

**AGENDA**  
**KDOT/ACEC-KS LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

Auditorium B, ESOB  
700 SW Harrison  
Topeka, KS

February 14, 2017  
10:00 AM

Attendees: Scott King, David Nagy, Ron Seitz, Sue Eiseman, Larry Thompson, Catherin Patrick, Steve Bass, Mike Stringer, Mark Hoppe, Mike Moriarty Mike McKenna, Mandy Anderson, Adam Stodola, Joe Drimmel, Brent Terstriep, Norbert Munoz, John Riggins,

Introductions – Went around the room and everyone introduced themselves

- I. Approval of Agenda Seitz
  - Agenda motioned, seconded, and approved
  
2. Approval of last meeting's Minutes Seitz
  - Minutes motioned, seconded, and approved
  
3. Action Item Review Seitz
  - Need to get KTA on board, Scott King invited Dave Jacobs and he agreed to attend future meetings.
  
4. Status of KDOT Funding Patrick
  - Governor recommending taking all of KDOT funding in 2017-2019. Locals have more in the letting than KDOT does. Living month to month.
  - I-435 and Midland Bridge repair was removed from the construction letting.
  - KDOT's budget is supposed to be \$380-400M, it is now \$43M in 2017 and will go up to \$250M in 2019 for preservation.
  - KDOT will have 3 bridge replacements at the end of the year.
  - At the capital there is talk about doing something with KDOT bonding and or fuel tax. Nothing is getting traction.
  - KDOT's bond rating dropped a bit after State of the State address.
  - Ron Seitz summarized that KDOT is in a waiting pattern to see what happens across the street.

## 5. Bureau of Local Projects Update

Mike Stringer

- Round of meetings with County Officials, Mike Stringer listed meeting locations and times.
- Fund exchange program manager position filled by Ingrid Horton, KU graduate.
- Chris Bross is new hire for local projects working out of Pittsburgh.
- Federal Fund exchange encouraging locals to complete their exchange as soon as possible.
- Will be talking to locals about plan signing requirements and the new regulations.
- The Bureau is currently reviewing new LPA applications, two of the applications received were for maintenance projects. The bureau responded to them that maintenance efforts is not the intent of the program. They plan to get the word out to all LPA's.
- SRTS program had a project to add sidewalks but didn't address ADA and road crossings. Going forward issues with street crossings need to be addressed as part of the project or the project will not be eligible.
- Put out call for projects for new and improved City Connecting LINK program. Applications are due March 17<sup>th</sup>. Project types include preservation, restoration, and geometric improvement.
- Having success getting LPA's certified for ROW negotiations. People watching ROW acquisition training videos are passing the test. There are people that haven't looked at the videos and are having trouble passing the test.

## 6. FHWA Update

Munoz

- Director of FHWA is confirmed everyone else is in an acting position
- Everyday Counts and ??? will continue for now, but these program are not expected to continue long term.
- Local FHWA office has not heard anything about what is happening with new administrations infrastructure plan.
- Ron Seitz mentioned KDOT did send three projects to the president's transition team (this is what KDOT assumed) as requested. Norbert believes the request didn't come from the transition team but instead a coalition of Governors. All projects were large interstate, Louis and Clark viaduct in KC, I-235 in Wichita (known as the green project), and I-70 reconstruction in Thomas and Gove counties. No one has heard anything since then.
- Ron said the list of 50 projects came out before KDOT had submitted their projects – so the thinking is KDOT's projects are still in play.

## 7. Contracts

Nagy

- Prequal for 402 landscape and 402 seeding/erosion control and plantings both require a licensed landscape arch. KDOT changed the definition of the categories so 401 is seeding and erosion control that engineers can qualify for as part of design projects and left 402 for licensed Arch to do the more complicated landscaping projects.
- KDOT is planning to make changes to prequalification categories 172 and 201. This effort will be led by Mike Moriarty.

