correnti  
Mike Herleth  
Holly Lehmkuhl  
Steve Prange  
Frank Weatherford  
Morgan Mundell, President ACEC/MO

#### **1. Introductions**

ACEC Missouri Liaison Southwest District Committee and MoDOT staff in attendance introduced themselves.

#### **2. MoDOT Leadership Updates/Key Initiatives**

- STIP Delivery
  - Thru March, \$1.608 Billion awarded, 7.3% over budget
  - SW thru March, \$115.2 million awarded, 1.8% over budget
  - Long Creek Bridge was not awarded, rescheduled for the April letting
  - I-44 Corridor Bridge Bundle is on track
  - Range Line RR bridge is under construction
- Turnover
  - Hope the governor's raise will provide some relief
  - New HR Manager for SW – Shay Medley

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- Expanding high school recruiting efforts

### 3. District Updates/Staffing Changes – Issues/ Concerns

- Staff Changes-
  - District Utilities Manager - Kirsti Little
  - New Project Manager – They have an offer and acceptance. (After the meeting, it was announced that Drew Bowman was selected for that position.)
  - Design staff down 20% end of last year, now down 10%

### 4. Trends in Recent Solicitations

#### *i. Number of Responses*

- Used to run 2-10 per solicitation, but around 3-5 more recently
- 12 submittals on a recent bridge project
- If less than 3, either re-advertise or get a waiver from the Professional Services Committee
- Still working on MOUs

#### *ii. Multi-Phase Projects – Selection Process*

- Starting with conceptual, then move to whether to do in house or by consultant
- Looking at total project for selection
- More frequently adding utilities, environmental and inspection and some Geotech
- Construction does MOUs for inspection

#### *iii. Centralized Negotiations Pilot*

- Jim Smith is working on pilot
- Design management is advertising for a consultant manager position out of Central Office

#### *iv. Timely Fee Submittals*

- Want to have them submitted in two weeks

### 5. Management of Six-Month Outlook

- Finished the STIP earlier this year
- Decided which project will be done in-house and which by consultants
- Should be an updated list on April 1

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## 6. STIP and Unfunded Needs Status

### *i. Upcoming Major Projects*

- Draft projects were submitted to the legislature toward the end of January
- Made a big dent in programming Tier 1 projects
- Some may become cost share
- Draft is on the web site, but the list has been updated since then
- Expect to complete urban ADA in 2025, rural in 2026

## 7. Future Design Build Projects

- Bridge Bundling - potential project
- I-44 widening – potential project

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

- No major concerns with quality
- Type B warning lights are not used on projects anymore
- No longer use flags on warning signs

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

### *i. Legislative Updates*

- 5.5% increase for MoDOT employees supported by ACEC
- There are a number of amendments to repeal SB 262
- There are a number of amendments for a gas tax holiday
- A couple of bills change the requirements for ethanol and bio-diesel
- The house is discussing transportation related changes to the governor's proposed budget.

## 10. Other discussion items

## 11. Next Meeting Date & Location – September 2022