

**Missouri Department of Transportation (CD&NE) &
American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri
Liaison Committee**

- MINUTES -

October 17, 2018

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Central & Northeast Districts) and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri held their meeting on October 17, 2018, at 1 p.m. at the ACEC Missouri office in Jefferson City. The following individuals were present:

<u>MoDOT Representatives:</u>		<u>ACEC/MO Representatives:</u>	
Steve Engelbrecht	James Smith	Dave Diestelkamp	Michelle Mahoney
Jerad Noland	Missy Wilbers	Darrell Eilers	Michael Purol
Natalie Roark		Mike Herleth	Jeff Smith
		Michele Keal	Bruce Wylie
		Todd Kempker	

1. **Introductions** - Introductions were made and a record of attendees was checked.
2. **District Updates / Staffing Changes**
 - Central District - Mike Dusenberg retired and Natalie Roark noted that a new PM will be named soon. Design staffing is stable, and district has had some success recruiting new college graduates for open engineering positions. Maintenance staffing continues to be a challenge along with hiring seasonal snow removal staff.
 - Northeast District – No changes in district leadership or project delivery positions. The district is still searching for a pavement engineer. Similar issues as the Central District with maintenance staffing.
 - Main Office – Jim True is the new Motor Carrier Services Director and Jon Nelson has been named the new Assistant State Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer.
3. **Discussion / Update from Previous Highway Commission Meetings**

Next Commission meeting will be at Old Kinderhook on November 1. Scheduled to have presentations by Lebanon about relocation opportunities on Route 5 and Lake of the Ozarks toll bridge corporation.
4. **MoDOT Leadership Updates / Key Initiatives**

Buckle Up/Phone Down day is October 19. The Buckle Up/Phone Down campaign is gaining momentum. MoDOT Leadership is assisting the Governor and Lt. Governor during their tour of the state discussing and promoting Prop D.
5. **District Planning Meeting / Central District**

The Central District conducted their MPO/RPC planning update on October 9th and the Northeast District's will be conducted on October 18th. The Central District meeting was well attended, and each MPO/RPC provided an update on region supported improvement projects.

6. **Update on District Priorities for Consultant Design – Bridge & Roadway**

Northeast District focusing on minor roads and some safety projects. Most of their efforts will continue to be on maintaining the system. Any consultant work will be for bridges, minor road design work, and ADA transition work in conjunction with roadway improvements.

Central District is focused on system preservation and system safety. Central District is considering a potential design/build project for ADA improvements if funding resources can be identified.

7. **Update on District Priorities for Consultant Design – Major Projects**

Northeast has three projects in the planning phase along I-70. The district applied for a BUILD Grant to address potential improvements at Mineola Hill and High Hill and is currently conducting a concept study phase project at the Highway 19 Interchange.

Both the Northeast and Central District's along with St. Louis are working with Design – environmental services to address improvements along I-70 and required re-evaluation efforts to be consistent with the Improve I-70 Record of Decision.

8. **TAP Funds**

Steve Engelbrecht provided an update on the call for LPA TAP funded projects. Applications are due on November 2. MoDOT has \$7.8 million in TAP funds available and eligible federal reimbursement amounts range from \$100,000 to \$400,000.

9. **Prop D Update**

Bruce Wylie provided an update on Prop D and ongoing activities. The key reminder for everyone is that getting out the vote is critical.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in March/April 2019 and will explore the opportunity to hold the meeting in conjunction with a site visit to the Champ Clark Bridge in Louisiana.