

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2020

10:00-11:30 AM

MoDOT Southwest District (Conference Room 2&3)

3025 E. Kearney, Springfield, MO 65803

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Organization</u> |
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| Kristi Bachman | MoDOT |
| Greg Chapman | MoDOT |
| Laurel McKean | MoDOT |
| Frank Miller | MoDOT |
| Stacy Reese | MoDOT |
| Don Saiko | MoDOT |
| Craig Switzer | MoDOT |
| Chad Zickefoose | MoDOT |
| Becky Baltz | TREKK Design Group, LLC |
| Neil Brady | Bartlett & West, Inc. |
| Rob Krewson | Alfred Benesch & Company |
| Steve Prange | Crawford Murphy & Tilly, Inc. |

Introductions

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

District Updates/Staffing Changes

Steve Campbell promoted to District Engineer

Stacy Reese promoted to Assistant District Engineer

District Design Engineer is open

Having a tough time recruiting and keeping employees. Design – 60% have less than 5 years of experience.

Construction has 6 job openings. Design is technically at capacity but has up to 6 pending retirements.

Projects

Workload looks to be about 25-30% design out to consultants.

Unfunded needs list statewide is at \$8.25 billion and includes multimodal.

Projects coming up. Round 2 Design Build I44. Long Creek Bridge is under consideration.

Springfield Build Grant.

Shift to smaller routine projects. Long Creek potentially last major bridge project.

Looking into grouping ADA projects into Counties

Initiatives

Buckle Up Phone Down has been a success. Other states are inquiring about the program.

Educating Legislators/Public on importance of infrastructure and retaining employees.

Texting laws.

LPA Funding

BRO-Counties will no longer be able to go in the hole. Must have match upfront.
\$54M to spend down. Money not being spent because local can't afford match.
Could be changing the method of allocation to more regionally.
Governor is looking at potentially another \$50M for projects with focus on Economic Development.
MoDOT cost share has \$45M/year available.

Consultant Deliverables

Fees & Hours are not being submitted in a timely manner.
Developments need to involve MoDOT earlier in the design process.
Contract overhead rates are creeping upwards. Changes might be made to include overhead rates in selection criteria. Seeing rates over 200.
Taking issue with DBE spending on out of area firms going up.
Central office is pushing out better guidelines for Traffic Impact Studies due out in May.
Heavy revisions to Access Management are coming out soon.

Other Discussion Items

Bridge inspection rating must be poor to get funding.
On Call looking to have finished by March.
LPA on call finished and should be out soon.

Next Meeting Date & Location

Work on setting next meeting for August.