

**Missouri Department of Transportation SE District and
American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri
Liaison Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
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Opening Comments

A listing of ACEC committee members and minutes from our last meeting were distributed.

Each person present introduced themselves and identified their corporate affiliation and role.

Review of 9/20/19 Meeting Minutes

A copy of the previous meeting's minutes were distributed electronically after the meeting to all attendees in draft form. Since no corrections were received, it is now considered final.

MoDOT SE District Staffing Changes

Three new technicians were hired, two of those are assisting Benji with the Design Build Bootheel Bridge Package that was recently released. The District reported no other substantial changes to the design staff.

They have multiple positions open and are currently recruiting. The District is still down approximately 14 engineers/technicians overall. MoDOT is actively looking to fill these and other positions District wide.

Mark Shelton will be retiring at the end of February as the District Engineer. The application process for this position has already closed and evaluations have started. Might be able to announce new DE by the Team Conference next Month.

Design Policy Updates

Audible pedestrian signals are now part of the ADA transition plan and are being updated on an as needed basis with a plan to have full implementation by 2027.

Bridge hydrology is moving to 2D. Expect these requirements to take place on most upcoming complex bridges.

LPA Manual – No major changes

Missouri Legislative Agenda Update

There were only two initiatives that have recently been discussed:

- 1) MoDOT will continue to support restrictions on hand held devices while driving;
- 2) Continued review of fuel tax or hybrid/fuel efficient vehicle policies to improve MoDOT funding. Senator Libla's introduce bill with 2% increase with index was discussed. Indexing has never been part of the fuel tax and could have really helped if in previously in place.

Bootheel Bridge Bundle Update

Qualifications have been received and being evaluated. Process is moving forward.

Consultant Deliverables

No major issues identified. MoDOT did mention that to keep plans more consistent that they were sending out example plans and standard details for consultants to incorporate into the plan sets. MoDOT continues to group as many types of projects together to be more efficient on the consulting design and construction side. For example, several overlay projects grouped together so same details can be used for multiple locations or bidding pavement separate from guardrail and bridge rail since different contractors perform each type of work.

LPA Program

No major updates

Upcoming Projects

SE District will primarily keep with its asset management approach to performing new projects by primarily maintaining what they have with overlays and bridge replacements. The district tries to budget 30% of their program into these projects and their program runs approximately 100 million dollars. The following were listed by MoDOT:

- 1) Design Build Bridge Package SOQ's had been received and MoDOT was looking to narrow that down to three firms for RFP's. Final approval at the July 8th Commission Meeting.
- 2) Hwy 67 South (Poplar Bluff) – 2 miles of new four lane under the Governor's cost share will be advertised for a consultant.
- 3) 2021 Overlay Bundles using on-call list, approximately 7 different project locations.

Other Topics

Mark discussed some legislative updates.

- Governor is talking about adding another 50 million in cost share, but it will require legislative approvals.
- Positive talks about Wayfair Tax (Internet Tax)
- Everyone waiting on the Federal Bill in September. There have been positive talks and momentum for this.

Mark Shelton also discussed his retirement after 34 years with MoDOT and the positive impacts that he believes these ACEC District Meetings have had.

Eric Krapf discussed a MoDOT Program meeting that him and a few other PM's attended. Primary topic was a reemphasis in practical design and doing the most you can with the money they have. SE District seems to have a good grasp on this already but many PM's around the state could be in that position less than 2 years so discussion was had to make sure everyone is still looking at projects with this mindset.

Todd Welz announced that this would be his last meeting on this ACEC Committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday, September 18, 2020, 10am in Sikeston SE District Office.