

MoDOT SW District /ACEC Missouri Liaison Committee

MEETING AGENDA



Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

SW District Conference Rm. 2/3

MoDOT

Kristi Bachman
Drew Bowman
Ray Cook
Jeff Cremer
Randall Glasser
Shannon Kellner
Frank Miller

Stacy Reese
John Sanders
Warner Sherman
Craig Switzer
Johnny Teegardin

ACEC/MO:

Becky Baltz, TREKK
Scott Heavin, HDR
Mike Herleth, BMCD
Holly Lehmkuhl, GBA
Adam Rutz (For Nick Correnti), TWM
Chris Tepen, Benesch
Chip Touzinsky, KH, Cmte. Chair

1. Introductions

Chip started the meeting by thanking the attendees for attending the meeting and then asked that all attendees introduce themselves.

2. MoDOT District Leadership Updates

- *Stacy Reese has been promoted to District Engineer and Steve Campbell has retired.*
- *There is currently an Asst. District Engineer position open and will be filled.*

3. District Staffing Changes - Issues / Concerns

- *District has seen improvements in hiring due to the recent market adjustments, but it is still a struggle hiring engineers.*
- *John Sanders gave the following update for Design.*
 - *Design is down three (3) staff members but does have a new grad starting in May.*
 - *They have posted positions several times but still not seeing any qualified respondents.*
 - *They are looking now for summer intern and are still considering ME's.*
- *John Teegardin gave the following update for Construction.*
 - *Staffing has slowed down a bit and staffing is down about 15-20%.*
 - *Advertising for an Asst. R.E. in Springfield.*

4. STIP / Solicitations / Six Month Outlook

i. Upcoming STIP and Major Projects

- *Inflation is up. 21% locally and 27% statewide.*
- *Projects are down in the STIP – Fund 1st year 100%, 3rd year 70%, 4/5th Year 50%*

ii. Six Month Outlook Update

- *STIP is being updated.*
- *Work with PM's to re-evaluate projects and will issue a new 6-month outlook most likely in May.*

- *Work sent out to consultants is approximately 52% by total dollar amount and 33% of total projects.*

iii. Number of Responses

- *Craig stated that there have been between 3 to 8 responses for his recent projects. Average about 5 responses per advertisement.*
- *John T. – been receiving minimal responses (1) and have needed to readvertise. So, it's taking longer, but he is also using on-calls.*
- *John asked that consultants do what they can design-wise to help on ADA projects for inspection.*
- *Training for ADA is to be held by LTAP at the TMC on April 25th.*
- *Considering scheduling an additional day on the 26th or 27th. Design and Construction will be included.*
- *The following issues with ADA were mentioned.*
 - *In town issues – near buildings, edge drop offs, ramp issues.*
 - *Make sure to look at the signal flow chart to make sure you hit all of the ADA issues.*
 - *Look at the larger area of the project and how the ADA improvements impact what else is going on around the improvement.*

iv. Multi-Phase Projects

- *There are pros and cons to doing the projects multiphase but mostly pros.*
- *Mostly in extra paperwork and delays getting the scopes and fees reviewed and agreed to.*
- *Including some prelim. design time, to get that phase going, has helped during the scope development and fee negotiations and not slowed down the project as much.*

v. Timely Fee Submittals

- *Doing well with getting the fees to the PM's on projects.*
- *Slows down for the future phases though.*
- *MOU's are slow to get fees and timing needs to improve.*

vi. I-70/I-44 Funding Update and Bonding Plans

- *Several SW District elected officials are passionate about the SW District needs and problems.*
- *Stacy wasn't sure on bonding details, but is sure that some will take place.*

5. 2024-2026 On-Call (MoDOT and LPA) Update/Discussion

- *List has been compiled and emails have been sent to selected firms for contract signer information.*
- *Jeff Cremer stated that some respondents were not current on their consultant prequalification and therefor considered non-responsive. A future on-call may be advertised to give those not current firms an opportunity to get on the list.*

6. Future Design Build Projects

- *Craig mentioned a bridge bundle up north in the district.*
- *Kristi mentioned the I-44 widening and the Route 13/I-44 interchange improvements.*

7. Consultant Deliverables – Quality/Areas of Improvement

- *Overall quality has been good. No real concerns at the moment.*

8. Other discussion items

- *New procedure for STIP Budget Updates*
 - *Every Sept. thru Jan. MoDOT updates the STIP budgets.*
 - *Moving forward the update forms will need to be filled out by consultants for the projects they are working on.*
 - *This is SW District only at this point.*
 - *MoDOT will have a training session prior to filling out these forms. Sometime in August.*

9. Next Meeting Date & Location – September 2023

- *Committee agreed that the timing is appropriate for the next meeting.*