- New firm came to town – David checked with Board of Technical Professions to see if they were registered to work in Kansas they were only registered as licensed surveyor and wanting to do engineering work. All firms need to be registered in all disciplines. David gave the board KDOT's list of consultants to verify who is registered properly. David called 12 firms to let them know they needed to update their registration.
- The RFQ for on-call construction is out on the street. On-Call will reduce qualified list to 25 then those 25 will be contacted to submit a proposal when projects come up.
- Smaller firms saying they do not want to have full blown FAR audits. KDOT too busy to do audits and wants consulting firms to get their own audit.
- Ron said KDOT is planning to offer a compromise for smaller firms; if your yearly work is under \$250k then your firm just have to provide documentation of your overhead. If you exceed this in a year will need a FAR audit.
- Ron Sietz - Consultant performance evaluations is required as part of CFR. Still working on a form, keep it simple, and working with contracts committee.
- GBA had some evaluations done and Mandy brought a comment from GBA regarding the form. What is different between exceed expectations vs exceptional. David says added more rating categories to give the evaluator more flexibility in great, average and needs work. All of the rates are still subjective.

#### 8. Division of Engineering and Design Update

King/Seitz

- Bill Haverkamp is retiring March 10<sup>th</sup>. 1:30 to 3pm Meet and greet.
- Arron Bemiler left to Bentonville, Ark to work for consultant.
- Mohammad Okdo moved back to Colorado
- Mike Mitchell retired
- Leaves about 6 EAs with average less than 4 years exp.
- Chris left plan vault and Rich is close to retirement
- Still working on 3D effort, may slow down a bit. Getting microstation platform up to speed. More training has occurred.
- Received some money to get 3D geology going.
- Continue with Sign and Seal discussions.
- Looking at making Vault electronic, working with KanPlan. Could take 9 months to get bulk sheets 385k of sheets
- Transitioning Amy Rockers to Tom Rhodes Squad.

#### 9. Structures and Geotech

Mark Hoppe

- Bureau has reduced by 30%
- Dan Watley went to Bureau of Materials and Research
- Geotech sitting with empty positions – down two geologist
- Also down software people
- Reorg in Jan 2016 added bridge evaluation section – all permits and super load permits handled here.
- Had vertical clearances for metro areas under bridges
- Had two other RFPs

- Inspection of ancillary structures shortlisted to four firms.
- Updating standards to meet new LRFD standards
- Working on updating bridge manual, take a while with short staff
- 68 people attended every day counts workshop, FHWA said biggest in the country.
- Local projects was going to do a GRS bridge project as a demo, bids came in sky high. So back to the drawing board. Ron still excited about GRS.
- Mark mentioned two ABC bridges that costs are too high, so working towards single span version to bring cost down and use GRS for abutment foundations.

## 10. Miscellaneous

- Mandy – Tim Ross wanted to ask about issues with consultants not billing because of 5% retainage. Mike – Affinis is set up to have 5% taking as we go so not a big hit at the end of contract to help maintain cash flow. Others may like or not like. David and Ron to check on what is possible with KDOT accounting.
- Sue – KDOT using estimate software from ASSHTO adding Civil Rights package for Payroll. Consultants should have all received email with details. Consultants need to sign up for training and will be expected to use the software on inspection projects. Next package will be for construction and materials which will replace CMS. All are web based programs and we do not have to pay for them.
- Brent – Concerned about local project plans are designing sidewalk projects using standards and then they do not work in the field. This is a frustration. Joe confirmed that consultants need to put in details for design of sidewalk to meet ADA, but it is difficult to get LPA's to understand the time it takes, All agreed. KDOT will address thoughts on detailed design to the LPA's.

## 11. KDOT/ACEC Partnering Conference Debrief

Drimmel

- Group met, survey results came back favorably
- Want to Keep Ron as MC
- Survey results fantastic for Scott Heidner's presentation
- Looking at having a state senator speak. Possibly Sen. John Skubal or Sen. Melissa Rooker
- Have a number of presentations topics discussed
- Still looking for theme
- Lunch contest topic needs to be easier and shorter.

## 12. Dates and Times of remaining 2017 Meetings

Seitz

- May 4, 2017 at 11:00AM in PEC's Office, Wichita
- August 2, 2017 at 11:00AM at Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
- October 25, 2017 at 8:30AM at Manor Conference Center

## 13. Adjournment

Seitz

- 11:40 AM