

**Missouri Department of Transportation (CD&NE) / ACEC Missouri
Liaison Committee Videoconference**



**Wednesday, May 27, 2020
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**



Attending from MoDOT:

Randy Aulbur
James Beattie
Steve Engelbrecht
Randall Glaser
Keith Killen
Ryan Libbert
Jerad Noland
Mia Peters
Dave Simmons
Jim Smith
Jason Vanderfeltz
Kenny Voss, Asst State Design Engineer
Machelle Watkins
Missy Wilbers

Attending from ACEC-Missouri:

Rick Bennett, Wood
Darrell Eilers, EFK Moen
Mike Herleth, B&M, Cmte. Chair
Aaron McVicker, McClure
Michael Puro, PSBA
Jeff Smith, HNTB Corp.
Bruce Wylie, ACEC/MO Pres.
Dawn Hill, ACEC/MO staff

Meeting Minutes

1. COVID-19 Update and Critical Issues

MoDOT is assessing fiscal impacts and future trends. During the pandemic, traffic volumes in Missouri have been down by a large amount and revenue is expected to follow that trend. A more complete understanding of fiscal impacts and revenue projections will be completed in July and August. MoDOT operational activities are continuing as planned.

The STIP update, which is normally presented to the Commission this time of year, will not occur. MoDOT will continue working from the 2020 to 2024 STIP. MoDOT has delayed \$60M in estimated construction projects scheduled for the May and June 2020 lettings.

New consultant contracts are for the most part being placed on hold and some request for qualifications have been rescinded. The Central District ADA D/B project is currently on hold.

MoDOT is withholding purchases and restricting hiring opportunities. The SE District Engineer position hiring is on hold and Ed Hassinger is serving as the acting DE working with the two assistants.

ACEC is supporting all priorities identified by AASHTO to assist state DOT priorities at the federal level. ACEC Missouri has conducted virtual visits with senators and legislators from Congress discussing both transportation and water resource issues.

2. District and Central Office Updates

NE District –

District staffing and leadership – no changes in Project Delivery.

The district is still issuing a few MOU's for consultant services to assist with priority projects, primarily ADA and bridge projects. The Highway 19 and I-70 project is moving forward into final design. The Route 79 Hannibal Viaduct is currently scheduled for bid in FY2023 and under evaluation for requesting consultant services.

The I-70 Climbing Lanes project at Mineola Hill is continuing and construction is anticipated to start towards the middle to end of July. The FARM Bridge Program is proceeding as planned, however, time requirements for the federal funds are not tight and project schedule could be delayed.

Central District –

Recent changes include Mike Schupp becoming the new Construction and Materials Engineer, Kirsten Munck named as the Area Engineer for Boone County Region, and Mike Todd as the District Health and Safety Manager. James Beattie has taken over Project Manager duties for projects in the southeast portion of the district replacing Danica Stovall-Taylor.

Long-term projects that were anticipated to start including improvements at I-70/54 and I-70/63 have been paused. Activities to review unfunded needs with the district planning partners have been placed on hold.

The Rocheport Bridge project is proceeding as planned. Decisions regarding funding and any potential impacts to schedule will be reviewed in July/August.

Central Office -

Dave Ahlvers is conducting a weekly call with members of various industry groups discussing COVID-19. ACEC, along with AGC, MAPA, and other industry groups are invited to participate.

Kenny Voss and Dave Simmons have been meeting with ACEC and the AGC as part of special project addressing long range goals and planning for the use of D/B and other alternative contracting methods. The initial focus is working with industry groups on communication and education issues surrounding D/B and alternative contracting.

Randall Glaser has been named as the Design Liaison for the Central and Northeast Districts. Randall will continue working with the St. Louis District on special partnering projects.

MoDOT has selected and is starting to use a consultant to process Request for Environmental Reviews (RER) on LPA projects. The consultant is completing the role MoDOT previously provided for environmental reviews of LPA projects.

Kenny Voss stated MoDOT is working to provide access for project consultants to the MoDOT E-file system for project documents.

Jim Smith's Design Liaison role is now focused on the SW District. In addition to the traditional design liaison activities, Jim is working with the district to assume a larger role in consultant contract administration duties.

3. Professional Services Committee Update

Jim Smith reviewed several ongoing process modifications MoDOT is making in the Professional Services Committee (PSC) in order to speed up the process. Modifications include:

- Districts still must request to solicit for a consultant
- No longer have to submit the letters of interest received at the District to the PSC
- No longer have to submit scoring of the consultants or the consultant selected to the PSC
- Still must get approval to execute a contract with a consultant.

MoDOT will be requesting consultants to speed up the process for submitting scope and fee proposals. The submittal process often takes 4 weeks currently and MoDOT would like to reduce to 2 weeks.

4. Next Meeting Date

The date for the next meeting will be scheduled for August 2020 because of the fluid situation of reduced funding and pandemic updates.