

St. Louis County Department of Transportation ACEC/MO Liaison Committee Meeting Agenda



## October 10, 2023 1:00 pm to 2:00pm STL County Office (2nd Floor Training Room at 1050 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63132)

ACEC MO Liaison Committee Members

Michael Brown - Trekk Kevin Kriete - HDR Nick Correnti – TWM, Inc. Brian Eades – CMT Linda Moen – EFK Moen Ryan Hagerty – GBA (Chair)

St. Louis County Members Stephanie Leon Streeter Joe Kulessa Pamela Thebeau Glenn Henninger Dan Howell Ray Gawlik Adam Spector

## **Minutes**

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Director Update
  - a) Organization Chart Update
    - i) Promotions
      - (1) Brian R. is a new PM
      - (2) Jeff Davis will now be in engineering
    - ii) Departures None.
    - iii) Vacant Positions
      - (1) The County no longer has a pavement management team and they will be looking to contract out pavement ratings in the future.
  - b) Increased Consultant Needs for the County
    - i) The County considers having consultant project managers as an experiment still and will wait to see how it works.
    - ii) Work for the County is anticipated to drop off in the near future.
  - c) Developer Plans
    - i) No update except for the Boeing initiative near the airport.

- 3) Consultant Solicitations
  - a) 6 Month Lookahead
    - i) No solicitations in the near term.
    - ii) The County intends to solicit as soon as the EWG recommendations come out.
  - b) Consultant Led Project Management and Design Just beginning, waiting to evaluate.
  - c) On-Call Contracts Lessons learned
    - i) This has been wildly successful.
    - ii) The County has ben able to pick up a lot of pieces and have moved forward TIP proposals due to on-calls.
    - iii) Have been able to leverage the resources of two firms to schedule work.
    - iv) Both CMT and EFK have been successful on this.
    - v) These are used primarily for small projects and the County would like to keep it that way.
    - vi) Task orders usually only take 3 to 4 weeks to initiate.
- 4) CAD Workspace Update
  - a) The County is currently testing its new workspace which is intended to mimic MoDOT workspace so that the County can leverage MoDOT staff for updates.
  - b) No intent to update County Traffic signal standard to mimic MoDOT since the equipment is so different.
- 5) Discussion on Contract Processing Time
  - a) The County has been able to lower the contract processing time by 1 month. This was accomplished by changing the County statute to only need a council order to execute contracts rather than a council ordinance.
  - b) Thirteen reviews are still required to process a contract so that is the reason for the majority of the delay.
  - c) The council order applies to change orders, utility agreements, railroad agreements and others.
- 6) Discussion on Ending Retainage requirements for County Contracts
  - a) Consultant retainage has been removed.
- 7) Consultant led Utility Coordination Status and Updates
  - a) Coordination has been inconsistent among the consultant community.
  - b) County is considering having a specific utility coordination only contract to help in the future.
- 8) Discussion on Excessive Right-of-Way Comments
  - a) The County has implemented a disposition of comments spreadsheet that incorporates all comments from all County departments. It is the County's responsibility to compile the comments and the intent is to have only 1 set of comments for each project phase.
  - b) Discussion on the amount of information on ROW plans was initiated but tabled for a future discussion.
- 9) Discussion on Survey issues
  - a) County is interested in the idea of digital twins.
  - ACEC informed the County that it would be easier to have a 100% County lead survey effort or a 100% consultant lead survey effort but having consultant perform pickup survey only has challenges.
    - i) The only caveat would be for pickup survey on utilities.

- 10) Discussion on STL County pay items and specs published online
  - a) In the distant future the County intends to work on correlating bid items to be similar to MoDOT items where it makes sense.
  - b) There is an internal committee on County Standards that is looking at updating the county standards and bid items.
  - c) County is welcoming consultant input.
- 11) Next Meeting
  - a) January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00pm.