

MINUTES  
ACEC/KDOT PARTNERING COMMITTEE  
MAY 4, 2017  
WICHITA, KANSAS

Present were Ron Seitz, Catherine Patrick, Scott King, David Jacobson, Adam Stodola, Steve Bass, Mike McKenna, David Nagy, Mark Hoppe, Larry Thompson, Tod Salfrank, Mandy Anderson, John Riggins, Brent Terstriep, and Scott Heidner.

With several suggested corrections, it was agreed to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting.

Patrick gave an overview of KDOT funding. They are unsure what funding will be available until the Legislature reaches decisions on a tax plan. They are scheduled to do \$43 million in preservation for 2018, and \$250 million for 2019 if no additional funds are provided.

Jacobson gave a KTA update. They completed a long-term needs study in 2015, which is available on the website. They are focused on preservation, modernization, and enhancement. KDOT helps them with a pavement condition survey each year. They have several bridge projects underway. KDOT has assisted in some bridge design lately. They are headed towards “open road tolling” on a gradual schedule. They will continue to offer more “highway speed” lanes to their K-Tag customers. They will soon be interoperable with toll roads in Texas. They have a long-term program to raise the elevation of bridge decks. He gave an overview of KDOT/KTA partnering.

Salfrank gave a Local Projects update. Garvin Carlson has left, and his position has been backfilled by Mervin Lare. High risk rural roads 2019 project selections have been made with \$4 million in funds awarded. The safety circuit rider program is on hold due to funding issues with

LTAP. The Road Scholar Committee has several classes coming up and may ask ACEC to partner on content. They are working on three emergency relief events currently. The right-of-way certification process has started, with word sent out to cities, counties and consultants. Work on the project evaluation form continues, with feedback from ACEC received. Completion of these forms is a requirement, and it is a requirement that these forms be used in making future selections. To ensure compliance, KDOT will have to have the consultant evaluation before they can sign the federal workflow paperwork agreeing that appropriate work has been completed.

Nagy gave a contracts update. Jamie McCabe will replace Christie, and starts next week. He asked consultants to use the Payment Request Form and do so correctly to ensure things are processed appropriately. The end of the fiscal year is approaching. Seitz suggested sending correspondence to consultants to alert them to issues and requirements that need to be dealt with by the end of the fiscal year. Requests for overtime approval need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

King gave an update from Bureau of Design. He reviewed several staff changes. They are waiting for the Legislature to finish their work to see how much funding will be available. They are reviewing guardrail designs as part of federal funding requirements. He discussed MASH implementation and said there are details available on the FHWA website. They continue scanning efforts with their vault files. They have almost 400,000 sheets, and hope to be done by mid-May.

Hoppe gave an overview from the Bureau of Structures & Geotechnical Services. Their staff has shrunk by 30% since the start of T-Works. 48% of their professional staff has left since 2010. They continue to interview in an effort to fill positions. They are developing the

“KWAWS” program, and have already short listed four consultants. SHV ratings, they have two separate contracts and are receiving preliminary results which seem to be going well.

Heidner gave a legislative update. He discussed bills dealing with QBS, outsourcing of work, local tax lids, and more.

Bass and Anderson gave an update on planning for the ACEC/KDOT partnering conference. They have a draft agenda put together, and are finalizing speakers. The “save the date” announcement has been sent. The conference is October 24 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. The theme will be “partnering into the future”. They are meeting monthly to continue their efforts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.