

MINUTES
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING CONFERENCE
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LENEXA, KANSAS

Present were Jim Kowach, Dave Hubbard, Brent Terstriep, Mike Bowen, Calvin Reed, Tyler Glissman, Clarence Munsch, Dennis Slimmer, Mike DeBacker, Brett Letkowski, and Scott Heidner.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Kowach announced that Rod Lacy and James Dietzel have left KDOT, and Scott King will take over their spots on the committee.

Kowach gave a Bureau of Local Projects update on behalf of Ron Seitz. The on call selection process for local projects is now up and running. Information meetings for the new bridge improvement program are wrapping up, and applications are due September 15. Seitz and Tod Salfrank have been working with the Department of Agriculture and KSU about getting a design squad started in Manhattan. New GI and KLINK projects will be announced in September. The federal aid bridge system projects were announced last week.

Bowen gave an FHWA update. Headquarters just issued an order on LPAs addressing the deficiencies they have had in the past, defining the role of the state in administering the program and establishing a uniform method of defining risk. There is a three year review cycle now in place, with different parts of the program being reviewed in each individual year. MAP 21 was extended at the end of July for 10 additional months with an increase of \$10.8 million. They have announced the third round of the Every Day Counts initiatives.

Kowach reported on contracts on behalf of David Nagy. There is a task force working on contract issues that met about a month ago. They are discussing contract language and ensuring that design plans include the data that contractors need. The task force hopes to meet again in mid-September. Secretary King has indicated he would like KDOT, the KTA, and the contractors to have a mutual discussion about what contractors need included in design drawings to help them be effective. A broad discussion was held about appropriate staffing participation from KDOT when negotiating the fee portion of design contracts.

Kowach gave an update from the Division of Engineering and Design. They continue to meet and partner with KTA as part of the merger. Slimmer gave the dates of the upcoming local consult meetings. Reed said there are about 60 structures that will be put out to consultants sometime this fall.

Munsch gave a report from the consultant side. He discussed the latest round of bridges going to construction, and confirmed that most of that design work has already been done. Munsch asked when the next round of bridge design work will be let out to consultants. Kowach said there weren't many additional projects coming. Glissman asked when rail on-call contracts were going to be up for renewal. Slimmer agreed to check.

Heidner gave a legislative update. The Board of Technical Professions is working on two items of interest. They are reviewing regulations that address when, how, and by who plans need to be stamped. They are also working on small changes to last year's major update to Kansas licensure statutes which they will introduce in the 2015 legislative session. Heidner warned of potential state revenue shortfalls and the risk that entails for transportation funding.

Slimmer gave an update on the ACEC/KDOT Partnering Conference. The event has been rescheduled for October 28. The agenda is complete and speakers have been confirmed for the new date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.