

MINUTES
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING CONFERENCE
AUGUST 16, 2016
KANSAS CITY

Present were Mike Stringer, Tyler Glissman, Scott King, Brett Letkowski, David Nagy, Mike McKenna, Mandy Anderson, Stephen Bass, Mike Moriarty, Cameron McGown, Bob Brock, and Scott Heidner.

Introductions were made and the agenda approved by consent.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

King and Letkowski led a review of action items.

**Someone still needs to talk to KTA about having a participant in this partnering effort. King or Seitz will make that ask.

**Nagy looked into consultant licensing on certain software. He said the software is free and can be downloaded from the internet.

**FHWA was supposed to verify that October 10 was not a national holiday so they can attend the ACEC/KDOT partnering conference. It is a holiday, but they will attend the conference and present anyway.

**It was agreed to continue to monitor attendance of KDOT committee members moving forward.

**King confirmed the PRC was moved to avoid conflict with today's meeting.

King led a discussion on KDOT funding. There are 24 projects currently delayed. There is continued design work on projects, but utilities work has been suspended for the moment. Right of way is moving forward, but each project is reviewed individually to see if KDOT will move forward. Projects are probably delayed for at least a year, two years in terms of construction. If there is no "new" money committed to the projects, they will be delayed indefinitely. KDOT will not do local consults this year, as there will not be any new projects in 2017.

Brock gave an update on unmanned aerial vehicles. KDOT is starting with a clean slate in looking at what they need. Kansas will be the first state in the nation to have a formalized UAV structure, with training, rules, infrastructure, etc. Other states have done this piecemeal, but Kansas plans to develop it as an integrated system.

Stringer gave the update from the Bureau of Local Projects. He is the new Bureau Chief. Most projects are still on hold because of funding uncertainties. They

received advance notice from FHWA about funding coming in on October 1. KLINK and Geometric Improvement programs are being converged into one program, and they will not solicit projects for this in 2016. They hope to reengage next spring. Local Program Opportunities Field Guide is being updated, and will reflect the change to KLINK/Geometric Improvement programs.

King gave a few FHWA updates. They are updating a document that includes all pedestrian assets, such as sidewalks, curb ramps, etc. There is not currently a list of all inventory in place.

Nagy gave a contracts update. FHWA has worked with KDOT staff to approve KDOT's plan to comply with CFR 172. Nagy thinks approval from FHWA should come soon, with an August 22 deadline. They continue to meet occasionally with the ACEC contracts task team. There are a few small projects still being processed. An e-mail was sent last week to all consultants who currently have contracts asking them not to send in estimates, as KDOT wants to do an estimate ahead of time. Nagy is working with project managers to do the independent estimates for KDOT. Dave said one option would be having K-Tran do the estimates. KDOT will do estimates at some point before the selected consultant sends in their hours.

King gave an update for the Division of Design. John Jones is now the State Bridge Engineer. Bob Henthorne is retiring, along with Jerry Younger. Jim Brennan has left KDOT. Ron Hall is the new District 6 Engineer. T8 grants will still be forthcoming this fall.

Letkowski led an update from the consulting side. He asked if there was a plan for KDOT to move away from face-to-face interviews, and KDOT said no.

Heidner gave a legislative update. The primary elections signaled a major change in the Kansas legislature. QBS may still be up discussion in 2017. He thought it was likely a gas tax increase would receive serious consideration.

Glissman gave an update on planning for the ACEC/KDOT partnering conference. They are calling it "Partnering Through Change". They will feature updates on various policy changes. Breaks will be longer than normal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.